



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

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, October 12, 2019

Weather: Mix of sun and clouds. High of 69. Wind NNE 10-15 mph.

Third-Round Leaderboard

Lanto Griffin	66-74-65—205 (-11)
Mark Hubbard	68-69-69—206 (-10)
Cameron Tringale	68-71-68—207 (-9)
Beau Hossler	70-69-68—207 (-9)
Peter Malnati	69-65-73—207 (-9)

Things to Know

- Lanto Griffin holds his first career 54-hole lead/co-lead and has never finished in the top 10 on the PGA TOUR
- All four winners during the 2019-20 season have held at least a share of the lead after 54 holes
- Beau Hossler looks to become the first player since 2008 to win after losing that event in a playoff the last time it was played

Third-Round Lead Notes

- 7 Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win the Houston Open since move to Golf Club of Houston (Tournament Course) in 2006 (most recent: Ian Poulter/2018)
- 4 Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win in 2019-20 (all four winners held at least a share of the lead after 54 holes)

Comparing the top two on the leaderboard (entering the week)

Category	Lanto Griffin	Mark Hubbard
Age	31 (6/15/1988)	30 (5/24/1989)
FedExCup	11	25
OWGR	176	236
PGA TOUR starts	32	88
PGA TOUR wins	0	0
PGA TOUR top-10s	0	1
Starts in 2019-20	4	4
Top-10s in 2019-20	0	1
Houston Open starts	1	3
Houston Open top-10s	0	0

Lanto Griffin (1st/-11)

- First career 54-hole lead/co-lead; best previous 54-hole position: T12/2018 Farmers Insurance Open (finished T12)
- Ties career-best back-nine score with a 31 (sixth instance; first since R2/2019 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open)
- Only player to finish in the top 20 at all four events during the 2019-20 season (13th/A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier, T11/Sanderson Farms Championship, T17/Safeway Open, T18/Shriners Hospitals for Children Open)
- Entered the week leading the TOUR in Total Birdies (70) and leads the field in that category (19)
- Making second start at the Houston Open (first: MC/2018)
- No top-10s on the PGA TOUR; last player to earn first career top-10 with a victory: Dylan Frittelli/2019 John Deere Classic
- Shot a second-round 74; last player to win with at least one round of 74 or higher: Brooks Koepka/2019 PGA Championship

Mark Hubbard (2nd/-10)

- Previous best 54-hole position: T10/2015 Puerto Rico Open (finished T27)
- Only player in the field with three scores in the 60s
- Earned first career top-10 at the 2019 A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier (T10)
- Making fourth start at the Houston Open (MC/2015, T19/2016, MC/2017)

Beau Hossler (T3/-9)

- Leads the field in Strokes Gained: Putting (6.434)
- Lost in a playoff at the 2018 Houston Open; the last player to lose in a playoff and win the event the next time it was played was Ryuji Imada at the 2008 AT&T Classic
- Making fourth start of the 2019-20 season; best result: T29/Shriners Hospitals for Children Open
- Missed the FedExCup Playoffs in 2018-19 (No. 145) and earned his 2019-20 PGA TOUR card through the Korn Ferry Tour Finals (finished 17th in the final priority ranking)

Brandon Wu (T6/-8)

- As an amateur in 2019, finished T35/U.S. Open and MC/The Open Championship; first amateur since 1967 to qualify for both U.S. Open and The Open Championship in the same calendar year
- Making his professional debut on the PGA TOUR
- Represented the United States at the 2019 Walker Cup
- Member of Stanford's 2019 NCAA Championship team

Miscellaneous Notes

- The last time two players or fewer were 10-under or better after 54 holes was the 2019 U.S. Open (Gary Woodland/-11, Justin Rose/-10)
- **Cameron Tringale** (T3) birdied his last four holes to get to 9-under; finished in the top five twice in 2018-19 (T5/Zurich Classic of New Orleans, T5/Rocket Mortgage Classic)
- 36-hole leader **Peter Malnati** (T3) shot a third-round 73; in search of second career victory (first: 2015 Sanderson Farms Championship) and first top-10 since the 2019 Zurich Classic of New Orleans (T9)

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)
R3:	Par-4 No. 18 (4.474)	Par-5 No. 13 (4.397)

Scoring Averages

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	36.140	35.371	71.150	
R2:	36.290	37.000	73.290	72.384
R3:	36.141	35.846	71.987	72.298

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)

R3 (1): Brice Garnett (70)