



**2019 Safeway Open**  
(3<sup>rd</sup> of 49 events in the 2019-20 PGA TOUR Season)

Napa, California  
Silverado Resort and Spa (North)

September 26-29, 2019

Purse: \$6,600,000  
Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,166

**First-Round Notes – Thursday, September 26, 2019**

*Weather: Sunny, with a high of 85. Wind SW 6-12 mph, gusting to 18 mph.*

**First-Round Leaderboard**

Adam Scott	65 (-7)
Andrew Landry	65 (-7)
Francesco Molinari	66 (-6)
Matthew NeSmith	66 (-6)

**Things to Know**

- Three PGA TOUR winners, two of them major champions, and a PGA TOUR rookie occupy the top four spots on the leaderboard
- Adam Scott fires his lowest opening-round score on TOUR since 2014
- Tony Romo shoots his lowest 18-hole score in seven rounds on TOUR
- Phil Mickelson records his highest 18-hole score at Safeway Open and ties fourth-highest single-hole score of his career
- Defending champion Kevin Tway sits T51
- New for the 2019-20 PGA TOUR Season, the 36-hole cut is 65 players and ties, not 70 players and ties

**First-Round Lead Notes**

- 3 First-round leaders/co-leaders at the Safeway Open to win since 2007 (Rocco Mediate/2010, Sangmoon Bae/2014, Brendan Steele/2017)
- 0 First-round leaders/co-leaders to go on to win in 2019-20 (two events)

**Leaders comparison (entering the week)**

Category	Adam Scott	Andrew Landry
Age	39 (July 16, 1980)	32 (August 7, 1987)
Country	Australia	USA
OWGR	15	155
PGA TOUR starts	320	73
PGA TOUR wins	13	1
PGA TOUR top-10s	97	7
Safeway Open starts	0	2
18-hole leads/co-leads	12	3

**Adam Scott (65/T1)**

- Former World No. 1 makes first appearance at Safeway Open; seeking first TOUR title since 2016, when he won in consecutive weeks (The Honda Classic, World Golf Championships-Mexico Championship)
- Holds first-round lead/co-lead for 13<sup>th</sup> time in PGA TOUR career, most recently 2014 Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard, eventually finishing third. Converted two of 12 previous first-round leads/co-leads (2004 THE PLAYERS Championship, 2011 WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational)
- Thursday's opening round was his 1,100<sup>th</sup> official round on the PGA TOUR
- 7-under 65 marks his lowest opening-round on TOUR since 2014 Arnold Palmer Invitational when he shot 62
- 53-foot, 6-inch putt for eagle at No. 5 was one of six putts he has made from over 50 feet in the last three PGA TOUR seasons, third most in that period
- Despite three-putting his final hole for par, total feet of putts made in opening round: 150 feet, 1 inch

**Andrew Landry (65/T1)**

- 2018 Valero Texas Open champion notched five birdies in a seven-hole stretch (Nos. 12-18) en route to bogey-free 7-under 65, his 16<sup>th</sup> bogey-free round on TOUR and first since the opening round of the 2019 John Deere Classic
- Ranked No. 2 in Strokes Gained: Tee To Green (3.818) and Strokes Gained: Approach The Green (3.367)
- Holds first-round lead/co-lead for fourth time in PGA TOUR career, failing to convert previous three into victory (2016 U.S. Open/T15, 2017 Sanderson Farms Championship/T59, 2018 Quicken Loans National/T8)
- Finished T7 in his Safeway Open debut in 2017 and T66 last year
- Missed the cut in both events to start the 2019-20 season
- Last season, finished T19 at the Wyndham Championship to play his way into the FedExCup Playoffs, moving from No. 132 to No. 123 to advance for the second consecutive season. Eventually finished the season at No. 96 in the FedExCup

#### Francesco Molinari (66/T3)

- In his first appearance at Safeway Open, hit 2/14 fairways and 10/18 greens in a round that required 21 putts
- Finished T14 at last week's BMW PGA Championship on the European Tour, an event he won in 2018
- Since notching his first PGA TOUR title at 2018 Quicken Loans National, he has posted seven additional top-10s on TOUR, including two wins (2018 The Open Championship, 2019 Arnold Palmer Invitational)

#### Matthew NeSmith (66/T3)

- Birdied last two holes en route to bogey-free 6-under 66, his career-low round on TOUR
- In his eighth career start, and third as a PGA TOUR rookie, North Augusta, South Carolina native seeks to make his first cut
- Leading rookie of the 18 PGA TOUR rookies competing this week
- Won the 2019 Albertsons Boise Open on the Korn Ferry Tour and earned PGA TOUR membership by finishing No. 1 in the Korn Ferry Tour Finals 25, entering the 2019-20 season third in the final priority ranking

#### Miscellaneous Notes

- Last year, **Phil Mickelson** (75/T126) opened with 65 to sit third after the first round; Mickelson's 75 marks his high 18-hole score at the Safeway Open (15 rounds); Mickelson made a 9 at the par-5 fifth hole, hitting two balls out-of-bounds. In more than 38,000 holes he has played on the PGA TOUR, Mickelson has only posted three scores higher than 9 on a single hole (11/2008 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, 10/2000 Arnold Palmer Invitational, 10/2018 U.S. Open)
- Former Dallas Cowboys quarterback and current CBS NFL analyst **Tony Romo** (70/T28), the only amateur in the field, mixed five birdies with three bogeys en route to his low round on TOUR (seven rounds), bettering his previous low by four strokes (74/R2/2019 AT&T Byron Nelson)
- Sacramento, California native **Cameron Champ** (67/T5) bettered his previous-best round at the Safeway Open (68/R4/2018) in his third start at this event (2017/MC, 2018/T25)
- **Adam Long** (67/T5) last year opened with 66 to sit T4 after the first-round en route to a T63 finish
- PGA TOUR rookie **Chris Baker** (67/T5) made four birdies in a row (Nos 14-17) before closing with par at his final hole
- Canadians **Corey Connors** (68/T8) and **Adam Hadwin** (68/T8) seek to impress Presidents Cup International Team captain Ernie Els with hopes of being selected for the competition in Australia in December. Captain's picks are November 4th
- Winner of last week's Sanderson Farms Championship and current FedExCup leader **Sebastian Munoz** (71/T51), from Colombia, is one of 61 different players from 14 different countries to have led the FedExCup (since 2007)
- After dropping three shots in his first five holes, **Justin Thomas** (71/T51) finished birdie-par-eagle to close his round
- **Bo Van Pelt** (72/T73), who finished T2 at the 2010 Safeway Open, makes his 399<sup>th</sup> PGA TOUR start (first since 2016 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, a period of 1,321 days between rounds) while using one-time top-50 career money exemption; Van Pelt has been sidelined with a torn labrum in his left shoulder
- Recent U.S. Walker Cup team representative **Isaiah Salinda** (72/T73) makes first start as a professional
- 59-year-old fan favorite **Fred Couples** (74/T116) makes his 618<sup>th</sup> career start (and third at Safeway Open: 2018/T41, 2009/T66), while 17-year-old **Akshay Bhatia** (71/T51) makes his second start as a professional

#### Course Statistics

##### Toughest Hole

R1: Par-4 13<sup>th</sup> (4.222)

##### Easiest Hole

R1: Par-5 5<sup>th</sup> (4.632)

#### Scoring Averages

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	35.882	35.646	71.528	--
	Early	Late		

**R1:**      71.28                      71.78

**Bogey-free rounds**

**R1 (7):** Andrew Landry (65), Matthew NeSmith (66), Cameron Champ (67), Adam Long (67), Bryson DeChambeau (68), Lanto Griffin (69), Andres Gonzales (70)