



2019 World Golf Championships-FedEx St. Jude Invitational

(The 41st of 46 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Memphis, Tennessee
TPC Southwind

July 25-28, 2019
Par/Yards: 35-35—70/7,237

Purse: \$10,250,000 (\$1,745,000)
FedExCup: 550 (winner)

First-Round Notes – Thursday, July 25, 2019

Weather: Mostly sunny, with a high of 84. Wind NE 6-12 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

Jon Rahm	62 (-8)
Patrick Cantlay	65 (-5)
Bubba Watson	65 (-5)
Cameron Smith	65 (-5)
Hideki Matsuyama	65 (-5)
Shugo Imahira	65 (-5)

Things to Know

- Making third start in the event, Jon Rahm ties career-low round with 8-under 62 to take fifth 18-hole lead/co-lead
- Patrick Cantlay offsets one bogey with six birdies in bid for ninth top-10 finish and second win of the season
- Making his first start at TPC Southwind, defending champion Justin Thomas opens with a 68
- 2016 tournament winner and two-time FedEx St. Jude Classic winner Dustin Johnson opens with a 69
- After 19 years at Firestone Country Club, event moves to TPC Southwind, home of FedEx St. Jude Classic for 30 years

Jon Rahm entering the week

Age	24 (11/10/1994)
Country	Spain
FedExCup	10
OWGR	8
PGA TOUR starts	71
PGA TOUR wins	3
PGA TOUR top-10s	29
Starts in 2018-19	16
Wins in 2018-19	1
Top-10s in 2018-19	9

- Making his first start at TPC Southwind, ties his career-low round with a bogey-free 8-under 62
- Becomes the third player (Kevin Na, Brandt Snedeker) to post three rounds of 62 or better on TOUR since last season
- Eight birdies ties his career-most birdies made in a round on TOUR (two other occasions)
- Takes 18-hole lead/co-lead for the fifth time. Of the previous four, converted for the win at the 2018 Desert Classic
- Is making his third start in the WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational (T28/2017, T17/2018)
- Comes off a T3 finish at the U.S. Open and T11 at last week's Open Championship in his last two starts on TOUR
- Seeks his 10th top-10 finish of the season
- Claimed third TOUR title earlier this season with Ryan Palmer in team competition at the Zurich Classic of New Orleans
- Hit 9 of 14 fairways, 13 of 18 greens in regulation and needed 23 putts to complete his round

Bubba Watson (65/-5)

- Making his 10th consecutive start in the WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational, birdied three of his last four holes to open with a 5-under 65

- In one start at the FedEx St. Jude Classic, missed the cut in 2010, following scores of 78-69
- Found six of 14 fairways and hit 12 of 18 greens in regulation
- In last six starts on TOUR, has three missed cuts and three finishes outside the top 50
- Seeks his third top-10 finish of the season; T4/Waste Management Phoenix Open, T4/Valspar Championship
- Seeks his 13th TOUR title and third World Golf Championships victory (2014 WGC-HSBC Champions, 2018 WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play)

Cameron Smith (65/-5)

- Made six birdies against one bogey in his second start at the WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational (23rd/2018)
- In lone start at the FedEx St. Jude Classic, missed the cut in 2016, following scores of 71-82
- Has collected three top-10 finishes in 20 starts on TOUR this season (best was T6/WGC-Mexico Championship)
- Currently No. 8 in Presidents Cup standings for the International Team. The top eight qualify following the BMW Championship. The 2019 Presidents Cup is being contested at Royal Melbourne Golf Club in his native Australia
- Lone PGA TOUR victory came with Jonas Blixt in the team competition at the 2017 Zurich Classic of New Orleans

Patrick Cantlay (65/-5)

- Making his first start at TPC Southwind, offset one bogey with six birdies
- In his only other start at the WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational, finished T6 at Firestone Country Club last year
- Claimed his second career PGA TOUR victory earlier this season at the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide; first won the 2017 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open
- Seeks his ninth top-10 finish of the 2018-19 season; Rory McIlroy leads the category with 11 top-10 showings

Hideki Matsuyama (65/-5)

- Following birdies on three of his first four holes, the 2017 WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational winner made birdie at two of his last three holes, Nos. 16 and 18
- Making his seventh consecutive start in the event
- Making his first start at TPC Southwind
- Of five top-10 finishes in 19 starts this season on TOUR, best was a T3 at the Farmers Insurance Open
- Seeks his sixth career PGA TOUR win and first since his 2017 victory at Firestone Country Club

Miscellaneous Notes

- In his third World Golf Championships start, Japan's **Shugo Imahira** made six birdies against one bogey to open with 65
- After playing his first nine holes (10-18) in 3-over 38, 2016 champion **Dustin Johnson** played his inward nine in 4-under 31, good for a 1-under 69. The 2012 and 2018 FedEx St. Jude Classic winner has now played 19 of 21 rounds at TPC Southwind in par or better
- World No. 1 **Brooks Koepka** opened with a 2-under 68. In five starts at the FedEx St. Jude Classic, claimed top-5 finishes in 2015 (T3) and 2016 (T2)
- Making his 21st consecutive start in the WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational, **Phil Mickelson** opened with a 2-under 68; among four top-10 finishes in eight starts at the FedEx St. Jude Classic were T2 showings in 2013 and 2016
- **Jordan Spieth**, who was at 4-under par before taking triple bogeys at Nos. 12 and 15, opened with 70; in his second-ever start on the PGA TOUR, competed as a 16-year-old amateur in the 2010 FedEx St. Jude Classic on a sponsor invitation (MC)
- Six of the last seven winners in Memphis have visited the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital during tournament week. Earlier this week, **Bryson DeChambeau** (67), **Justin Thomas** (68), **Chez Reavie** (68), **Jordan Spieth** (70) and **Max Homa** (74) paid a visit to the Hospital

Course Statistics

	Toughest Hole	Easiest Hole
R1:	Par-4 12 th (4.270)	Par-5 16 th (4.270)

Scoring Averages

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	34.683	34.794	69.476	---

Bogey-free rounds

R1 (3): Jon Rahm (62), Thorbjorn Olesen (66), Matthew Fitzpatrick (67)