



2019 World Golf Championships-Dell Technologies Match Play

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

Austin, Texas

Austin County Club

March 27-31, 2019

Par/Yards: 35-36—71/7,108

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

Third-Round Notes – Friday, March 29, 2019

Weather

Mostly cloudy and breezy. High of 80. Wind S 12-22 mph.

Things to Know

- The player with the best record in each group advanced to the Round of 16 for single-elimination match play
- Of the 16 top seeds, five advanced to the Round of 16: Justin Rose (2), Rory McIlroy (4), Francesco Molinari (7), Paul Casey (10), Tiger Woods (13)
- Players among the top 16 to advance hail from 10 countries: United States (4), England (3), South Africa (2), Australia, China, Denmark, Northern Ireland, Italy, Spain, Sweden
- Three-time champion Tiger Woods advances to the Round of 16 for the first time since his last win in 2008, setting up a matchup with Rory McIlroy for the first time ever in match play format
- Louis Oosthuizen becomes the first player to advance out of Group Play four times since 2015
- Five players advanced out of Group Play with perfect 3-0 records: Grace, Leishman, McIlroy, Molinari, Stenson
- 2019 marks the third consecutive year, and fourth in the last five years, the defending champion failed to advance out of Group Play (Jason Day/2015/2017, Dustin Johnson/2018, Bubba Watson/2019)
- 10 players have lost their opening match on Wednesday but ended up advancing out of Group Play, with Kevin Kisner and Louis Oosthuizen doing so this week; of the previous eight, none reached the Championship Match

Round of 16 Matchups

Louis Oosthuizen (19) vs. Marc Leishman (17)

Kevin Kisner (48) vs. HaoTong Li (36)

Paul Casey (10) vs. Francesco Molinari (7)

Kevin Na (57) vs. Justin Rose (2)

Henrik Stenson (37) vs. Lucas Bjerregaard (50)

Tiger Woods (13) vs. Rory McIlroy (4)

Matt Kuchar (23) vs. Tyrrell Hatton (35)

Sergio Garcia (26) vs. Branden Grace (40)

The following Friday matches were “winner-takes-it-all,” with the winner advancing:

Justin Rose defeated Gary Woodland, 1-up

Henrik Stenson defeated Jim Furyk, 5 and 4

Two players advanced to the Round of 16 after sudden-death playoffs required to determine the group winner:

HaoTong Li defeated Alex Noren with a birdie-3 on the first extra hole to win Group 3

Kevin Kisner defeated Ian Poulter with a birdie-3 on the third extra hole to win Group 14

GROUP 1

Player	Seed	Record	Points	Career Dell Tech Match Play Record
Branden Grace	(40)	3-0-0	3	9-8-1
Hideki Matsuyama	(24)	1-1-1	1.5	8-8-2
Dustin Johnson	(1)	1-2-0	1	15-14-0
Chez Reavie	(55)	0-2-1	.5	1-3-2

Group 1 round-by-round

RD. 1 – Johnson defeated Reavie, 4 and 3; Grace defeated Matsuyama, 4 and 3

RD. 2 – Grace defeated Johnson, 1-up; Matsuyama and Reavie halved

RD. 3 – Grace defeated Reavie, 2 and 1; Matsuyama defeated Johnson, 3 and 2

- Branden Grace had failed to advance out of Group Play in his last three attempts prior to doing so with a 3-0 record this week, including Friday's 2-and-1 win over Chez Reavie
- Grace's best finish in six prior starts at this event led to a Round of 16 loss to Tommy Fleetwood in 2015
- Grace, winner of the 2016 RBC Heritage on the PGA TOUR, also owns 11 international victories

GROUP 2

Player	Seed	Record	Points	Career Dell Tech Match Play Record
Justin Rose	(2)	2-0-1	2.5	12-11-2
Gary Woodland	(22)	2-1-0	2	10-7-1
Emiliano Grillo	(53)	1-2-0	1	2-6-1
Eddie Pepperell	(34)	0-2-1	.5	0-2-1

Group 2 round-by-round

RD. 1 – Rose defeated Grillo, 2 and 1; Woodland defeated Pepperell, 2 and 1

RD. 2 – Rose and Pepperell halved; Woodland defeated Grillo, 1-up

RD. 3 – Rose defeated Woodland, 1-up; Grillo defeated Pepperell, 4 and 3

- Justin Rose advanced to the Round of 16 in his first start at the WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play since 2016
- In 11 prior starts at the event, Rose's best finish was T5 in 2007, losing in the Quarterfinals to Trevor Immelman
- In four starts since Group Play began in 2015, Gary Woodland has advanced to the Round of 16 just once, losing the Championship Match to Rory McIlroy, 4 and 2, in 2015

GROUP 3

Player	Seed	Record	Points	Career Dell Tech Match Play Record
HaoTong Li	(36)	2-1-0	2	2-4-0
Alex Noren	(27)	2-1-0	2	13-5-0
Tom Lewis	(60)	1-1-1	1.5	1-1-1
Brooks Koepka	(3)	0-2-1	.5	8-6-1

Group 3 round-by-round

RD. 1 – Li defeated Noren, 5 and 4; Koepka and Lewis halved

RD. 2 – Li defeated Koepka, 1-up; Noren defeated Lewis, 4 and 2

RD. 3 – Noren defeated Koepka, 3 and 2; Lewis defeated Li, 1-up

*Li defeated Noren with a birdie-3 on the first extra hole to win Group 3

- In his only other start at the WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play, Li lost all three matches in Group Play in 2018
- Li has two European Tour wins: 2016 Volvo China Open, 2018 Omega Dubai Desert Classic
- Noren advanced to the Round of 16 in 2017 and 2018 before missing out this year

GROUP 4

Player	Seed	Record	Points	Career Dell Tech Match Play Record
Rory McIlroy	(4)	3-0-0	3	27-11-2
Justin Harding	(47)	2-1-0	2	2-1-0
Luke List	(64)	1-2-0	1	1-5-0
Matthew Fitzpatrick	(32)	0-3-0	0	4-8-0

Group 4 round-by-round

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

RD. 2 – McIlroy defeated Harding, 3 and 2; List defeated Fitzpatrick, 2 and 1

RD. 3 – McIlroy defeated Fitzpatrick, 4 and 2; Harding defeated List, 2-up

- THE PLAYERS Championship winner and FedExCup leader Rory McIlroy set up a Saturday morning showdown with Tiger Woods with a 4-and-2 win over Matthew Fitzpatrick

- McIlroy, the 2015 champion, advances out of Group Play for the first time since finishing fourth in 2016
- McIlroy recently claimed his 15th PGA TOUR title with a win at THE PLAYERS Championship
- McIlroy became the youngest winner in WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play history in 2015 at the age of 25 years, 11 months, 25 days
- Matthew Fitzpatrick, a five-time European Tour winner, failed to advance from Group Play for the fourth time in as many tries

GROUP 5

Player	Seed	Record	Points	Career Dell Tech Match Play Record
Lucas Bjerregaard	(50)	2-0-1	2.5	2-0-1
Justin Thomas	(5)	1-1-1	1.5	7-8-1
Matt Wallace	(33)	1-2-0	1	1-2-0
Keegan Bradley	(31)	0-1-2	1	1-8-4

Group 5 round-by-round

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

RD. 2 – Bjerregaard and Bradley halved; Thomas defeated Wallace, 3 and 1

RD. 3 – Bjerregaard defeated Wallace, 1-up; Thomas and Bradley halved

- Making his first appearance at the event, 2018 Alfred Dunhill Links Championship winner Lucas Bjerregaard becomes the only first-time participant to advance to the Round of 16
- Bjerregaard is seeking to become the first player from Denmark to win a World Golf Championships event
- Bjerregaard and Stenson will square off Saturday in an all-Scandinavian Round of 16 matchup

GROUP 6

Player	Seed	Record	Points	Career Dell Tech Match Play Record
Marc Leishman	(17)	3-0-0	3	8-8-2
Bryson DeChambeau	(6)	1-2-0	1	1-2-0
Kiradech Aphibarnrat	(39)	1-2-0	1	7-5-0
Russell Knox	(59)	1-2-0	1	3-5-1

Group 6 round-by-round

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

RD. 2 – Aphibarnrat defeated DeChambeau, 2 and 1; Leishman defeated Knox, 2-up

RD. 3 – Leishman defeated DeChambeau, 5 and 4; Knox defeated Aphibarnrat, 2-up

- Australian Marc Leishman is one of five players to post a perfect 3-0 record to advance to the Round of 16
- Leishman is hoping to notch the fifth win by an Australian at the Dell Technologies Match Play: Geoff Ogilvy (2006, 2009), Jason Day (2014, 2016)
- Leishman has now advanced out of Group Play three times, losing in the Round of 16 in 2015 and 2017

GROUP 7

Player	Seed	Record	Points	Career Dell Tech Match Play Record
Francesco Molinari	(7)	3-0-0	3	7-11-0
Satoshi Kodaira	(63)	1-1-1	1.5	1-4-1
Thorbjorn Olesen	(45)	1-2-0	1	3-6-0
Webb Simpson	(21)	0-2-1	.5	8-10-2

Group 7 round-by-round

RD. 1 – Molinari defeated Kodaira, 5 and 4; Olesen defeated Simpson, 2 and 1

RD. 2 – Molinari defeated Olesen, 4 and 3; Simpson and Kodaira halved

RD. 3 – Molinari defeated Simpson, 2 and 1; Kodaira defeated Olesen, 3 and 1

- Francesco Molinari failed to advance out of Group Play in his first three tries (2015, 2017, 2018), but is one of five players to go undefeated in Group Play to earn his first trip to the Round of 16
- Molinari recently notched his third TOUR win, capturing the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard

GROUP 8

Player	Seed	Record	Points	Career Dell Tech Match Play Record
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Matt Kuchar	(23)	2-0-1	2.5	25-9-4
J.B. Holmes	(43)	2-1-0	2	8-8-2
Jon Rahm	(8)	1-1-1	1.5	7-4-2
Si Woo Kim	(54)	0-3-0	0	3-5-2

Group 8 round-by-round

RD. 1 – Rahm defeated Kim, 7 and 5; Kuchar defeated Holmes, 3 and 1

RD. 2 – Holmes defeated Rahm, 2 and 1; Kuchar defeated Kim, 6 and 4

RD. 3 – Kuchar and Rahm halved; Holmes defeated Kim, 6 and 4

- 2013 champion Matt Kuchar advanced to the Round of 16 for the third time in four years
- Kuchar (Mayakoba Golf Classic, Sony Open in Hawaii) is one of two multiple winners on TOUR this season
- 40-year-old Kuchar is seeking to become the first player in his 40s to win the Dell Technologies Match Play

GROUP 9

Player	Seed	Record	Points	Career Dell Tech Match Play Record
Tyrrell Hatton	(35)	2-0-1	2.5	6-3-1
Xander Schauffele	(9)	1-1-1	1.5	3-2-1
Rafa Cabrera Bello	(29)	1-1-1	1.5	10-7-2
Lee Westwood	(62)	0-2-1	.5	17-21-1

Group 9 round-by-round

RD. 1 – Schauffele defeated Westwood, 1-up; Hatton defeated Cabrera Bello, 4 and 3

RD. 2 – Schauffele and Hatton halved; Cabrera Bello and Westwood halved

RD. 3 – Hatton defeated Westwood, 3 and 1; Cabrera Bello defeated Schauffele, 1-up

- Two-time Alfred Dunhill Links Championship winner (2016, 2017) Tyrrell Hatton defeated Lee Westwood, which coupled with Xander Schauffele's loss to Rafa Cabrera Bello, helped him advance to the Round of 16 for the second-consecutive season (lost to Cameron Smith, 2 and 1, in round four in 2018)
- Westwood's round included an ace on the par-3 11th hole with a 9-iron from 174 yards; marking the third straight year the tournament has yielded an ace, but first at No. 11 (2017/Hideto Tanihara/No. 7; 2018/Matt Kuchar/No. 7)

GROUP 10

Player	Seed	Record	Points	Career Dell Tech Match Play Record
Paul Casey	(10)	2-0-1	2.5	27-14-2
Abraham Ancer	(58)	2-1-0	2	2-1-0
Charles Howell III	(42)	1-1-1	1.5	11-12-1
Cameron Smith	(25)	0-3-0	0	3-4-1

Group 10 round-by-round

RD. 1 – Casey defeated Ancer, 5 and 3; Howell III defeated Smith, 2 and 1

RD. 2 – Casey and Howell III halved; Ancer defeated Smith, 3 and 2

RD. 3 – Casey defeated Smith, 4 and 3; Ancer defeated Howell III, 5 and 3

- Paul Casey, a two-time runner-up at the event, has advanced out of the group stage three of the last five years, with a fourth-round loss to Hideto Tanihara in 2017 and a quarterfinal, 22-hole loss to Rory McIlroy in 2015
- Casey, a 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
Louis Oosthuizen	(19)	2-1-0	2	21-11-0
Tommy Fleetwood	(11)	1-1-1	1.5	7-6-1
Kyle Stanley	(41)	1-1-1	1.5	5-4-1
Byeong Hun An	(49)	1-2-0	1	2-6-2

Group 11 round-by-round

RD. 1 – Fleetwood defeated An, 3 and 2; Stanley defeated Oosthuizen, 3 and 2

RD. 2 – Fleetwood and Stanley halved; Oosthuizen defeated An, 1-up

RD. 3 – Oosthuizen defeated Fleetwood, 4 and 3; An defeated Stanley, 6 and 5

- With a 4-and-3 victory over Tommy Fleetwood, Louis Oosthuizen advances to the Round of 16 for the fifth time in his last six starts at the Dell Technologies Match Play
- Since Group Play was instituted in 2015, Oosthuizen is the only player to advance to the Round of 16 four times; failing to advance only in 2017
- Oosthuizen is still in search of his first victory on American soil, with his lone PGA TOUR win coming at the 2010 Open Championship at St. Andrews
- Oosthuizen's best finish in 10 starts at the event was a Championship Match loss to Jason Day, 5 and 4, in 2016

GROUP 12

Player	Seed	Record	Points	Career Dell Tech Match Play Record
Henrik Stenson	(37)	3-0-0	3	17-9-0
Jim Furyk	(52)	2-1-0	2	21-19-1
Phil Mickelson	(20)	1-2-0	1	25-16-0
Jason Day	(12)	0-3-0	0	22-14-0

Group 12 round-by-round

RD. 1 – Furyk defeated Day, 2-up; Stenson defeated Mickelson, 2 and 1

RD. 2 – Furyk defeated Mickelson, 1-up; Stenson defeated Day, 4 and 3

RD. 3 – Stenson defeated Furyk, 5 and 4; Mickelson defeated Day, 2-up

- Making his first start at the WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play since 2015, 2007 champion Henrik Stenson advanced to the Round of 16 with a 5-and-4 victory in a “winner-takes-it-all” victory over Jim Furyk
- Stenson, 42, is hoping to become the first player in his 40s to win the Dell Technologies Match Play
- Furyk finished 2-1-0 this week in his 600th official PGA TOUR start
- Phil Mickelson failed to advance out of Group Play but still managed to win at least one match for the 12th consecutive time at the event, dating to his first start in 1999
- 2014 and 2016 champion Jason Day fails to advance out of Group Play for the third straight season
- Day's record in his last three starts at this event: 2017 (0-3), 2018 (1-2), 2019 (0-3)

GROUP 13

Player	Seed	Record	Points	Career Dell Tech Match Play Record
Tiger Woods	(13)	2-1-0	2	35-11-0
Patrick Cantlay	(18)	1-1-1	1.5	3-2-1
Brandt Snedeker	(44)	1-1-1	1.5	8-9-2
Aaron Wise	(61)	1-2-0	1	1-2-0

Group 13 round-by-round

RD. 1 – Woods defeated Wise, 3 and 1; Cantlay and Snedeker halved

RD. 2 – Snedeker defeated Woods, 2 and 1; Cantlay defeated Wise, 4 and 2

RD. 3 – Woods defeated Cantlay, 4 and 2; Wise defeated Snedeker, 6 and 4

- With his 4-and-2 victory over Patrick Cantlay, coupled with Aaron Wise's 6-and-4 win over Brandt Snedeker, 2019 Presidents Cup captain Tiger Woods advanced to the Round of 16 for the first time since winning the event in 2008
- Woods' victory over Cantlay included a birdie-birdie-eagle-birdie-par-birdie flurry on Nos. 11-16, highlighted by his hole-out for eagle on the par-4 13th hole from 82 yards
- Woods, winner of a record 18 World Golf Championships in nine different locations, returned to the WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play for the first time since 2013
- Woods, just two wins shy of Sam Snead's all-time PGA TOUR record of 82, is the only three-time winner of the WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play (2003, 2004, 2008)
- Woods' victory Friday was his 35th in the competition, six more than second-place Ian Poulter's 29
- This week marks Woods' first start in the state of Texas since a missed cut at the 2005 AT&T Byron Nelson, which snapped a seven-year streak of 142 consecutive made cuts – a TOUR record
- Woods and McIlroy have played with each other in 18 stroke-play rounds on TOUR, with Woods holding a 69.67 average and McIlroy a 69.72 mark; Saturday's matchup between the two will be their first ever in match play format

GROUP 14

Player	Seed	Record	Points	Career Dell Tech Match Play Record
Kevin Kisner	(48)	2-1-0	2	10-5-1

Ian Poulter	(30)	2-1-0	2	29-16-0
Tony Finau	(14)	1-2-0	1	3-3-0
Keith Mitchell	(56)	1-2-0	1	1-2-0

Group 14 round-by-round

RD. 1 – Finau defeated Mitchell, 2 and 1; Poulter defeated Kisner, 2-up

RD. 2 – Kisner defeated Finau, 2-up; Mitchell defeated Poulter, 1-up

RD. 3 – Poulter defeated Tony Finau, 1-up; Kisner defeated Mitchell, 2 and 1

*Kisner defeated Poulter in a sudden-death playoff with a birdie-3 on the third extra hole

- After both players opened with pars on the first two extra holes, Kevin Kisner advanced out of Group 14 with a birdie-3 on the par-4 third hole to defeat 2010 champion Ian Poulter
- Kisner defeated Poulter, 8 and 6, in a Quarterfinals matchup in 2018, eventually losing to Bubba Watson in the Championship Match, 7 and 6
- Keith Mitchell, the only player in the field making his World Golf Championships debut, finished 1-2 this week

GROUP 15

Player	Seed	Record	Points	Career Dell Tech Match Play Record
Kevin Na	(57)	2-1-0	2	7-9-2
Jordan Spieth	(28)	1-1-1	1.5	12-6-2
Billy Horschel	(38)	1-1-1	1.5	5-5-1
Bubba Watson	(15)	1-2-0	1	21-10-3

Group 15 round-by-round

RD. 1 – Na defeated Watson, 1-up; Horschel and Spieth halved

RD. 2 – Horschel defeated Watson, 2 and 1; Spieth defeated Na, 3 and 2

RD. 3 – Watson defeated Spieth, 1-up; Na defeated Horschel, 3 and 1

- Kevin Na advanced out of Group Play for the second time in three years (2017) with a 2-1 record
- With Bubba Watson's elimination, it marks the third consecutive year, and fourth in the last five years, the defending champion failed to advance out of Group Play (Jason Day/2015/2017, Dustin Johnson/2018, Watson/2019)

GROUP 16

Player	Seed	Record	Points	Career Dell Tech Match Play Record
Sergio Garcia	(26)	2-1-0	2	24-19-1
Patrick Reed	(16)	1-1-1	1.5	10-7-2
Shane Lowry	(46)	1-1-1	1.5	4-8-3
Andrew Putnam	(51)	1-2-0	1	1-2-0

Group 16 round-by-round

RD. 1 – Putnam defeated Reed, 3 and 2; Garcia defeated Lowry, 4 and 2

RD. 2 – Garcia defeated Putnam, 5 and 4; Reed and Lowry halved

RD. 3 – Reed defeated Garcia, 2 and 1; Lowry defeated Putnam, 3 and 2

- Despite falling to Patrick Reed, 2 and 1, Sergio Garcia advances to the Round of 16 for the second consecutive season (finished T9 in 2018 after losing a Round of 16 matchup against Kyle Stanley, 3 and 1)
- Garcia's best finish at the event came in 2010 when he advanced to the Consolation Match and finished fourth