



**2019 Waste Management Phoenix Open**  
*(The 13th of 46 events in the PGA TOUR Season)*

**Scottsdale, Arizona**  
**TPC Scottsdale**

**Jan. 31 - Feb. 3, 2019**  
**Par/Yards: 35-36—71/7,261 yards**

**Purse: \$7,100,000 (\$1,278,000 winner)**  
**500 FedExCup points to winner**

**Third-Round Notes – Saturday, February 2, 2019**

*Weather: Mostly cloudy, with a high of 67. Wind S 6-12 mph.*

**Third-Round Leaderboard**

Pos.	Name	Score
1.	Rickie Fowler	64-65-64—193 (-20)
2.	Matt Kuchar	67-65-65—197 (-16)
3.	Justin Thomas	64-66-68—198 (-15)

**Things to Know**

- Rickie Fowler’s 64 in rounds one and three this week mark his lowest score in the event since a 9-under 62 in round two of 2011
- Fowler’s four-shot lead is two shy of the 54-hole record since the tournament moved to TPC Scottsdale (1987)
- Fowler has posted an over-par score in the final round following each previous (6) 54-hole lead/co-lead. Converted for the win once
- Matt Kuchar extends perfect streak of par-or-better scores this season to 19
- Defending champion Gary Woodland sits T6 at 12-under 201

**Third-Round Lead Notes**

- 61 Lowest R3 score (Johnny Miller/1970/Phoenix CC)
- 7 Third-round leaders/co-leaders of the Waste Management Phoenix Open since 2000 to convert for the win (most recent: Phil Mickelson/2013)
- 8 Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win on TOUR in 2018-19 (most recent: Justin Rose/Farmers Insurance Open)
- 6 Largest 54-hole lead in the event since moving to TPC Scottsdale in 1987

**Rickie Fowler (1<sup>st</sup>/-20)**

**Age: 30 (12/13/1988)**

**Entering the week**

- #65 FedExCup
- #14 OWGR
- 10 Starts at Waste Management Phoenix Open
- 219 PGA TOUR starts
- 4 PGA TOUR wins
- 3 Starts in 2018-19
- 1 Top-10 in 2018-19

- Opened with birdies on four of his first six holes to extend his lead to five shots. Made a total of eight birdies against one bogey (par-3 seventh)
- Four-stroke lead is two shy of the 54-hole record of six since the Waste Management Phoenix Open moved to TPC Scottsdale in 1987 (Rocco Mediate/1999/Won, Mark Calcavecchia/2001/Won, Phil Mickelson/2013/Won, Spencer Levin/2012/3<sup>rd</sup>)
- The last time there was more than a 1-stroke lead after 54 holes in the event was in 2016, when Danny Lee led by three strokes over Fowler
- Led by a stroke after 54 holes last year at 14-under 199, before finishing T11 after a final-round 2-over 73
- Marks his seventh 54-hole lead/co-lead on the PGA TOUR. Of the previous six, the only one to result in victory was the 2017 The Honda Classic. Has not posted a round of par-or-better in any of the previous six final rounds.

- Largest 54-hole lead was by four strokes at the 2017 The Honda Classic. Won by a stroke, despite a final-round, 1-over 71
- Looking to become the first player to convert a 54-hole lead for the win at the Waste Management Phoenix Open since Phil Mickelson in 2013
- 64 marks his 14<sup>th</sup> score in the 60s at TPC Scottsdale in his last 16 rounds.
- In 11 consecutive starts at the Waste Management Phoenix Open, owns two runner-up finishes. Lost to Hideki Matsuyama on the fourth hole of a playoff in 2016 and lost by a stroke to Hunter Mahan in 2010.
- Making his fourth start of the 2018-19 season, with a T4 at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open his lone top-10 finish
- In search of his fifth PGA TOUR win and first since the 2017 The Honda Classic

#### **Matt Kuchar**

- With his 6-under 65, extends his perfect streak of rounds at par-or-better this season to 19. Last over-par score came in the final round of the 2018 Dell Technologies Championship (3-over 74)
- In search of his third win of the season (Mayakoba Golf Classic, Sony Open in Hawaii) and 10<sup>th</sup> on the PGA TOUR
- With a win this week, would become the first player to win three times in a season before March since Justin Thomas in 2016-17 (CIMB Classic, Sentry Tournament of Champions, Sony Open in Hawaii)
- Owns three top-10 finishes at the Waste Management Phoenix Open in nine previous starts (T5/2018, T9/2017, T6/2009)

#### **Miscellaneous Notes**

- **Justin Thomas** sits alone in third place at 15-under 198. In four previous starts at TPC Scottsdale, has two T17 finishes (2015, 2018) and two missed cuts (2016, 2017)
- Making his first start in the Waste Management Phoenix Open, **Branden Grace** is T4 at 13-under 200. With a win, will become the 10<sup>th</sup> player to win the event in his first appearance (2015/Brooks Koepka, 2012/Kyle Stanley, 2006/J.B. Holmes, 1980/Jeff Mitchell, 1976/Bob Gilder, 1955/Gene Littler, 1948/Bobby Locke, 1944/Harold McSpaden and 1932/Ralph Guldahl)
- **Chez Reavie**, who lost in last year's playoff to Gary Woodland, tied the week's low score with a bogey-free 7-under 64 to jump from T53 after round two to T12 after round three at 9-under 204
- In his PGA TOUR debut, amateur **Matthew Wolff** (T45) posted a 1-over 72 in round three and is at 4-under 209
- Best finish by an amateur at the Waste Management Phoenix Open: J.T. Blair III/T3/1956, Jon Rahm/T5/2015, Ken Venturi/T6/1956 and Frank Stranahan/T7/1948
- Eight past Waste Management Phoenix Open champions: **Gary Woodland**/2018 (T6/-12), **Hideki Matsuyama**/2016, 2017 (T26/-7), **Hunter Mahan**/2010 (T33/-6), **J.B. Holmes**/2006, 2008 (T18/-8), **Aaron Baddeley**/2007 (MC), **Phil Mickelson**/1996, 2005, 2013 (MC), **Kyle Stanley**/2012 (MC), **Kenny Perry**/2009 (MC)

#### **Scoring Averages:**

	<b>Front 9</b>	<b>Back 9</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Cumulative</b>
<b>R1:</b>	34.841	35.545	70.386	---
<b>R2:</b>	34.763	35.870	70.634	70.510
<b>R3:</b>	34.753	34.726	69.479	70.280

#### **Bogey-free rounds at TPC Scottsdale:**

**R1:** Rickie Fowler (64), Justin Thomas (64), J.T. Poston (65), Scott Piercy (66), Bubba Watson (66), Charley Hoffman (66), Andrew Landry (67), Xander Schauffele (67), Ollie Schniederjans (67), Adam Schenk (70)

**R2:** Brandon Harkins (66), Kevin Streelman (67), Carlos Ortiz (68), J.J. Spaun (69)

**R3:** Chez Reavie (64), Jason Kokrak (65), Matt Kuchar (65), Jimmy Walker (66), Jhonattan Vegas (66), Sungjae Im (67), John Catlin (68), Ollie Schniederjans (69), Martin Laird (70)