



## 2020 Sony Open in Hawaii

(13th of 49 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Honolulu, HI  
Waialae Country Club

January 9-12, 2020  
Par/Yards: 35-35—70/7,044

Purse: \$6,600,000 (\$1,188,000)  
500 FedExCup points to winner

### FINAL First-Round Notes – Friday, January 10, 2020

*Weather: Partly cloudy with scattered showers throughout the day. High of 80. Wind ENE 20-30 mph, with gusts to 40 mph.*

*Due to darkness, round one was suspended for the day Thursday at 6:10 p.m. local time, with 14 players remaining on the course. Those players were back in position at 7:45 a.m. Friday to complete their round. Round two began as scheduled at 7:10 a.m.*

### First-Round Leaderboard

Collin Morikawa	65 (-5)
Matt Jones	67 (-3)
Ryan Palmer	67 (-3)
Ted Potter, Jr.	67 (-3)
Sam Ryder	67 (-3)

### Things to Know

- Collin Morikawa's 5-under 65 marks the highest 18-hole lead on the PGA TOUR in relation to par outside major championships since the 2019 Wells Fargo Championship, also 5-under
- 2010 Sony Open in Hawaii winner Ryan Palmer birdies his last two holes to shoot 67
- Looking to become the third consecutive player to win the Mayakoba Golf Classic and Sony Open in Hawaii in the same season, Brendon Todd opens with 68
- Defending champion Matt Kuchar shoots 69 in bid to become the first player to win the event in back-to-back seasons since Jimmy Walker in 2014 and 2015

### First-Round Lead Notes

- 5 First-round leaders/co-leaders at Sony Open in Hawaii to win (since 2000)  
Most recent: Justin Thomas/2017
- 1 First-round leader/co-leader to win on TOUR in 2019-20 (Tiger Woods/ZOZO Championship)

### Collin Morikawa (-5/1<sup>st</sup>)

Age: 22 (February 6, 1997)

### Entering the week

#42	FedExCup
#55	OWGR
0	Starts at Sony Open in Hawaii
16	PGA TOUR starts
1	PGA TOUR win (2019 Barracuda Championship)
5	PGA TOUR starts in 2019-20
2	Top-10 finishes in 2019-20

### Best result in 2019-20: T7/ Sentry Tournament of Champions

- A week removed from his T7 finish at the Sentry Tournament Champions in Maui, Los Angeles, CA native posted a bogey-free 5-under 65, the day's only bogey-free score
- His 65 ties his lowest opening-round score on the PGA TOUR (67/2019 BMW Championship/finished T48)
- Hit 7 of 14 fairways and 13 of 18 greens in regulation

- Earned his spot into last week's field at Kapalua by virtue of his first career PGA TOUR win at the 2019 Barracuda Championship (Modified Stableford scoring)
- Making his 17<sup>th</sup> career start on TOUR and sixth of this season, with last week's T7 being the best of two top-10 finishes this season
- The 2018-19 season marked his rookie year on the PGA TOUR
- Las Vegas, Nevada resident graduated from University of California-Berkeley in 2019 with a degree in Business Administration

#### **Matt Jones (-3/T2)**

- Birdied his last two holes of the day, Nos. 17 and 18, to post a 3-under 67, his ninth consecutive round in the 60s at Waialae Country Club
- Making his eighth start at the Sony Open in Hawaii, with a T15 in 2013 his best showing
- Seeks his second top-10 finish of the 2019-20 season (T10/A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier)
- Seeks his second career PGA TOUR victory (2014 Houston Open)

#### **Ted Potter, Jr. (-3/T2)**

- Making his sixth start in the Sony Open in Hawaii and comes off a T13 showing from last year's event; only other made cut at this event came in 2012, also T13
- Seeks his first made cut in sixth start of the 2019-20 season (includes a WD from Sanderson Farms Championship)
- Made a return to the PGA TOUR this season by virtue of his 2018 victory at the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am (through the 2019-20 PGA TOUR Season). Finished No. 147 in last season's FedExCup
- Only other victory came at the 2012 A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier

#### **Sam Ryder (-3/T2)**

- Reeled off four consecutive birdies on Nos. 16, 17, 18 and 1 en route to a 3-under 67
- In two previous starts at the Sony Open in Hawaii, finished T58 in 2018 and missed last year's 36-hole cut
- Making his ninth start of the 2019-20 PGA TOUR Season, with a T18 at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open his best showing
- Seeks his first career PGA TOUR victory in his 59<sup>th</sup> start. Best showing of T2 came at the 2018 John Deere Classic

#### **Miscellaneous Notes**

- 2010 Sony Open in Hawaii winner, Ryan Palmer, birdied his last two holes, Nos. 17 and 18, to post a 3-under 67 (T2)
- The 2017 and 2018 winners of the Mayakoba Golf Classic, Patton Kizzire and Matt Kuchar, respectively, also went on to win the Sony Open in Hawaii a few months after their victory in Mexico. Brendon Todd, who won the 2019 Mayakoba Golf Classic, sits T6 after a 2-under 68
- Defending champion Matt Kuchar opened with a 1-under 69. En route to last year's victory at Waialae Country Club, he posted 7-under 63s in each of the first two rounds
- Charles Howell III, who came into the week with 23 consecutive scores in the 60s at Waialae Country Club, opened with a 2-over 72. In 18 starts at the Sony Open before this week, two runner-up finishes in 2007 and 2012 are among 10 top-10 showings

#### **Bogey-free rounds:**

R1: Collin Morikawa (65)

#### **Scoring Averages at Waialae Country Club:**

	<b>Front 9</b>	<b>Back 9</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Cumulative</b>
<b>R1:</b>	36.313	35.681	71.993	---