



# 2019 Sanderson Farms Championship (2<sup>nd</sup> of 49 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Jackson, Mississippi September 19-22, 2019 Purse: \$6,600,000 Country Club of Jackson Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,460

# FINAL Second-Round Notes - Saturday, September 21, 2019

Weather: Partly cloudy, with a high of 88. Wind SE 6-12 mph.

The second round resumed at 7:30 a.m. and ended at 9:34 a.m. CT. Round three times will be between 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. in threesomes off Nos. 1 and 10.

36-hole cut: 68 players at 3-under 141 from a field of 156 professionals

#### Second-Round Leaderboard

Ben An 66-66 – 132 (-12)
J.T. Poston 64-70 – 134 (-10)
George McNeill 67-67 – 134 (-10)
Scottie Scheffler 68-66 – 134 (-10)
Tom Hoge 64-70 – 134 (-10)

## Things to Know

- For the first time, the Sanderson Farms Championship enjoys standalone date, allocation of full FedExCup points
- Ben An fired a second-consecutive 66 to post a two-day total of 12-under 132
- Two second-round leaders/co-leaders have gone on to win the Sanderson Farms Championship since the event moved to the Country Club of Jackson in 2014 (Ryan Armour/2017, Cameron Champ/2018)
- First-round co-leader J.T. Poston sits at 10-under 134 after posting a second-round 2-under 70
- Scottie Scheffler (T2/-10) leads all PGA TOUR rookies in the field after a 68-66 start
- Akshay Bhatia followed his opening-round 70 with a 2-over 74 to finish at even-par. This week marked the professional debut for the 17-year-old phenom
- Defending champion Cameron Champ sits T42 at 4-under 140 after carding an even-par 72 in his second round

# Ben An (1st/-12)

- Began his second round with four consecutive birdies on Nos. 1-4
- Seeks his first career PGA TOUR title in his 98<sup>th</sup> TOUR start. Has finished T2 three times on the PGA TOUR, most recently at the 2018 RBC Canadian Open
- Marks An's third time to hold at least a share of the 36-hole lead on the PGA TOUR. Finished sixth at the 2017 Waste Management Phoenix Open and third at the 2019 Wyndham Championship
- Making his tournament debut at the Sanderson Farms Championship
- His two-day total of 132 matches the second-lowest 36-hole total of his career
- Has made 13 birdies through 36 holes, tied for the most in the field
- Recorded three top-10 finishes during the 2018-19 PGA TOUR Season, eventually finishing 53<sup>rd</sup> in the FedExCup

#### J.T. Poston (T2/-10)

- Carded five birdies against three bogeys en route to a second-round 2-under 70
- Seeks his second-career PGA TOUR win (2019 Wyndham Championship)
- Has now made the cut in all four starts at the Sanderson Farms Championship. Best of first three appearances in Jackson is T29 (2016)
- Has carded 10 of 14 rounds at even-par or better at the Country Club of Jackson

#### George McNeill (T2/-10)

• Tallied six birdies against one bogey during the second round, including five birdies over his final nine holes

- Has made five cuts in six previous starts at the Sanderson Farms Championship, highlighted by a T2 in 2011 at Annandale Golf Club
- Seeks his third PGA TOUR victory with the most recent title coming at the 2012 Puerto Rico Open
- Made nine starts during the 2018-19 PGA TOUR Season. Best showing was a T7 at the Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship
- Played 30 holes at the Country Club of Jackson on Friday after first-round play was suspended Thursday afternoon

#### Scottie Scheffler (T2/-10)

- Began the second round birdie-bogey-birdie-birdie-birdie en route to a 6-under 66
- Played 31 holes on Friday after the first round was suspended Thursday afternoon
- Earned his first PGA TOUR top-10 with a T7 at last week's A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier, where he held a share of the 36-hole lead
- Captured two victories on the Korn Ferry Tour in 2019, eventually finishing 1<sup>st</sup> in the Priority Ranking
- Seeks his first PGA TOUR title in his 13<sup>th</sup> start
- Has tallied 13 birdies through 36 holes, tied with leader Ben An for most in the field

## Tom Hoge (T2/-10)

- Tallied four birdies against two bogeys en route to a second-round 2-under 70
- Has now made the cut in three of six starts at the Sanderson Farms Championship
- Earned a career-best solo-second at last week's A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier
- Recorded three top-25 finishes in 32 starts during the 2018-19 PGA TOUR Season

## **Miscellaneous Notes**

- Carlos Ortiz, who closed last year's event with an 8-under 64 to finish T3, sits T7 at 8-under 136
- Making his fourth start in the Sanderson Farms Championship and first since 2015, Charley Hoffman (T9/-7) followed a 1over 73 in round one with a bogey-free 8-under 64, tying Sam Burns for the low score in round two.
- Twelve players have made the Sanderson Farms Championship their first TOUR win, including each of the last five: Cameron Champ (2018), Ryan Armour (2017), Cody Gribble (2016), Peter Malnati (2015), Nick Taylor (2014), Chris Kirk (2011), D.J. Trahan (2006), Luke Donald (2002), Cameron Beckman (2001), Willie Wood (1996), Ed Dougherty (1995) and Brian Henninger (1994)

## Scoring Averages at the par-72 Country Club of Jackson:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	35.622	35.564	71.186	
R2:	35.020	35.928	70.947	71.067

# Bogey-free rounds:

R1 (8): Tom Hoge (64), J.T. Poston (64), Robert Streb (65), Harris English (65), Ben An (66), Mark Anderson (67), Alex Cejka (68), Jason Dufner (70)

**R2 (14):** Charley Hoffman (64), Shawn Stefani (65), Stewart Cink (66), Fabian Gomez (66), Bo Hoag (66), Robby Shelton (67), Kevin Streelman (67), Tommy Gainey (67), Si Woo Kim (68), Richy Werenski (68), Sangmoon Bae (68), Zach Sucher (69), Ryan Blaum (69), Tim Wilkinson (70)