



2019 World Golf Championships-Dell Technologies Match Play

(The 22nd of 46 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Austin, Texas

March 27-31, 2019

Purse: \$10,250,000 (\$1,745,000 to the winner)

Austin County Club

Par/Yards: 35-36—71/7,108

First-Round Notes – Wednesday, March 27, 2019

Wednesday Weather

Partly cloudy. High of 79. Wind SSE 10-20 mph.

Five Things to Know

- In his first start in the event since 2013, three-time WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play winner Tiger Woods won his opening match, 3 and 1, over Aaron Wise.
- The top-16 group seeds went 11-4-1 in the first round. The lowest seed not to win was Justin Thomas (No. 5). Kevin Na (No. 57) was the highest seed to win his opening match.
- Since 2015, eight players have lost their opening match and advanced. None of those eight have advanced to the championship match. Bill Haas' third-place finish in 2017 is the best finish among players to lose their opening match and advance.
- Of the 10 players making their first appearance at the Dell Technologies Match Play, five went on to win their opening match including Bryson DeChambeau, Lucas Bjerregaard, Matt Wallace, Andrew Putnam and Justin Harding and one halved Tom Lewis. Geoff Ogilvy (2006) was the last player to win the WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play in his first try.
- Furyk beat two-time WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play winner Jason Day (2014, 2016) 2-up in his first match since 2017. Furyk recorded a runner-up at THE PLAYERS Championship to jump inside the top 64 in the last event before the qualification deadline.

GROUP 1

Player	Seed	Record	Points	Career Dell Tech Match Play Record
Dustin Johnson	(1)	1-0-0	1	15-12-0
Branden Grace	(40)	1-0-0	1	7-8-1
Hideki Matsuyama	(24)	0-1-0	0	7-8-1
Chez Reavie	(55)	0-1-0	0	1-2-1

Group 1, round-by-round

RD. 1 – Dustin Johnson defeated Chez Reavie, 4 and 3; Branden Grace defeated Hideki Matsuyama, 4 and 3.

After going 0-3 in group play in 2018, Johnson, who is the top seed for the third consecutive year, dispatched Chez Reavie, 4 and 3, with three birdies and one bogey. Johnson, the 2017 champion, won the World Golf Championships-Mexico Championship in February for his sixth career WGC victory, second most all-time behind Woods' 18.

GROUP 2

Player	Seed	Record	Points	Career Dell Tech Match Play Record
Justin Rose	(2)	1-0-0	1	11-11-1
Gary Woodland	(22)	1-0-0	1	9-6-1
Eddie Pepperell	(34)	0-1-0	0	0-1-0
Emiliano Grillo	(53)	0-1-0	0	1-5-1

Group 2 round-by-round

RD. 1 – Justin Rose defeated Emiliano Grillo, 2 and 1; Gary Woodland defeated Eddie Pepperell, 2 and 1

Justin Rose, 2018 FedExCup champion, has failed to advance out of group play in 2015 and 2016. Woodland, the 2015 runner-up, opened with an eagle on the par-4 first and went on to defeat first-timer Eddie Pepperell in his opening match.

GROUP 3

Player	Seed	Record	Points	Career Dell Tech Match Play Record
HaoTong Li	(36)	1-0-0	1	1-3-0
Brooks Koepka	(3)	0-0-1	.5	8-4-1
Tom Lewis	(60)	0-0-1	.5	0-0-1
Alex Noren	(27)	0-1-0	0	11-5-0

Group 3 round-by-round

RD. 1 – HaoTong Li defeated Alex Noren, 5 and 4; Brooks Koepka and Tom Lewis halved.

Making his eighth career PGA TOUR start and first at the WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play, Lewis, a two-time European Tour winner, made birdie at the last to halve with Brooks Koepka.

HaoTong Li won his first career match, beating Noren, who finished third in 2018. Li, a three-time PGA TOUR China-Series winner and two-time European Tour winner, is the only player in the field from China.

GROUP 4

Player	Seed	Record	Points	Career Dell Tech Match Play Record
Rory McIlroy	(4)	1-0-0	1	25-11-2
Justin Harding	(47)	1-0-0	1	1-0-0
Matthew Fitzpatrick	(32)	0-1-0	0	4-6-0
Luke List	(64)	0-1-0	0	0-4-0

Group 4 round-by-round

RD. 1 – Rory McIlroy defeated Luke List, 5 and 4; Justin Harding defeated Matthew Fitzpatrick, 1-up

Fresh off a victory at THE PLAYERS Championship, McIlroy, the 2015 WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play champion, recorded four birdies and two bogeys on his way to his 25th career match victory. Since 2015, McIlroy played all seven matches in 2015 and 2016 on his way to a win and fourth-place finish before failing to advance from his group in 2017 and 2018. The 15-time PGA TOUR winner has two career World Golf Championships victories. McIlroy is leading the FedExCup standings.

Harding beat 2013 U.S. Amateur champion Matthew Fitzpatrick 1-up in his first career match. Harding was 2-down with three holes to play but won the last three holes. Harding, who played collegiate golf in Texas at Lamar University, has professional victories since May of 2018, with two Sunshine Tour and two Asian Tour victories, as well as the 2019 Commercial Bank Qatar Masters on the European Tour.

GROUP 5

Player	Seed	Record	Points	Career Dell Tech Match Play Record
Matt Wallace	(33)	1-0-0	1	1-0-0
Lucas Bjerregaard	(50)	1-0-0	1	1-0-0
Justin Thomas	(5)	0-1-0	0	6-8-0
Keegan Bradley	(31)	0-1-0	0	1-8-2

Group 5 round-by-round

RD. 1 – Lucas Bjerregaard defeated Justin Thomas, 3 and 2; Matt Wallace defeated Keegan Bradley, 1-up

Bjerregaard is looking to become the first player from Denmark to ever win a World Golf Championships event. Bjerregaard won his second European Tour title in October at the Alfred Dunhill Links Championship by one shot over Tommy Fleetwood and Tyrrell Hatton.

GROUP 6

Player	Seed	Record	Points	Career Dell Tech Match Play Record
Bryson DeChambeau	(6)	1-0-0	1	1-0-0
Marc Leishman	(17)	1-0-0	1	6-8-2
Kiradech Aphibarnrat	(39)	0-1-0	0	6-4-1

Russell Knox (59) 0-1-0 0 2-4-1

Group 6 round-by-round

RD. 1 – Bryson DeChambeau defeated Russell Knox, 3 and 1; Marc Leishman defeated Kiradech Aphibarnrat, 2-up

In his first career match at the WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play, Bryson DeChambeau entered the back nine 1-down but won four holes on the back for a 3 and 1 victory over Russell Knox. DeChambeau was bogey-free through 17 holes. The five-time PGA TOUR winner is in search of his first WGC victory.

DeChambeau is currently fourth in the United States Presidents Cup standings and is trying to play his way onto the 2019 team for the first time.

DeChambeau won the 2015 U.S. Amateur, defeating Derek Bard 7 and 6 in the championship match.

GROUP 7

Player	Seed	Record	Points	Career Dell Tech Match Play Record
Francesco Molinari	(7)	1-0-0	1	5-11-0
Thorbjorn Olesen	(45)	1-0-0	1	3-4-0
Webb Simpson	(21)	0-1-0	0	8-9-1
Satoshi Kodaira	(63)	0-1-0	0	0-4-0

Group 7 round-by-round

RD. 1 – Francesco Molinari defeated Satoshi Kodaira, 5 & 4; Thorbjorn Olesen defeated Webb Simpson, 2 and 1

Francesco Molinari won the Arnold Palmer Invitational in March with a final-round 64. Molinari has never advanced out of group play but went 5-0 in match play at the 2018 Ryder Cup.

GROUP 8

Player	Seed	Record	Points	Career Dell Tech Match Play Record
Jon Rahm	(8)	1-0-0	1	7-3-1
Matt Kuchar	(23)	1-0-0	1	24-9-3
J.B. Holmes	(43)	0-1-0	0	6-8-2
Si Woo Kim	(54)	0-1-0	0	3-3-2

Group 8 round-by-round

RD. 1 – Jon Rahm defeated Si Woo Kim, 7 & 5; Matt Kuchar defeated J.B. Holmes, 3 and 1

After winning his first six matches en route to the 2017 championship match, Rahm lost or tied his last four matches before today's win over Si Woo Kim.

Matt Kuchar, the 2013 champion, recorded four birdies and a bogey on his way to a 3 and 1 victory over J.B. Holmes. Kuchar has two PGA TOUR victories this season and is third in the FedExCup standings.

GROUP 9

Player	Seed	Record	Points	Career Dell Tech Match Play Record
Xander Schauffele	(9)	1-0-0	1	3-1-0
Tyrrell Hatton	(35)	1-0-0	1	5-3-0
Rafa Cabrera Bello	(29)	0-1-0	0	9-7-1
Lee Westwood	(62)	0-1-0	0	17-20-0

Group 9 round-by-round

RD. 1 – Xander Schauffele defeated Lee Westwood, 1-Up; Tyrrell Hatton defeated Rafa Cabrera Bello, 4 and 3

Xander Schauffele, who won his first World Golf Championships event at the WGC-HSBC Champions in November, won his opening match 1-up on Lee Westwood with a birdie at the last. Schauffele is second in the FedExCup standings.

GROUP 10

Player	Seed	Record	Points	Career Dell Tech Match Play Record
Paul Casey	(10)	1-0-0	1	26-14-1
Charles Howell III	(42)	1-0-0	1	11-11-0

Cameron Smith	(25)	0-1-0	0	3-2-1
Abraham Ancer	(58)	0-1-0	0	0-1-0

Group 10 round-by-round

RD. 1 – Paul Casey defeated Abraham Ancer, 5 &3; Charles Howell III defeated Cameron Smith, 2 and 1

Casey, a two-time runner-up at the event, has advanced out of the group stage two of the last four years with a fourth-round loss to Hideto Tanihara in 2017 and a quarterfinal, 22-hole loss to Rory Mcllroy in 2015. Casey lost a tiebreaker on the second extra hole to Kyle Stanley in 2018 to fail to advance. The three-time PGA TOUR winner successfully defended his title at last week's Valspar Championship.

GROUP 11

Player	Seed	Record	Points	Career Dell Tech Match Play Record
Tommy Fleetwood	(11)	1-0-0	1	7-5-0
Kyle Stanley	(41)	1-0-0	1	5-3-0
Louis Oosthuizen	(19)	0-1-0	0	19-11-0
Byeong Hun An	(49)	0-1-0	0	1-5-2

Group 11 round-by-round

RD. 1 – Tommy Fleetwood defeated Byeong Hun An, 3 and 2; Kyle Stanley defeated Louis Oosthuizen, 3 and 2

Kyle Stanley won his opening match after falling in the quarterfinals to Justin Thomas in 2018.

GROUP 12

Player	Seed	Record	Points	Career Dell Tech Match Play Record
Henrik Stenson	(37)	1-0-0	1	15-9-0
Jim Furyk	(52)	1-0-0	1	20-18-1
Jason Day	(12)	0-1-0	0	22-12-0
Phil Mickelson	(20)	0-1-0	0	24-15-0

Group 12 round-by-round

RD. 1- Jim Furyk defeated Jason Day, 2-Up; Henrik Stenson defeated Phil Mickelson, 2 and 1

Henrik Stenson, the 2007 WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play winner, won his opening match in his first start since 2015, beating Phil Mickelson.

Mickelson has now lost his first-round match in back-to-back years after a 10-year streak of first-round victories dating back to 2002.

Group 12 has combined for 79 PGA TOUR victories between Mickelson (44), Furyk (17), Day (12) and Stenson (6).

GROUP 13

Player	Seed	Record	Points	Career Dell Tech Match Play Record
Tiger Woods	(13)	1-0-0	1	34-10-0
Patrick Cantlay	(18)	0-0-1	0.5	2-1-1
Brandt Snedeker	(44)	0-0-1	0.5	7-8-2
Aaron Wise	(61)	0-1-0	0	0-1-0

Group 13 round-by-round

RD. 1 – Tiger Woods defeated Aaron Wise, 3 and 1; Patrick Cantlay and Brandt Snedeker halved

Tiger Woods, the only three-time winner of the WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play, won a tournament record 34th career match with a 3 and 1 win over Aaron Wise, who was making his first career appearance in the event. The 80-time PGA TOUR winner posted his first start in the new format, which changed in 2015, and had lost four of his last five matches prior to his win Wednesday.

Wise was 4-over through four holes before recording four birdies over his next six holes to take a 1-up lead, but he bogeyed five of his last seven for Woods to take the victory.

GROUP 14

Player	Seed	Record	Points	Career Dell Tech Match Play Record
Tony Finau	(14)	1-0-0	1	3-1-0
Ian Poulter	(30)	1-0-0	1	28-15-0
Kevin Kisner	(48)	0-1-0	0	8-5-1
Keith Mitchell	(56)	0-1-0	0	0-1-0

Group 14 round-by-round

RD. 1 – Tony Finau defeated Keith Mitchell, 2 and 1; Ian Poulter defeated Kevin Kisner, 2-Up

Ian Poulter, the 2010 WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play champion, won his 28th career match, second only to Tiger Woods' record 34. Kisner, who finished runner-up in 2018, was 4-under for the day and still lost after Poulter recorded three consecutive birdies on the last three holes on his way to a 2-up victory.

GROUP 15

Player	Seed	Record	Points	Career Dell Tech Match Play Record
Kevin Na	(57)	1-0-0	1	6-8-2
Jordan Spieth	(28)	0-0-1	.5	11-5-2
Billy Horschel	(38)	0-0-1	.5	4-4-1
Bubba Watson	(15)	0-1-0	0	20-9-3

Group 15 round-by-round

RD. 1 – Kevin Na defeated Bubba Watson, 1-up; Billy Horschel and Jordan Spieth halved.

Kevin Na, the highest seed to win a match at No. 57, took down defending champion Bubba Watson 1-up after Watson conceded following leaving his approach from the greenside bunker in the bunker and leaving his third in the rough after nearly driving the 18th green.

Former Texas Longhorn Jordan Spieth halved his opening match with Billy Horschel after winning two of the last three holes, including a birdie at the 18th to win the hole and force a halve. Spieth, who frequently played Austin Country Club in his 1.5 years at the University of Texas, hasn't advanced out of the group play since a round of 16 loss in 2016 to Louis Oosthuizen. The 11-time PGA TOUR winner remains in search of his first World Golf Championships victory.

GROUP 16

Player	Seed	Record	Points	Career Dell Tech Match Play Record
Sergio Garcia	(26)	1-0-0	1	23-18-1
Andrew Putnam	(51)	1-0-0	1	1-0-0
Patrick Reed	(16)	0-1-0	0	9-7-1
Shane Lowry	(46)	0-1-0	0	3-8-2

Group 16 round-by-round

RD. 1 – Andrew Putnam defeated Patrick Reed, 3 and 2; Sergio Garcia defeated Shane Lowry, 4 and 2.

Sergio Garcia played in his 42nd career match, which ranks third all-time. Garcia's wife, Angela, is an Austin native and went to the University of Texas.

Andrew Putnam, who had his first child, Pepper Marie Putnam on March 9, said he hasn't been playing much golf recently but defeated Patrick Reed, 3 and 2, in his first start in the event.

Miscellaneous Notes

The 10 English players in the field went 6-3-1 in their opening matches.

Group format

The 64-player Dell Technologies Match Play field is divided into 16 four-player groups. Each group will play round-robin matches within their group on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Players receive one point for a victory, ½ point for a draw and zero points for a loss.

The player with the best record in each of the four-player groups advances to the Round of 16 for single-elimination match play. In the event two players are tied in points following the completion of group play, those players will have a sudden-death hole-by-hole-playoff starting on No. 1. If three or more players are involved, it will be a stroke-play hole-by-hole

playoff. The Round of 16 will be played Saturday morning, followed by the Quarterfinals on Saturday afternoon. The Semifinals will be Sunday morning, followed by the Championship Match and Consolation Match on Sunday afternoon.

The top seed for each of the 16 four-player groups are the top 16 players in order of their position in the Official World Golf Ranking. The remaining three players in each group were determined by a blind draw from each of three pools depending on their standing in the OWGR.