



2020 The American Express
(14th of 49 events in the 2019-20 PGA TOUR Season)

La Quinta, California	January 16-19, 2020	FedExCup points: 500 (winner)
(SC) Stadium/PGA WEST	Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,113	Purse: \$6,700,000
(NT) Nicklaus Tournament/PGA WEST	Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,159	
(LQ) La Quinta CC	Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,060	

Second-Round Notes – Friday, January 17, 2020

Weather: Mostly sunny, with a high of 68. Wind NE 4-8 mph.

Second-Round Leaderboard

Rickie Fowler	65-64—129 (-15) LQ-NT
Scottie Scheffler	65-64—129 (-15) LQ-NT
Andrew Landry	66-64—130 (-14) SC-LQ
Tony Finau	69-62—131 (-13) LQ-NT
Bud Cauley	68-64—132 (-12) LQ-NT

Things to know

- Rickie Fowler cards his lowest round at The American Express with 8-under 64 and ties his lowest 36-hole total on PGA TOUR
- Fowler has converted for the win one of nine times on the PGA TOUR with the 36-hole lead/co-lead
- Scottie Scheffler posts 8-under 64 with a double bogey and seeks fourth top-10 finish in his rookie season
- Tony Finau ties his career-low round on TOUR with 10-under 62 and moves 45 spots up the leaderboard to fourth
- After missing seven of eight cuts this season, Andrew Landry sits one back after 8-under 64 at La Quinta CC
- Landry is the only player in the top five that has already played the Stadium Course
- Tournament host Phil Mickelson sits T110 at 2-under

Second-round lead notes

- 9 Second-round leaders/co-leaders to win The American Express (since 2000)
(most recent: Hudson Swafford/2017)
- 6 Second-round leaders/co-leaders to win on TOUR in 2019-20
(most recent: Tyler Duncan/The RSM Classic)

Comparing the leaders (entering the week)

	Rickie Fowler	Scottie Scheffler
Age	31 (December 13, 1988)	23 (June 21, 1996)
Country	USA	USA
FedExCup	107	24
OWGR	22	66
Starts at The American Express	2	0
Wins at The American Express	0	0
PGA TOUR starts	237	18
PGA TOUR wins	5	0
Starts in 2019-20	1	7
Top-10s in 2019-20	1	3

Rickie Fowler – NT (T1/-15)

- Following his 7-under 65 at La Quinta CC, posted a bogey-free 8-under 64 at the Nicklaus Tournament Course for his lowest round at The American Express

- Tied his lowest 36-hole total on PGA TOUR with 129; either won or finished runner-up in the three previous instances (2019 Waste Management Phoenix Open/Won, 2017 BMW Championship/T2, 2009 Safeway Open/T2)
- Hit 10 of 14 fairways, 15 of 18 greens and required 26 putts in the second round
- Holds second-round lead/co-lead for the 10th time on the PGA TOUR
- In the nine previous instances holding a second-round lead/co-lead, has converted one into victory (2019 Waste Management Phoenix Open) and finished runner-up four times
- Is now 26-under par in his last 72 holes at The American Express (26 birdies and two eagles during that stretch)

	First 6 rounds at The American Express	Last 4 rounds at The American Express
Birdies or Better	20	28
Bogeys or Worse	19	4
Scoring average	72.1	65.5
Score to Par	+1	-26

- Making his third start at The American Express (2010/MC, 2014/T33)
- Finished T5 at the 2020 Sentry Tournament of Champions in his only other official start of the 2019-20 PGA TOUR season
- Chosen by Tiger Woods as Brooks Koepka's replacement at the 2019 Presidents Cup; finished with a 1-0-3 record in Melbourne

Scottie Scheffler – NT (T1/-15)

- In his first start at The American Express, carded an 8-under 64 with a double bogey on No. 18 for his lowest round on TOUR with a double bogey or worse
- Holds the second-round lead/co-lead for the third time on TOUR (2019 A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier/T7, 2019 Bermuda Championship/T3)
- Played the par-5s in five-under at the Nicklaus Tournament Course, making birdies on Nos. 4, 11, 15 and an eagle on No. 7
- Seeks his fourth top-10 in his eighth start this season (T7/A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier, T3/Bermuda Championship, T5/The RSM Classic)
- Made the most birdies and eagles (139) in the fall portion of the 2019-20 schedule to win RSM Birdies Fore Love competition
- PGA TOUR rookie secured fully-exempt PGA TOUR status after leading the 2019 Korn Ferry Tour in combined points earned in the Regular Season and Finals

Andrew Landry – LQ (3rd/-14)

- Finished runner up at The American Express in 2018, losing to Jon Rahm on the fourth extra hole of a sudden death playoff
- Missed seven of eight cuts in the 2019-20 season; only advancing to the weekend at the Safeway Open (T23)
- Owns one PGA TOUR victory: 2018 Valero Texas Open
- Is 58-under through 13 rounds at The American Express, which is his best score to par of any event on TOUR

	Score to Par
The American Express	-58
John Deere Classic	-40
The RSM Classic	-21
Wyndham Championship	-19
Safeway Open	-18

Tony Finau – NT (4th/-13)

- Carded 29 (-7) on the front nine (his second nine) of the Nicklaus Tournament Course for his best nine-hole score on TOUR
- Posted the round of the day with a bogey-free 10-under 62 at the Nicklaus Tournament Course (62/2019 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open/R3)
- At No. 15 in the Official World Golf Ranking, is the highest-ranked player in the field
- In 148 career PGA TOUR starts, owns one victory (2016 Puerto Rico Open and five runner-ups)

Miscellaneous notes

- Tournament host and World Golf Hall of Fame member **Phil Mickelson** (T110/-2/NT) mixed two bogeys and two birdies for an even-par 72 in his quest to become the winningest TOUR player in California since 1983
- In his eighth start at The American Express, **Bud Cauley** (5th/-12/NT) carded a bogey-free 8-under 64 at the Nicklaus Tournament Course, which included an eagle on No. 7 and six birdies

- **Ted Potter Jr.** (T6/-11/LQ) posted a 9-under 63 at La Quinta CC, posting his best score since a 63 in the third round of the 2018 Charles Schwab Challenge
- In his last event playing on a Major Medical Extension after a back injury, **Ben Martin** (T26/-8/SC) carded an 8-under 64 at the Stadium Course; He needs 59.072 FedExCup points to make the combined top 125
- Defending champion **Adam Long** (T68/-5/NT) carded a 2-under 70 at the Nicklaus Tournament Course
- **Ben Crane** withdrew prior to his second round with a torn labrum

Bogey-free rounds

R1 (18): Zac Blair (64/LQ), Cameron Davis (66/NT), Jason Dufner (67/SC), Lucas Glover (67/NT), Brian Harman (67/LQ), Beau Hossler (71/LQ), John Huh (67/NT), Sungjae Im (67/LQ), Andrew Landry (66/SC), Hank Lebioda (65/NT), Ryan Moore (68/LQ), Seung-Yul Noh (69/LQ), Scottie Scheffler (65/LQ), Adam Schenk (66/NT), Chase Seiffert (66/SC), Scott Stallings (67/NT), Brendon Todd (69/NT), Matthew Wolff (67/LQ)

R2 (17): Abraham Ancer (67/NT), Ryan Brehm (67/LQ), Paul Casey (67/NT), Bud Cauley (64/NT), Harris English (68/SC), Tony Finau (62/NT), Rickie Fowler (64/NT), Michael Gligic (65/SC), Brandon Hagy (63/LQ), Brian Harman (67/NT), Scott Harrington (69/LQ), Troy Merritt (68/LQ), Alex Noren (67/SC), Cameron Percy (66/LQ), Wes Roach(65/NT), Sepp Straka (65/SC), Tim Wilkinson (65/NT)

Scoring averages

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
SC/R1	34.865	35.788	70.654	-
SC/R2	34.784	35.588	70.373	70.515
NT/R1	34.615	35.019	69.635	-
NT/R2	34.269	34.654	68.923	69.279
LQ/R1	34.404	35.173	69.577	-
LQ/R2	34.260	34.960	69.220	69.402