



2019 Bermuda Open (9<sup>th</sup> of 49 events in the 2019-20 PGA TOUR Season)

Southampton, Bermuda Port Royal Golf Course October 31 - November 3, 2019 Par/Yards: 36-35-71/6,828 Purse: \$3,000,000

## First-Round Notes – Thursday, October 31, 2019

Weather: Mostly cloudy, with a high of 77. Wind E 12-22 mph.

#### **First-Round Leaderboard**

Scottie Scheffler	62 (-9)
Wes Roach	63 (-8)
Rob Oppenheim	64 (-7)
Bo Hoag	64 (-7)
Russell Knox	64 (-7)

### Things to Know

- First-year PGA TOUR event represents the PGA TOUR's first official event in Bermuda
- Ninth of a record 11 official FedExCup events contested in the fall portion of the 2019-20 season
- Scottie Scheffler opens with 62, ties career-low score
- Wes Roach offset two bogeys with eight birdies and an eagle to post a career-low 63
- FedExCup points leader Lanto Griffin made 16 pars, one birdie and one bogey en route to an even-par 71

### Comparing the top two (entering the week)

Category	Scottie Scheffler	Wes Roach	
Age	23 (6/21/1996)	30 (12/10/1988)	
FedExCup	36	154	
OWGR	86	283	
PGA TOUR starts	15	68	
PGA TOUR wins	0	0	
PGA TOUR top-10s	1	3	

### Scottie Scheffler (1<sup>st</sup>/62)

- 2019 Korn Ferry Tour Player of the Year and Rookie of the Year made an eagle, eight birdies and one bogey to open with a career-low-tying 9-under 62. Previously fired an 8-under 62 in round two of this season's A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier (T7)
- Hit 10 of 14 fairways, 15 of 18 greens in regulation and needed 27 putts to complete his round
- PGA TOUR rookie is making his fifth start of the season and 16<sup>th</sup> overall on the PGA TOUR. Seeks his second top-10 finish
- Earned the year-end distinctions on the 2019 Korn Ferry Tour by virtue of two wins (Evans Scholars Invitational, Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship) and eight additional top-10s
- Dallas, Texas native played collegiate golf at the University of Texas with three others in this week's field: Beau Hossler (66), Kramer Hickok (68) and Doug Ghim (71)

### Wes Roach (2<sup>nd</sup>/63)

- Made eight birdies and an eagle against two bogeys to open with a career-low 8-under 63
- Is making the fourth start of his fourth season on the PGA TOUR
- Best finish of 68 career TOUR starts is T3 from the inaugural Rocket Mortgage Classic last season
- Knoxville, Tennessee native graduated from Duke University with a degree in Sociology in 2011

# **Additional Notes**

- With a 7-under 64, **Russell Knox** was one of just four players to post a bogey-free score. It marked his lowest score on the PGA TOUR since a third-round 64 (8-under) at The American Express in Palm Springs last season
- **Rob Oppenheim**, who birdied seven of his first eight holes en route to a 7-under 64, began the week with firstround scoring average of 68.60 this season. His second-round average is 72.20. He has been unable to break par in round two in four of five attempts
- FedExCup points leader Lanto Griffin, who claimed his first career PGA TOUR win at this season's Houston Open, opened with an even-par 71
- Fred Funk, the oldest player in the field at 63, opened with a 1-over 72 in his 649<sup>th</sup> career PGA TOUR start
- Bermudians in the field: Michael Sims (72), Daniel Augustus IV (73), Jarryd Dillas (76), Kenny Leseur (77) and Dwayne Pearman (80). Dillas and Leseur are the amateurs competing in this week's Bermuda Championship

# **Course Statistics**

	<u>Toughest Hole</u>	Easiest Hole
R1:	Par-4 11 <sup>th</sup> (4.383)	Par-5 7 <sup>th</sup> (4.158)

#### **Scoring Averages**

	Front Nine	<b>Back Nine</b>	<u>Total</u>
R1:	35.025	35.275	70.300
A.M. 9	Scoring Average:	69.32	
P.M. 9	Scoring Average:	71.28	

#### **Bogey-Free Rounds**

R1 (4): Rob Oppenheim (64), Russell Knox (64), Harry Higgs (66), Robert Streb (68)