



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	

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, January 18, 2020

Weather: Sunny, with a high of 72. Wind E 3-6 mph.

Third-Round Leaderboard

Scottie Scheffler	65-64-66—195 (-21)	LQ-NT-SC
Andrew Landry	66-64-65—195 (-21)	SC-LQ-NT
Rickie Fowler	65-64-70—199 (-17)	LQ-NT-SC

54-Hole Cut: 74 professionals at 9-under 207 from a field of 155 professionals and one amateur advanced to Sunday's final round. The leading six amateurs (three net and three gross) also advance to Sunday's final round. Lowest cut in tournament history is 206 (-10) in 2013.

Things to know

- After missing seven of eight cuts this season, Andrew Landry shares the lead entering the final round after a 7-under 65 on the Nicklaus Tournament Course. When Landry claimed his sole victory on PGA TOUR at the 2018 Valero Texas Open, he shared a third-round lead
- Seeking his first victory on PGA TOUR, Scottie Scheffler posts 6-under 66 on the Stadium Course to share the third-round lead for the first time
- Rickie Fowler seeks sixth career PGA TOUR victory sitting four shots off the lead in third place
- John Huh claims the second ace of his career with a 5-iron from 202 yards on No. 12 at La Quinta Country Club
- Andrew Putnam (T6) cards eight birdies to move 20 places up the leaderboard with a 7-under 65 on the Stadium Course
- Tournament host Phil Mickelson finishes 3-under and misses the cut by six strokes

Third-round lead notes

4	Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win The American Express (since 2012, when event became 72-holes) (Mark Wilson/2012, Patrick Reed/2014, Bill Haas/2015, Jason Dufner/2016)
9	Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win on TOUR in 2019-20 (most recent: Brendon Todd/Mayakoba Golf Classic)
7	Largest 54-hole lead at The American Express (Patrick Reed/2014)
6	Largest come-from-behind win after 54-holes (Brian Gay/2013) *72-hole tournament
2	Wire-to-wire winners (Rick Massengale/1977, Patrick Reed/2014)

Comparing the top two players (entering the week)

	Andrew Landry	Scottie Scheffler
Age	32 (August 7, 1987)	23 (June 21, 1996)
Country	USA	USA
FedExCup	178	24
OWGR	240	66
Starts at The American Express	3	0
Wins at The American Express	0	0
PGA TOUR starts	79	18
PGA TOUR wins	1	0
Starts in 2019-20	8	7

Top-10s in 2019-20	0	3
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Scottie Scheffler – SC (T1/-21)

- In his first start at The American Express, carded a bogey-free 6-under 66 on the Nicklaus Tournament Course to share the third-round lead for the first time on PGA TOUR
- Carded rounds of 65-64-66 for a 54-hole total of 21-under 195. Sets a new career low by three strokes (previous: 198, 2019 A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier)
- Shares the lead in Greens in Regulation hitting his mark on 45 of 54 holes played this week
- Seeks his first PGA TOUR victory and fourth top-10 in eight starts 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 – NT (T1/-21)

- Carded six birdies on his first nine holes (back 9) and two more on Nos. 4 and 5 holding the solo lead until a bogey on No. 8 to share the lead at 21-under. The bogey coming in was just his second of the event
- Has only recorded two bogeys marking his second fewest holes over par through 54-holes in his PGA TOUR career. The only event where he has had fewer was at this event in 2018 where he was bogey-free after 54-holes
- Carded rounds of 66-64-65 for a 54-hole total of 21-under 195. Sets a new career low by two strokes (previous: 197, 2019 John Deere Classic)
- Has only needed 72 total putts through 54-holes this week and is on pace to break his career best fewest putts in an event on TOUR
- 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 65-under through 14 rounds at The American Express, which is his best score to par of any event on TOUR
- Is the biggest projected mover in the FedExCup going from 178th to 16th and moving up 162 positions

	Score to Par
The American Express	-65
John Deere Classic	-40
The RSM Classic	-21
Wyndham Championship	-19
Safeway Open	-18

Rickie Fowler – SC (3rd/-17)

- Following a 7-under 65 and bogey-free 8-under 64, began his third round with bogeys on No. 4 and No. 7. Carded four birdies to rebound and finish 2-under 70 on the Stadium Course
- Is a combined 28-under par in his last five rounds at this event compared to 1-over par in his first six
- Making his second official start of the season, holds a 73.00 scoring average in the third round. Holds a 67.40 scoring average across all other rounds
- 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

Miscellaneous notes

- Tournament host and World Golf Hall of Fame member **Phil Mickelson** (T128/-3/SC) mixed one eagle, two birdies and three bogeys to miss the cut for just the fourth time in 17 starts at the event
- Defending champion **Adam Long** (MC/-6/SC) carded a 1-under 71 at the Stadium Course to finish 6-under and miss the cut by three strokes
- **Nick Watney** (T20/-13/NT) carded two eagles (No. 1 & No. 7) en route to a 7-under 65 at the Nicklaus Tournament Course. It was the fourth time in his career where he has made two eagles in a round
- **John Huh** (T33/-11/LQ) made a hole-in-one at No. 12 at La Quinta Country Club, holing a 5-iron from 202 yards for the second ace of his PGA TOUR Career (2014 Mayakoba Golf Classic)

- **Max Homa** (T9/-14/NT) and **Harry Higgs** (MC/-7/LQ) shared the low round of the day with a 9-under 63. Sets new career low for Higgs; matches Homa's career low
- **Bo Hoag** withdrew after 15 holes of play in the third round due to sickness (flu)

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)

R3 (20): Lucas Bjerregaard (66/LQ), Paul Casey (67/SC), Cameron Champ (68/LQ), Wyndham Clark (70/SC), Tyler Duncan (67/LQ), Michael Gellerman (66/LQ), David Hearn (65/SC), Tom Hoge (66/NT), Max Homa (63/NT), Martin Laird (69/NT), Sebastian Muñoz (68/LQ), Seung-Yul Noh (69/SC), Chez Reavie (67/NT), Wes Roach (69/SC), Rory Sabbatini (67/LQ), Scottie Scheffler (66/SC), Brendan Steele (67/SC), Sepp Straka (68/LQ), Harold Varner III (68/SC), Vincent Whaley (67/LQ)

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
SC/R3	34.902	35.098	70.00	70.342
NT/R1	34.615	35.019	69.635	-
NT/R2	34.269	34.654	68.923	69.279
NT/R3	34.220	34.920	69.140	69.233
LQ/R1	34.404	35.173	69.577	-
LQ/R2	34.260	34.960	69.220	69.402
LQ/R3	33.588	35.137	68.725	69.174