



2019 Zurich Classic

(The 27th of 46 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

**Avondale, Louisiana
TPC Louisiana**

**April 25-28, 2019
Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,425**

**Purse: \$7,300,000/\$1,051,200 each winner
FedExCup points: 400 each winner**

FINAL Second-Round Notes – Saturday, April 27, 2019

Weather: Sunny, with a high of 81. Wind SE 8-16 mph.

Second-Round Leaderboard

Jon Rahm/Ryan Palmer	64-65—129 (-15)
Peter Malnati/Billy Hurley III	63-67—130 (-14)
Rory Sabbatini/Brian Gay	60-70—130 (-14)

Things to Know

- Format: Four-ball (first and third rounds), Foursomes (second and fourth rounds)
- Due to darkness, round two was suspended for the day Friday at 7:36 p.m. CT and resumed at 7 a.m. Saturday. The second round ended at 10:45 a.m.
- 71.225 second-round scoring average is lowest Foursomes average since team event began
- 36-hole cut: 8-under 136 (39 teams). Marks lowest cut in three years of team format
- Third-round tee times will be from 11:20 a.m. until 1:17 p.m. off tee Nos. 1 and 10

Jon Rahm/Ryan Palmer (entering the week)

	Jon Rahm	Ryan Palmer
Age	24 (11/10/1994)	42 (9/19/1976)
FedExCup	23	50
OWGR	11	70
Starts at Zurich Classic	1	10
Top-10s at Zurich Classic	0	2
PGA TOUR starts	66	393
PGA TOUR wins	2	3
Starts in 2018-19	11	11
Top-10s in 2018-19	7	3

- First-time team opened with three birdies on Nos. 10-12 en route to a bogey-free 7-under 65, the round’s lowest score
- Team’s score of 129 ties the 36-hole tournament record since becoming a team event in 2017 with Jonas Blixt/Cameron Smith (2017/won)
- Of two previous 36-hole leads/co-leads, Rahm finished T3 at the 2016 Quicken Loans National and T4 at the 2017 Dell Technologies Championship
- Of six previous 36-hole leads/co-leads, Palmer has converted for the win twice
- In Rahm’s only previous start at the Zurich Classic, he missed last year’s cut with Wesley Bryan
- Palmer is making his 11th start at the Zurich Classic, having collected top-5 finishes in 2012 (T4) and 2017 (4th, with Jordan Spieth). Palmer and Spieth missed last year’s cut

Rory Sabbatini/Brian Gay (T2/-14)

- When round two resumed Saturday, the team was on their fifth hole, No. 14. Following a bogey at the par-5 15th, the duo followed with birdies on 18, 1, 3 and 7. A double bogey at their last hole of the day, No. 9, resulted in a 2-under 70
- Gay missed last year’s cut at the Zurich Classic, paired with 2018 PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year Aaron Wise
- Sabbatini, who finished T2 in the 2009 event, missed the cut with Bryson DeChambeau in 2017 and with John Daly in 2018
- Sabbatini’s last win came at the 2011 The Honda Classic. Gay most recently won the 2013 Desert Classic

Peter Malnati/Billy Hurley III (T2/-14)

- Beginning on No. 10, coupled for birdies at Nos. 11, 13, 17, 2 and 6, good for a 5-under 67
- Since becoming a team event in 2017, Malnati missed the cut with Mark Wilson in 2017 and with Billy Hurley III in 2018. In his only other start in the event, missed the cut in 2014
- In four previous starts at the Zurich Classic, Hurley missed the 36-hole cut in 2012, 2016 and 2018 and 54-hole cut in 2014
- Malnati is in search of his first top-10 finish of the season in his 14th (No. 108 FedExCup)
- Playing out of the Past Champion category this season, Hurley is making just his fifth start of the season, with a T30 at the Valspar Championship his best showing (No. 210 FedExCup)
- Both players are in search of their second career win on the PGA TOUR (Hurley/2016 Quicken Loans National, Malnati/2015 Sanderson Farms Championship)

Russell Knox/Brian Stuard (T4/-13)

- In round two's Foursomes, made three birdies over the course of the first eight holes, before finishing with 10 straight pars
- Stuard partnered with Chris Stroud in 2017 (T11) and 2018 (T28)
- Knox played with Kevin Streelman in 2017 (MC) and fellow Scot Martin Laird in 2018 (T7)
- In 2016, when the event was reduced to 54 holes (inclement weather), Stuard beat Byeong Hun An and Jamie Lovemark in sudden death to claim his lone PGA TOUR title
- Best finishes this season: Stuard (T4/Valero Texas Open), Knox (T10/Waste Management Phoenix Open)

Scott Stallings/Trey Mullinax (T4/-13)

- When the second round resumed Saturday, the team played the inward nine in even par to post a 2-under 70
- Two top-10s for three-time PGA TOUR winner Stallings in 14 starts this season (3rd/AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, T9/Valspar Championship)
- Mullinax, seeking his first TOUR win, has four top-25s in 15 starts this season with T15/Waste Management Phoenix Open his best result
- T2/2018 Valero Texas Open is Mullinax's career-best in 70 starts on TOUR
- Stallings missed the cut at the Zurich Classic with Aaron Baddeley (2017) and Roberto Castro (2018)
- Mullinax partnered with Jonathan Randolph for T31/2018 and with Bobby Wyatt for MC/2017

Kevin Kisner/Scott Brown (T4/-13)

- When round two resumed Saturday, the team followed a birdie at No. 5 with a bogey at No. 6 en route to a 3-under 69
- Duo was defeated by Cameron Smith/Jonas Blixt in a Monday playoff at 2017 Zurich Classic
- After holding 54-hole lead in 2018 Zurich Classic, shot final-round 5-over 77 to finish T15
- Kisner is in search of his fourth PGA TOUR title and second of the season (WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play), while Brown searches for his second TOUR victory (2013 Puerto Rico Open)

Miscellaneous Notes

- Defending champions Billy Horschel/Scott Piercy are at 10-under 134 (T14)
- Four Zurich Ambassadors (**bold**): **Jason Day**/Adam Scott (MC), **Sergio Garcia/Tommy Fleetwood** (T11/-11), **Billy Horschel/Scott Piercy** (T14/-10)

Scoring Averages:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Format
R1	32.350	33.225	65.575	Four-ball
R2	35.100	36.125	71.225	Foursomes

Bogey-free rounds:

R1: 51 teams

R2: 5 teams - Jon Rahm/Ryan Palmer (65), Peter Malnati/Billy Hurley (67), Billy Horschel/Scott Piercy (68), Tom Hoge/J.J. Henry (68), Russell Knox/Brian Stuard (69)