



2019 Houston Open

(5th of 49 events in the 2019-20 PGA TOUR Season)

Humble, Texas
Golf Club of Houston

October 10-13, 2019

Purse: \$7,500,000
Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,441

COMPLETED Second-Round Notes – Saturday, October 12, 2019

Weather: Friday: Showers and isolated thunderstorms in the morning with a high of 75. Mostly cloudy in the afternoon with temperatures in the low 50s. Wind NNW 15-20, with gusts to 30 mph. **Saturday:** Mix of sun and clouds. High of 69. Wind NNE 10-15 mph.

Friday: The second round was suspended at 8:54 a.m. C.T. due to a dangerous weather situation. The round resumed at 11 a.m. with a total delay of two hours and six minutes. Due to darkness, the second round was suspended for the day at 6:56 p.m. C.T. with 59 players yet to complete the second round. **Saturday:** The second round resumed at 8 a.m. and was completed at 10:40 a.m.

Third-round tee times will be threesomes off two tees between 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Second-Round Leaderboard

Peter Malnati	69-65—134 (-10)
Sepp Straka	65-71—136 (-8)
Talor Gooch	64-72—136 (-8)
Scott Harrington	69-67—136 (-8)

Cut: One amateur and 77 professionals at even-par 144 from a field of 143 professionals and one amateur

Things to Know

- Peter Malnati, who completed his round on Friday, gained a career-high 8.290 strokes on the field
- First-round leader Austin Cook followed an opening 8-under 64 with a 2-over 74 and sits four shots off the lead
- Amateur Cole Hammer (67-77) made the cut on the number, marking his first made cut in his second PGA TOUR start
- The par-4 No. 18 played the hardest in the second round (+0.833) with just one birdie (Matthew NeSmith/MC)
- Henrik Stenson, the highest-ranked player in the Official World Golf Ranking in the field, missed the cut (72-74)

Second-Round Lead Notes

- 3 Second-round leaders/co-leaders to win the Houston Open since move to Golf Club of Houston (Tournament Course) in 2006 (Stuart Appleby/2006, Johnson Wagner/2008, Paul Casey/2009)
- 2 Second-round leaders/co-leaders to win in 2019-20
(most recent: Joaquin Niemann/A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier; Kevin Na/Shriners Hospitals for Children Open)
- T23 Second-round position for Ian Poulter before going on to win 2018 Houston Open

Peter Malnati (1st/-10)

Category	Entering the week
Age	32 (6/13/1987)
FedExCup	125
OWGR	240
PGA TOUR starts	138
PGA TOUR wins	1
PGA TOUR top-10s	4
Starts in 2019-20	4
Top-10s in 2019-20	0
Houston Open starts	3
Houston Open top-10s	0

- Bogey-free 65 with five birdies and one eagle
- Career-high Strokes Gained: Total 8.290 (previous best: 5.833 strokes/R1/2018 Wells Fargo Championship)
- Marks second lead after any round on the PGA TOUR (R2/2018 Wells Fargo Championship/T34 finish)
- Missed cuts in last two starts after failing to break par in each second round
- Makes first cut in four starts at the Houston Open
- Advanced to the FedExCup Playoffs in 2018-19 for the first time since 2015-16 (No. 118), the season of his lone PGA TOUR win (2015 Sanderson Farms Championship)
- First child with wife, Alicia, is due on October 26

Sepp Straka (T2/-8)

- Making first start at the Houston Open
- In search of first PGA TOUR win in his second season on the PGA TOUR
- Became the first Austrian-born player to earn a PGA TOUR card when he joined the TOUR in 2018-19
- Has one win on the Korn Ferry Tour (2018 KC Golf Classic)

Talor Gooch (T2/-8)

- Best result on the PGA TOUR: T3/2019 Farmers Insurance Open
- Making second start at the Houston Open (first: MC/2018)
- Best result in three starts during the 2019-20 season: T56/Safeway Open

Scott Harrington (T2/-8)

- At age 38, is the oldest rookie of the 2019-20 PGA TOUR rookie class
- Finished 30th in the final priority ranking on the Korn Ferry Tour to earn his PGA TOUR card for the first time
- Making first start at the Houston Open
- Has two top-25s and one missed cut in three starts in 2019-20

Miscellaneous Notes

- **Beau Hossler**, who lost in a playoff at the 2018 Houston Open, opens with rounds of 70-69—139 and sits T10.
- On his final hole, the par-3 ninth, **Brendon Todd** failed to get out of the greenside bunker on his second shot. On his third, he holed out to save par. His second-round 67 bests his first round by nine shots (76).
- Starting on No. 10, first-round leader **Austin Cook** missed the green on the par-3 14th, his first missed green in regulation of the tournament.
- **Graham DeLaet** makes his first cut since the 2017 CIMB Classic. The Canadian did not compete on the PGA TOUR from October 2017 until last week's Shriners Hospitals for Children Open (MC) due to a back injury.
- **Brandon Hagy** (back injury) withdrew before the start of his second round.
- **Matt Jones** withdrew before the start of his second round.
- **Michael Kim** and **Alex Cejka** withdrew during the second round.

Course Statistics

	Toughest Hole	Easiest Hole
R1:	Par-4 No. 5 (4.273)	Par-5 No. 8 (4.580)
R2:	Par-4 No. 18 (4.833)	Par-4 No. 4 (4.572)

Scoring Averages

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	36.140	35.371	71.150	
R2:	36.290	37.000	73.290	72.384

	Early	Late
R1:	70.68	72.35
R2:	73.19	73.40

Bogey-free rounds

R1 (5): Austin Cook (64), Mark Hubbard (68), Henrik Norlander (68), Cameron Tringale (68), Johnson Wagner (71)
R2 (3): Peter Malnati (65), Brendon Todd (67), Bo Hoag (71)