



## 2019 World Golf Championships-Dell Technologies Match Play

*(The 22<sup>nd</sup> 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)**

### Quarterfinals Notes – Saturday, March 30, 2019

#### Saturday PM Weather

Partly cloudy and breezy. High of 60. Wind N 15-25 mph.

#### Things to Know

- Semifinalists by seed: Francesco Molinari (7), Matt Kuchar (23), Kevin Kisner (48), Lucas Bjerregaard (50)
- With a 1-up victory over Tiger Woods, Lucas Bjerregaard is seeking to become the first player since Geoff Ogilvy (2006) to win the WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play in his first start in the event
- Matt Kuchar (age 40) is seeking to become the oldest champion in WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play history
- Hoping to bounce back from last year's Championship Match loss to Bubba Watson, Kevin Kisner earns a spot in the Semifinals with a 2 and 1 win over Louis Oosthuizen
- Francesco Molinari is in search of his second career World Golf Championships victory; previously won the 2010 World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions
- Of the 17 countries represented in the field, three countries remain represented:
  - United States – Kevin Kisner, Matt Kuchar
  - Italy – Francesco Molinari
  - Denmark – Lucas Bjerregaard

#### Quarterfinal Results

Francesco Molinari (7) defeated Kevin Na (57), 6 and 5  
 Kevin Kisner (48) defeated Louis Oosthuizen (19), 2 and 1  
 Matt Kuchar (23) defeated Sergio Garcia (26), 2-up  
 Lucas Bjerregaard (50) defeated Tiger Woods (13), 1-up

#### Semifinal Matchups

9:05 a.m. – Francesco Molinari (7) vs. Kevin Kisner (48)

9:20 a.m. – Matt Kuchar (23) vs Lucas Bjerregaard (50)

#### **Match 105 – Lucas Bjerregaard (50) defeated Tiger Woods (13), 1-up**

| Player            | Seed | Record | Career Dell Technologies Match Play Record |
|-------------------|------|--------|--------------------------------------------|
| Lucas Bjerregaard | 50   | 4-0-1  | 4-0-1                                      |
| Tiger Woods       | 13   | 3-2-0  | 36-12-0                                    |

#### **Bjerregaard round-by-round**

RD. 1 – defeated Justin Thomas, 3 and 2  
 RD. 2 – tied Keegan Bradley  
 RD. 3 – defeated Matt Wallace, 1-up  
 RD. 4 – defeated Henrik Stenson, 3 and 2  
 QF – defeated Tiger Woods, 1-up

#### **Woods round-by-round**

RD. 1 – defeated Aaron Wise, 3 and 1  
 RD. 2 – lost to Brandt Snedeker, 2 and 1

RD. 3 – defeated Patrick Cantlay, 4 and 2

RD. 4 – defeated Rory McIlroy, 2 and 1

QF – lost to Lucas Bjerregaard, 1-up

- In his first appearance at the WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play, Lucas Bjerregaard moved on to the Semifinals after posting an eagle (par-5 16<sup>th</sup>), five birdies and a double bogey (par-3 11<sup>th</sup> hole) in a Quarterfinals win over Tiger Woods, 1-up
- Bjerregaard is seeking to become the first player from Denmark to win a World Golf Championships event
- Only three players – Darren Clarke (2000), Kevin Sutherland (2002) and Ian Poulter (2010) – have earned their first career PGA TOUR title at the WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play, which Bjerregaard is seeking to do
- Bjerregaard is seeking to become the first player since Geoff Ogilvy (2006) to win the WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play in his first start in the event
- Prior to his loss to Lucas Bjerregaard, Tiger Woods won his Round of 16 matchup with Rory McIlroy, 2 and 1
- Woods owns a host of tournament records including the largest margin of victory in a match (9 and 8 over Stephen Ames in 2006), most consecutive matches won (13), and most career match victories (36)
- The 2019 Presidents Cup U.S. Team Captain, and winner of a record 18 World Golf Championships in nine different locations, made his first start at the WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play since 2013
- 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

#### **Match 106 – Matt Kuchar (23) defeated Sergio Garcia (26), 2-up**

| <b>Player</b> | <b>Seed</b> | <b>Record</b> | <b>Career Dell Technologies Match Play Record</b> |
|---------------|-------------|---------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Matt Kuchar   | 23          | 4-0-1         | 27-9-4                                            |
| Sergio Garcia | 26          | 3-2-0         | 25-20-1                                           |

#### **Kuchar round-by round**

RD. 1 – defeated J.B. Holmes, 3 and 1

RD. 2 – defeated Si Woo Kim, 6 and 4

RD. 3 – tied Jon Rahm

RD. 4 – defeated Tyrrell Hatton, 4 and 3

QF – defeated Sergio Garcia, 2-up

#### **Garcia round-by-round**

RD. 1 – defeated Shane Lowry, 4 and 2

RD. 2 – defeated Andrew Putnam, 5 and 4

RD. 3 – lost to Patrick Reed, 2 and 1

RD. 4 – defeated Branden Grace, 1-up

QF – lost to Matt Kuchar, 2-up

- 2013 champion Matt Kuchar advanced to the Semifinals for the third time in his career and first since his victory
- Kuchar could become the first player on the PGA TOUR to win three times during the 2018-19 Season, having previously won the 2018 Mayakoba Golf Classic and the 2019 Sony Open in Hawaii
- En route to his 2013 win, Kuchar beat Sergio Garcia, his Quarterfinals opponent, 2 and 1, in the second round
- 40-year-old Kuchar is seeking to become the oldest champion in tournament history, as no player in his 40s has ever won the WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play
- Garcia advanced to the Quarterfinals for the second time in 17 attempts; he's advanced to the Semifinals just once, losing to Ian Poulter, 7 and 6, in 2010
- Garcia was hoping to become the first player ever from Spain to win a World Golf Championships event
- Rule associated with the situation in which Garcia lost the seventh hole with a failed tap-in: Rule 3.2a (1) – If the opponent's ball in motion needs to be holed to tie the hole and the ball is deliberately deflected or stopped by any person at a time when there is no reasonable chance it can be holed (such as when the ball has rolled past the hole and will not roll back there), the result of the hole has been decided and the player wins the hole (see Rule 11.2a, Exception)

#### **Match 107 – Kevin Kisner (48) defeated Louis Oosthuizen (19), 2 and 1**

| <b>Player</b>    | <b>Seed</b> | <b>Record</b> | <b>Career Dell Technologies Match Play Record</b> |
|------------------|-------------|---------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Kevin Kisner     | 48          | 4-1-0         | 12-5-1                                            |
| Louis Oosthuizen | 19          | 3-2-0         | 22-12-0                                           |

### **Kisner round-by-round**

RD. 1 – lost to Ian Poulter, 2-up  
RD. 2 – defeated Tony Finau, 2-up  
RD. 3 – defeated Keith Mitchell, 2 and 1  
RD. 4 – defeated HaoTong Li, 6 and 5  
QF – defeated Louis Oosthuizen, 2 and 1

### **Oosthuizen round-by-round**

RD. 1 – lost to Kyle Stanley, 3 and 2  
RD. 2 – defeated Byeong Hun An, 1-up  
RD. 3 – defeated Tommy Fleetwood, 4 and 3  
RD. 4 – defeated Marc Leishman, 2 and 1  
QF – lost to Kevin Kisner, 2 and 1

- Kevin Kisner began his round with a 357-yard drive to 13 feet on the par-4 first hole, making the putt for eagle to go 1-up; he later added birdies on Nos. 6, 13 and 16 for a 2-and-1 victory over Louis Oosthuizen
- Kisner advances to the Semifinals for the second consecutive year, having defeated Ian Poulter, 8 and 6, to advance out of the Quarterfinals in 2018; he eventually finished runner-up in 2018, falling to Bubba Watson, 7 and 6, in the Championship Match
- Kisner needed three extra holes to advance out of Group 14 this week, beating Poulter with a birdie on the third playoff hole Friday
- The two-time PGA TOUR winner is currently 30<sup>th</sup> in the United States Presidents Cup standings; he went 2-0-2 on the winning United States team in 2017 in his lone Presidents Cup appearance at Liberty National
- This week's finish will be Kisner's first top-10 showing since a T7 at The RSM Classic in 2018
- Oosthuizen advanced to the Quarterfinals at the WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play for the third time, with his furthest run in the event coming in 2016, when he lost to Jason Day, 5 and 4, in the Championship Match
- Oosthuizen is still in search of his first PGA TOUR victory on American soil, with his lone TOUR win coming at the 2010 Open Championship at St. Andrews
- This week's T5 finish for Oosthuizen comes a week after a T2 effort at the Valspar Championship, his first back-to-back top-10 finishes on TOUR since 2017 (PGA Championship/T2, THE NORTHERN TRUST/T10)
- Oosthuizen is second in the Presidents Cup standings for the International Team

### **Match 108 – Francesco Molinari (7) defeated Kevin Na (57), 6 and 5**

| <b>Player</b>      | <b>Seed</b> | <b>Record</b> | <b>Career Dell Technologies Match Play Record</b> |
|--------------------|-------------|---------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Francesco Molinari | 7           | 5-0-0         | 9-11-0                                            |
| Kevin Na           | 57          | 3-2-0         | 8-10-2                                            |

### **Molinari round-by-round**

RD. 1 – defeated Satoshi Kodaira, 5 and 4  
RD. 2 – defeated Thorbjorn Olesen, 4 and 3  
RD. 3 – defeated Webb Simpson, 2 and 1  
RD. 4 – defeated Paul Casey, 5 and 4  
QF – defeated Kevin Na, 6 and 5

### **Na round-by-round**

RD. 1 – defeated Bubba Watson, 1-up  
RD. 2 – lost to Jordan Spieth, 3 and 2  
RD. 3 – defeated Billy Horschel, 3 and 1  
RD. 4 – defeated Justin Rose, 2-up  
QF – lost to Francesco Molinari, 6 and 5

- Francesco Molinari posted six birdies and one bogey to defeat Kevin Na, 6 and 5, advancing to the Semifinals for the first time in his ninth career appearance in the WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play
- Molinari (No. 7) is the highest remaining seed left in the event
- Molinari recently notched his third TOUR win, capturing the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard
- Molinari is in search of his second career World Golf Championships victory; previously won the 2010 WGC-HSBC Champions and is the only player from Italy to win a WGC event
- Kevin Na advanced to the Quarterfinals for the first time in his career after defeating Justin Rose, 2-up
- Na's T5 finish will mark his first top-10 on the PGA TOUR since winning A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier in 2018