



### 2019 Hero World Challenge

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

Third-Round Notes - Friday, December 6, 2019

Weather: Mostly sunny. High of 79. Wind E 5-10 mph.

#### Third-Round Leaderboard

Gary Woodland	66-69-68—203 (-13)
Henrik Stenson	69-67-68-204 (-12)
Tiger Woods	72-66-67—205 (-11)
Justin Thomas	69-69-67—205 (-11)
Jon Rahm	70-66-69—205 (-11)
Patrick Reed	66-66-74-206 (-10)

#### Things to Know

- In official stroke-play PGA TOUR events, Gary Woodland is 1-for-4 in converting outright 54-hole lead to victory
- Patrick Reed was assessed a two-stroke penalty for improving his lie on No. 11
- Five-time winner and tournament host Tiger Woods is two strokes back at T3
- Defending champion Jon Rahm is T3; only Woods has won back-to-back at the Hero World Challenge

# **Third-Round Lead Notes**

9 Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win the event since it began in 2000 (Most recent: Jon Rahm/2018)

# Gary Woodland (1st/-13)

- Leads the field with 19 birdies
- For reference, most recent 54-hole lead/co-lead in official PGA TOUR events was at the 2019 U.S. Open (Won); 1-for-4 in converting outright 54-hole leads to victory in official stroke-play events (T10/2014 Farmers Insurance Open, 2<sup>nd</sup>/2016 Mayakoba Golf Classic, 2<sup>nd</sup>/2019 Sentry Tournament of Champions, Won/2019 U.S. Open)
- Has two top-10s in two starts at the Hero World Challenge (T10/2011, T8/2018)
- 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>)

## Henrik Stenson (2<sup>nd</sup>/-12)

- Has finished in the top five in five of his six prior starts at the Hero World Challenge (4<sup>th</sup>/2006, T5/2007, 2<sup>nd</sup>/2014, 2<sup>nd</sup>/2016, 17<sup>th</sup>/2017, 4<sup>th</sup>/2018)
- Made two starts in the fall portion of the 2019-20 season (MC/Houston Open, T20/World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions)
- Finished 90<sup>th</sup> in the 2018-19 FedExCup standings with three top-10s in 15 starts

#### Tiger Woods (T3/-11)

- Tied Justin Thomas for the lowest third-round score (67)
- Hit 12/13 fairways in the third round (92.3%); for reference, last hit a better percentage of fairways in an official PGA TOUR round at the 2018 BMW Championship (R4/92.9%)
- 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)

## Jon Rahm (T3/-11)

- Won 2018 Hero World Challenge in his tournament debut; only Tiger Woods has won back-to-back at the event (2006, 2007)
- Has recorded under-par scores in each of his first seven rounds at Albany
- At No. 3, is the highest ranked player in the field in the Official World Golf Ranking
- Did not make a start in the fall portion of the 2019-20 PGA TOUR schedule
- Finished tied for 12<sup>th</sup> in the final 2018-19 FedExCup standings; earned a victory at the 2019 Zurich Classic of New Orleans with partner Ryan Palmer, one of 12 top-10s on the season

# Patrick Reed (6<sup>th</sup>/-10)

- Assessed a two-stroke penalty for violating Rule 8.1a (4) "Removing or pressing down sand or loose soil" on No. 11
- Has three top-fives in five previous starts at the event (T3/2014, 2<sup>nd</sup>/2015, T5/2017)
- 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

# Scoring averages

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	35.99	35.21	71.20	
R2:	35.80	33.49	69.29	70.25
R3:	34.94	34.83	69.77	70.09

## **Bogey-free rounds**

R1: None

**R2 (2):** Jon Rahm (66), Tiger Woods (66)

R3: 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
- Through three rounds, there have been 245 birdies (\$122,500) and 10 eagles (\$10,000)
- 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