

## 2019 A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier

(The 1st of 49 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia September 12-15, 2019 FedExCup Pts: 500 to the winner The Old White TPC Par/Yards: 34-36—70/7,286 Purse: \$7,500,000 (\$1,350,000)

#### Third-Round Notes – Saturday, September 14, 2019

Weather: Partly cloudy, with a high of 82. Wind SW 5-10 mph. Play was suspended at 5:11 p.m. due to a dangerous weather situation and resumed at 6:00 p.m. for a delay of 49 minutes.

# **Third-Round Leaderboard**

Joaquin Niemann	65-62-68—195 (-15)
Richy Werenski	67-65-65—197 (-13)
Nate Lashley	68-64-65—197 (-13)
Robby Shelton	62-65-70—197 (-13)
Adam Long	66-62-70—198 (-12)
Scott Scheffler	65-62-71—198 (-12)

### Things to Know

- Joaquin Niemann takes his first lead into the final round as he seeks to become the PGA TOUR's first winner from Chile
- One day after recording the PGA TOUR's 11<sup>th</sup> sub-60 round, Kevin Chappell turned in a 3-over 73
- Scottie Scheffler (T5) leads the 21 PGA TOUR rookies in the field, one of eight rookies to advance to the weekend
- Eight of the top 11 players are in search of their first PGA TOUR title
- A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier has never had a first-, second- or third-round leader go on to win

#### **Third-Round Lead Notes**

- O Third-round leaders/co-leaders at A Military Tribute at the Greenbrier to win
- 196 54-hole score by Kelly Kraft and Harold Varner III to co-lead at The Greenbrier in 2018
- 192 54-hole tournament record (Jeff Overton/2010)

Joaquin Niemann (-15/1<sup>st</sup>) Age: 20 (November 7, 1998) Turned professional: 2018

# **Entering this week**

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- PGA TOUR career starts
- 8 PGA TOUR career top-10s
- Starts at A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier
- 1 Top-10s at The Greenbrier
- 0/0 Wins when holding 54-hole lead/co-lead
- Should he win on Sunday, victory would come in his 44<sup>th</sup> start at the age of 20 years, 10 months, 8 days
- Would become the first player from Chile to win on the PGA TOUR
- Coupled with Matthew Wolff's victory at the 3M Open, this would be the first year (not season) since 1931 that the TOUR has had multiple winners under the age of 21 (Chuck Kocsis, Ralph Guldahl, Tom Creavy in 1931)
- Has closed with 6-under 64s each of the last two years (2017-18) at A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier; only other player with multiple final rounds of 64 or better since the event began in 2010 is Russell Henley (63s, 2015 & 2018)
- Only bogey of the week came on the par-4 11<sup>th</sup> hole Saturday, his 47<sup>th</sup> hole of the event
- Week highlighted by a second-round 8-under 62, his career low on the PGA TOUR
- Has recorded five rounds of 65 or better in 11 total rounds at this event
- 195 marks his career low 54-hole score on TOUR (201/2019 3M Open)
- First 54-hole lead/co-lead on PGA TOUR
- In two previous starts at The Greenbrier finished T5/2018 and T29/2017



### **Additional Player Notes**

- **Richy Werenski** (T2) posted a second-consecutive 5-under 65, including a personal-best 146' of putts made in the third round; has two runner-up finishes on TOUR (2017 Barracuda Championship, 2018 Barbasol Championship)
- Nate Lashley's 29 on the front nine Saturday represents his low nine-hole score on TOUR (40 events); seeking his second victory in his last eight starts (Rocket Mortgage Classic); at T2, trails Niemann by two shots
- First-round leader and second-round co-leader **Robby Shelton** (T2) earned PGA TOUR membership by finishing No. 3 on the Korn Ferry Tour Regular Season points list and entered the 2019-20 season fourth in the final priority ranking
- Making his first start at the event, Adam Long (T5) had a rollercoaster round of even-par 70 with five birdies and five bogeys
- PGA TOUR rookie Scottie Scheffler, who began the third round in a three-way tie for the lead, posted a 1-over 71 to fall
  to T5; with victories at the Evans Scholars Invitational and Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship, led Korn Ferry
  Tour Finals and overall points list to earn fully exempt PGA TOUR card
- After earning his PGA TOUR card via the Korn Ferry Tour, **Joseph Bramlett** is T7 following a third-round 5-under 65; back on TOUR as a member for the first time since finishing No. 199 in the FedExCup during his rookie season in 2011
- Harris English (T7) has his sights on a third PGA TOUR victory (2013 FedEx St. Jude Classic, 2013 Mayakoba Golf Classic)
- **Sebastian Munoz** (T12) had two eagles on the back nine (Nos. 12 and 17) en route to a 4-under 66; he becomes the first player this season with two eagles in a round
- Defending champion Kevin Na (T16) trails by seven shots in his attempt to become the event's first multiple winner
- One day after tying the PGA TOUR record for most consecutive birdies in a single round with nine in a row (Nos. 11-1) en route to the 11<sup>th</sup> sub-60 round in PGA TOUR history, Kevin Chappell (T29) carded a 3-over 73; after 11 birdies on Friday, had just one on Saturday (No. 10)
- Should he post a sub-70 round Sunday, **Viktor Hovland** (T39) would have played his last 17 consecutive rounds in the 60s on TOUR, tying Bob Estes' PGA TOUR record for most consecutive rounds in the 60s (since 1983)
- Greenbrier resident **Bubba Watson** (T45) posted 1-under 69, his 20<sup>th</sup> round (out of 23) in the 60s at this event
- Peter Malnati withdrew during the round with a back injury

#### **Course Statistics**

## **Toughest Hole**

**R1:** Par-3 15<sup>th</sup> (3.173) **R2:** Par-3 3<sup>rd</sup> (3.206) **R3:** Par-4 13<sup>th</sup> (4.284)

# **Easiest Hole**

**R1:** Par-5 12<sup>th</sup> (4.436) **R2:** Par-5 12<sup>th</sup> (4.465) **R3:** Par-5 12<sup>th</sup> (4.373)

### **Scoring Averages**

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	33.667	35.276	68.942	
R2:	33.561	35.361	68.923	68.932
R3:	34.134	35.254	69.388	69.013

#### **Bogey-free rounds**

**R1 (11):** Mark Hubbard (64), Brian Harman (65), Joaquin Niemann (65), Doug Ghim (65), J.J. Spaun (66), Nick Watney (66), Peter Malnati (66), Adam Long (66), Harry Higgs (67), Jason Dufner (67), Bryson DeChambeau (68)

**R2 (19):** Kevin Chappell (59), Denny McCarthy (61), Scottie Scheffler (62), Adam Long (62), Joaquin Niemann (62), Cameron Smith (64), Nate Lashley (64), Morgan Hoffmann (65), Joel Dahmen (65), Mark Anderson (66), Sebastian Munoz (66), Harold Varner III (66), Brian Harman (66), Grayson Murray (67), Ryan Armour (67), Hank Lebioda (67), Bud Cauley (67), Austin Cook (68), Russell Henley (68)

R3 (2): Austin Cook (68), Scott Harrington (69)