



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

**Humble**, Texas October 10-13, 2019 Purse: \$7,500,000 **Golf Club of Houston** 

Par/Yards: 36-36-72/7,441

Final-Round Notes - Sunday, October 13, 2019

Weather: Mostly cloudy. High of 78. Wind ENE 5-10 mph.

### **Final-Round Leaderboard**

Lanto Griffin 66-74-65-69—274 (-14) Scott Harrington 69-67-72-67—275 (-13) Mark Hubbard 68-69-69-69-275 (-13)

Five players 277 (-11)

## Things to Know

- Lanto Griffin picks up his first PGA TOUR victory after previous wins on PGA TOUR Latinoamérica and Korn Ferry Tour
- Griffin is the only player to finish in the top 20 at all five events during the 2019-20 season
- First time since 1990 that the first five winners of the season led/co-led going into the final round
- Runners-up Scott Harrington and Mark Hubbard pick up career-best finishes
- Top-three finishers earned their 2019-20 PGA TOUR cards via the 2019 Korn Ferry Tour
- Hubbard is the only player with all four rounds in the 60s at the Golf Club of Houston

## Lanto Griffin (Won/-14)

Age: 31 (June 15, 1988)

#### With the victory

- 1 FedExCup
- 2 Starts at Houston Open
- 1 Win at Houston Open
- 1 Top-10 at Houston Open
- 33 **PGA TOUR starts**
- 1 PGA TOUR win
- 5 Starts in 2019-20
- 1 Top-10 finish in 2019-20

## Wins (1): 2019 Houston Open

- Earns his first PGA TOUR victory in his 33<sup>rd</sup> start at the age of 31 years, 3 months, 28 days
- Collects 500 points to move to No. 1 in the FedExCup standings, marking the first time he has cracked the top 10
- Is the third first-time winner in the first five events of the season (Joaquin Niemann, Sebastian Munoz)
- Now has four wins on three different PGA TOUR-sanctioned Tours: PGA TOUR Latinoamérica (1), Korn Ferry Tour (2), PGA TOUR (1); winner of the 2015 Roberto De Vicenzo Punta del Este Open Copa, 2017 Nashville Golf Open Benefitting the Snedeker Foundation, 2019 Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail Championship, 2019 Houston Open
- Entered the week leading the TOUR in Total Birdies (70) and led the field in that category this week (24)
- Stats for the week: 33 of 56 fairways hit, 48 of 72 greens hit, total putts (107)
- Wins in his fifth start of the 2019-20 season; previous-best finish was T11 at the Sanderson Farms Championship
- Becomes the fifth consecutive winner this season that held at least a share of the lead entering the final round, the longest streak to open the season since 1990 (Mark O'Meara/AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, Tommy Armour III/Waste Management Phoenix Open, Peter Jacobsen/The American Express, Robert Gamez/Tucson Open, Paul Azinger/Sentry Tournament of Champions)
- Wins in his first attempt when carrying the lead into the final round on the PGA TOUR

- Only player to finish in the top 20 at all five events during the 2019-20 season (13<sup>th</sup>/A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier, T11/Sanderson Farms Championship, T17/Safeway Open, T18/Shriners Hospitals for Children Open, 1/Houston Open)
- Wins in his second start at the Houston Open (MC/2018)
- Entered the week with 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/R4
- Is the eighth third-round leader/co-leader to win the Houston Open since the event moved to Golf Club of Houston (Tournament Course) in 2006

#### **Miscellaneous Notes**

- Mark Hubbard (T2) was the only player in the field with all four rounds in the 60s; tops previous-best finish on TOUR (T10/2019 A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier)
- Scott Harrington finishes a career-best T2 to better his previous-best finish on TOUR (T23/2019 Safeway Open)
- **Harris English** (T4) picks up his third top-10 finish in four starts this season (T3/A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier, T6/Sanderson Farms Championship, T4/Houston Open)
- **Xinjun Zhang** finishes T4 in attempt to become the third Chinese player to win on the PGA TOUR, and first from Mainland China; T.C. Chen and C.T. Pan, both from Chinese Taipei, won the 1987 The Genesis Invitational and 2019 RBC Heritage, respectively
- Making his 50<sup>th</sup> PGA TOUR start, **Talor Gooch** (T4) picks up his third top-10 finish on TOUR (T3/2019 Farmers Insurance Open, 4<sup>th</sup>/2019 Desert Classic)
- Carlos Ortiz finishes T4 for the second time in five starts this season (Sanderson Farms Championship); all 18 rounds this season have been par-or-better
- Making his debut appearance at the Houston Open, **Sepp Straka**'s T4 finish falls just shy of his career-best finish on TOUR (3<sup>rd</sup>/Barbasol Championship)
- Stewart Cink (T9) earns first top-10 finish since the 2018 PGA Championship (T4)
- **Beau Hossler**, who lost in a playoff at the 2018 Houston Open, finishes T13 in his attempt to become the first player to lose in a playoff and win the event the next time it was played since Ryuji Imada at the 2008 AT&T Classic
- Making his professional debut on the PGA TOUR, **Brandon Wu** finishes T17; became the first amateur since 1967 to qualify for both U.S. Open (T35) and The Open Championship (missed cut) in the same calendar year (2019)
- Making his Houston Open debut and led by a personal-best five birdies in a row on Nos. 12-16, Maverick McNealy carded a
  7-under 65 to finish T17
- Houston native and University of Texas sophomore Cole Hammer finishes T61 in just second TOUR start

## **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)
R4:	Par-4 No. 18 (4.538)	Par-5 No. 13 (4.538)
<b>Cumulative:</b>	Par-4 No. 18 (4.501)	Par-5 No. 13 (4.595)

## **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
R4:	35.308	35.385	70.692	72.011

### **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)

**R4 (4):** Luke List (66), Sebastian Munoz (67), Doc Redman (67), Boo Weekley (67)