



# Mastercard Japan Championship

Narita Golf Club-Accordia Golf | Narita-shi, Chiba, Japan | June 7-9, 2019

## Second-Round Notes

Saturday, June 8, 2019

**Course Setup:** Par 72 / 7,111 yards (R2 scoring average: 71.721; Cumulative: 72.272)

**Weather:** Cloudy skies with intermittent showers. Temps in the low 70s. Winds NE at 8-15.

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	Player	To Par	Scores
1	Scott McCarron	-8	69-67- 136
2	Kirk Triplett	-7	69-68- 137
T3	Cliff Kresge	-6	72-66- 138
T3	Billy Andrade	-6	69-69- 138
T3	Scott Parel	-6	70-68- 138
T3	Darren Clarke	-6	68-70- 138

### Quick Links:

- [Leaderboard](#)
- [Tee Times](#) – Final Rd. tee times will run from 9:18–11:19 a.m. (local) off the Nos. 1 and 10 tees
- [PGATOURmedia.com](#) (transcripts and other resources available for download)
- Final Rd. Golf Channel coverage (all times Eastern): Sat., 6/8: 12:30 – 3:00 a.m. (live); 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. (replay)

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### Scott McCarron, 69-67- 136 (-8)

- McCarron is a leader/co-leader entering the final round for the 14<sup>th</sup> time in his career, winning a total of six times he's been in this position, including both victories this season (Mitsubishi Electric Classic, Inspire Invitational).
- At the 2017 Mastercard Japan Championship, McCarron held the outright lead heading into Sunday at 12-under, but finished T2 to **Colin Montgomerie**.
- For the sixth straight week, McCarron holds the lead position in the Charles Schwab Cup standings with \$1,366,211 in earnings, leading No. 2 **Ken Tanigawa** by nearly \$477,000.
- With a win tomorrow, he would extend his lead by \$400,000 to \$1,766,211.
- In his 10 victories so far on PGA TOUR Champions, McCarron's final-round scoring average is 66.60.
- He has a total of 45 finishes in the top-10 and 69 finishes in the top-25 in his five years on PGA TOUR Champions.
- A native of Sacramento, Calif., McCarron won three times on the PGA TOUR.

## Kirk Triplett, 69-68– 137 (-7)

- Triplett carded five birdies and one bogey en route to finishing with a second-round 4-under par 68.
- Earlier this season, Triplett won the Hoag Classic with an 18-foot eagle putt on the second playoff hole to beat Woody Austin at Newport Beach CC in Newport Beach, Calif.
- He will be playing in Sunday's final group for the second time this year (Hoag Classic; Cologuard Classic- T2)
- Triplett owns a total of seven titles and 10 runner-up finishes, including three this year. He has a total of 58 top-10 finishes.
- He is currently No. 6 in the Charles Schwab Cup with \$738,669.

## Second-Round Lead Notes

- At the 2017 Mastercard Japan Championship, Montgomerie started the final round T3 and three shots behind second-round leader McCarron. Through seven holes Sunday, he was 1-over for the day and 8-under for the tournament and still trailed by three. Montgomerie birdied Nos. 8, 10, 12, 13, 14 and 17 to finish at 14-under-par, one shot ahead of McCarron and **Billy Mayfair**.
- This season, players leading/co-leading entering the final round have won seven out of 12 tournaments. Most recently, Steve Stricker converted his Saturday-night lead into victory at the Regions Tradition.

## Other Notes

- **Cliff Kresge's** second-round 6-under par 66 was the lowest of the field on Saturday and his best round in nine starts on PGA TOUR Champions. The three-time Web.com Tour winner was the second to last player in the field, gaining entry when Joey Sindelar withdrew due to an injury the Saturday prior to the event.
- **Billy Andrade** carded five birdies and two bogeys and is currently 6-under heading into Sunday. He has four top-10s this season and owns a total of three victories on PGA TOUR Champions.
- **Scott Parel** had five birdies on Saturday, including Nos. 10-12 and also finished the day at 6-under. At last week's Principal Charity Classic, Parel set the tournament's 36-hole scoring record to hold the outright lead, but **Kevin Sutherland** came back with a course record 62 on Sunday to force a playoff, ultimately claiming the victory on the second hole.
- **Darren Clarke** is the fourth player tied for third at 6-under. He has two top-10s this season, including a tie for second at the Cologuard Classic, and is currently No. 33 in the Charles Schwab Cup.
- Defending champion **Colin Montgomerie** finished the day even-par and is currently T8 (-4).
- **Toshimitsu Izawa** is currently 5-under par and leads the field of eight players to receive a sponsor exemption (home country):
  - **Keiichiro Fukabori** (Japan): T18 (-2)
  - **Shigetoshi Hasegawa** (Japan): 66 (+10)
  - **Toshimitsu Izawa** (Japan): 7 (-5)
  - **Massy Kuramoto** (Japan): T24 (-1)
  - **Prayad Marksang** (Thailand): T34 (E)
  - **Tsuyoshi Yoneyama** (Japan): T13 (-3)
  - **Toru Suzuki** (Japan): T24 (-1)
  - **Masayoshi Yamazoe** (Japan): T62 (+8)