



#### 2019 Hero World Challenge

New Providence, The Bahamas Albany, Bahamas December 4-7, 2019 Par/Yards: 36-36-72/7,309 Purse: \$3,500,000 Winner: \$1,000,000

# First-Round Notes – Thursday, December 4, 2019

Weather: Partly cloudy. High of 76. Wind WNW 12-18 mph, with gusts to 25 mph.

#### First-Round Leaderboard

Gary Woodland	66 (-6)
Patrick Reed	66 (-6)
Chez Reavie	68 (-4)
Justin Rose	69 (-3)
Justin Thomas	69 (-3)
Rickie Fowler	69 (-3)
Henrik Stenson	69 (-3)

# Things to Know

- Patrick Reed holds a share of the 18-hole lead at the Hero World Challenge for the second consecutive year
- Gary Woodland (T1) made a field-best eight birdies and opened with a 66
- Five-time champion and tournament host Tiger Woods played a three-hole stretch in 4-under and is T11 after 18 holes

# **First-Round Lead Notes**

4 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win the event since it began in 2000 (Most recent: Jordan Spieth/2014)

# Gary Woodland (T1/-6)

- Recorded a field-best eight birdies to hold a share of the first-round lead with Patrick Reed
- Led the field with 21 putts
- Has two top-10s in two starts at the Hero World Challenge (T10/2011, T8/2018)
- In official PGA TOUR events, is 0-for-4 in converting an 18-hole lead/co-lead to victory (T12/2011 Children's Miracle Network Hospitals Classic, T23/2014 BMW Championship, T6/2018 PGA Championship, 5<sup>th</sup>/2019 ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP)
- Made three starts in the fall portion of the 2019-20 PGA TOUR Season and recorded consecutive top-fives at THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES (T3) and ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP (5<sup>th</sup>)

# Patrick Reed (T1/-6)

- Holds a share of the 18-hole lead at the event for the second consecutive year; finished 11<sup>th</sup> in 2018 after a first-round 65
- Has three top-fives in five previous starts at the event (T3/2014, 2<sup>nd</sup>/2015, T5/2017)
- In official PGA TOUR events, has converted three of five first-round leads/co-leads to victories (Won/2014 The American Express, Won/2014 World Golf Championships-Mexico Championship, Won/2016 THE NORTHERN TRUST, 2<sup>nd</sup>/2016 Sentry Tournament of Champions, T7/2018 World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions)
- Made two starts in the fall portion of the 2019-20 PGA TOUR Season, highlighted by a T8 at the World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions

# Tiger Woods (T11/E)

• Played holes 13-15 in 4-under (B-B-E)

- Won the two most recent official PGA TOUR events at which he stood T11 after 18 holes (2012 the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide, 2019 Masters Tournament)
- Captured record-tying 82<sup>nd</sup> PGA TOUR victory at the ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP in the fall portion of the season
- Serves as tournament host and is a five-time champion of the event (most recent: 2011)

# **Miscellaneous Notes**

- **Chez Reavie** (3<sup>rd</sup>) records a 4-under 68 despite a double-bogey-7 at No. 9; got into the field when Dustin Johnson withdrew the week prior
- Albany resident Justin Rose (-3/T4) and has finished in the top five in each of the last two years (T5/2017, 3<sup>rd</sup>/2018)
- Defending champion Jon Rahm (-2/8<sup>th</sup>) has recorded under-par scores in each of his first five rounds at Albany
- The field's first-round scoring average (71.20) was more than a stroke higher than in 2018 (70.16)

# Scoring averages

U	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	35.99	35.21	71.20	

# **Bogey-free rounds**

R1: None

# Hero World Challenge/ONE Bahamas Fund

- As part of ongoing relief and rebuilding efforts following Hurricane Dorian, the Hero World Challenge announced that additional donations will be made to the ONE Bahamas Fund through a charity challenge to the players
- The tournament will make a donation of \$500 for each birdie, \$1,000 for each eagle and \$2,500 for each hole-in-one made during competition rounds
- In round one, there were 80 birdies (\$40,000) and three eagles (\$3,000)
- The ONE Bahamas Fund was created to support relief and rebuilding efforts in The Bahamas and to support its residents who were affected by Hurricane Dorian
- Founders Justin Timberlake, Tiger Woods, NEXUS Luxury Collection, Royal Bank of Canada and members from the Albany community collectively pledged \$6 million as a challenge gift, matching donations by the public dollar-for-dollar for the next \$6 million with a goal of raising a minimum of \$12 million