

2020 Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard

(The 22nd of 49 events in the PGA TOUR Season)



Orlando, Florida March 5-8, 2020 Purse: \$9,300,000 (\$1,674,000/winner)

Bay Hill Club & Lodge Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,454

Third-Round Notes - Saturday, March 7, 2020

Weather: Sunny and cool. High of 66. Wind N/NE 10-16 mph, with gusts to 23 mph.

Third-Round Leaderboard

Tyrrell Hatton 68-69-73 — 210 (-6)
Marc Leishman 71-69-72 — 212 (-4)
Rory McIlroy 66-73-73 — 212 (-4)
Christiaan Bezuidenhout 68-72-73 — 213 (-3)
Sungjae Im 70-69-74 — 213 (-3)
Danny Lee 71-67-75 — 213 (-3)
Harris English 69-70-74 — 213 (-3)

Things to Know

- Tyrrell Hatton holds the third-round lead for the first time on TOUR
- This marks the first time since the second round of the 2014 World Golf Championships-Mexico Championship a non-major round on TOUR was played without a score in the 60s
- 2017 Arnold Palmer Invitational champion Marc Leishman and 2018 champion Rory McIlroy just one stroke back
- Sungjae Im trails by three in bid to become the first player to win back-to-back events since Brendon Todd (2019)
- Max Homa (T16/+1) was the only player to break par on Saturday with a 2-under 70 (began the day T61)
- Brooks Koepka posts highest round of PGA TOUR career

Third-Round Lead Notes

- Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win the Arnold Palmer Invitational (in a four-round event) since 1983 (most recent: Jason Day/2016)
- 13 Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win on TOUR in 2019-20 (most recent: Viktor Hovland/Puerto Rico Open)

Final Pairing entering the week

Player	Tyrrell Hatton	Marc Leishman
Age	28 (10-14-1991)	36 (10-24-1983)
FedExCup	81	13
OWGR	32	21
Starts at Bay Hill	3	10
Top-10s at Bay Hill	1	3
Wins at Bay Hill	0	1
PGA TOUR starts	59	278
PGA TOUR wins	0	5
PGA TOUR Top-10s	14	47
Starts in 2019-20	3	8
Top-10s in 2019-20	2	2

Tyrrell Hatton (-6/1)

- Holds first 54-hole lead/co-lead on the PGA TOUR
- Birdied two of last three holes for the second consecutive day to earn a two-stroke lead after 54 holes
- Making fourth start in the Arnold Palmer Invitational (T4/2017, T69/2018, T29/2019)
- Making his 60th PGA TOUR start with a T3 at the 2018 World Golf Championships-Mexico Championship his best finish
- Along with Leishman and McIlroy, looking to become the fifth-consecutive international winner of the event (Jason Day/2016, Marc Leishman/2017, Rory McIlroy/2018, Francesco Molinari/2019)
- Four-time winner on the European Tour, most recently at the 2019 Turkish Airlines Open
- Top-15 finishes in as many starts this season (T6/WGC-Mexico Championship, T14/WGC-HSBC Champions, T6/THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES)

- FedExCup history: 54th/2018, 79th/2019, currently 81st/2020
- Competed on the 2018 Ryder Cup European Team

Marc Leishman (-4/T2)

- One of eight players to shoot even-par or better in third round
- In search of sixth PGA TOUR title and second this season (2012 Travelers Championship, 2017 Arnold Palmer Invitational, 2017 BMW Championship, 2018 CIMB Classic, 2020 Farmers Insurance Open)
- Making 279th TOUR start and 11th start at the Arnold Palmer Invitational this week
- Along with McIlroy, seeking to join the following players with multiple titles at the event: Tiger Woods (8), Jerry Heard (2), Gary Koch (2), Tom Kite (2), Loren Roberts (2), Ernie Els (2), Matt Every (2)

Rory McIlroy (-4/T2)

- Ranked inside the top 10 on the leaderboard in 20 of last 21 rounds on TOUR; currently T2
- Finished in the top six in last three starts at Bay Hill (2019/T6, 2018/1st, 2017/T4)
- Can join Tiger Woods as the only players with seven or more consecutive top-fives on TOUR since 2000 (Won/2019 TOUR Championship, T3/2019 ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP, Won/2019 WGC-HSBC Champions, T3/2020 Farmers Insurance Open, T5/2020 The Genesis Invitational, 5th/2020 WGC-Mexico Championship)
- Led TOUR in top-10s last season (14); one of three with TOUR-leading five this season (Justin Thomas, Byeong Hun An)
- Last World No. 1 to win the event: Tiger Woods (2009); Last World No. 1 to win on the PGA TOUR: Brooks Koepka (2019 WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational)
- Will defend title at next week's PLAYERS Championship

Miscellaneous Notes

- Bay Hill's +3.913 third-round scoring average was the highest on TOUR this season (previous high: +2.46/R4 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am) and third highest in event history since 1979 (1980/R4/78.840, 1983/R2/76.286)
- Max Homa was the only player to break par on Saturday with a 2-under 70 matching the fewest players under par in a round at the Arnold Palmer Invitational since 1983 (Curtis Strange/R2/1983/)
- Sung Kang was the only player to play the first three holes under-par on Saturday while the rest of the field played those holes a combined 77-over (excluding Kang)
- In his 444th round on TOUR, World No. 3 Brooks Koepka carded highest score of his career with a 9-over 81 on Saturday. Koepka's previous high was a 9-over 80 in the second round of the 2013 Open Championship, his fourth career round on TOUR
- The Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard is part of the Open Qualifying Series (OQS), offering three spots in the 2020 Open Championship to the top players (not otherwise exempt) who finish in the top 10 and ties. The other PGA TOUR events in the OQS are the RBC Canadian Open, Travelers Championship and John Deere Classic

Bogey-free rounds:

R1: Matt Every (65), Scottie Scheffler (67)

R2: Matt Jones (68)

R3: None

Scoring Averages at Bay Hill:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	36.760	35.793	72.554	
R2:	37.387	36.697	74.084	73.313
R3:	38.261	37.652	75.913	73.893

The par-4 18th hole played the toughest in round three (4.754), with the par-5 16th hole playing the easiest (4.507).