



2020 The Honda Classic

(The 21st 49 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Palm Beach Gardens, Florida Feb. 27 – March 1, 2020

Purse: \$7,000,000 (\$1,260,000/winner)

PGA National (Champion Course)

Par/Yards: 35-35—70/7,125

First-Round Notes – Thursday, February 27, 2020

Weather: Mostly sunny with a high of 64. Wind NW 8-18 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

Tom Lewis	66 (-4)
Harris English	66 (-4)
Five players	67 (-3)

Things to Know

- Co-leaders Tom Lewis and Harris English are competing this week on a sponsor exemptions
- After missed cuts in each of his first four PGA TOUR starts this season, England’s Tom Lewis posts bogey-free 66
- Harris English makes early run at third PGA TOUR title and first since 2013
- Following T2 finish at The Honda Classic in 2019, Brooks Koepka posts second consecutive 74 on PGA TOUR
- Rickie Fowler opens with highest score in relation to par outside the majors since The Honda Classic in 2018
- Last week’s Puerto Rico Open champion Viktor Hovland shoots 77, ties highest score in 61 rounds on PGA TOUR

First-Round Lead Notes

- 3 First-round leaders/co-leaders at The Honda Classic to win since 2000
Most recent: Justin Leonard/2003
- 2 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win on TOUR in 2019-20: Tiger Woods/ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP, Nick Taylor/AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am
- 63 Lowest opening-round score since moving to PGA National in 2007 (Rory McIlroy/2014)

Comparing the leaders entering the week

Player	Tom Lewis	Harris English
Age	29 (1/5/1991)	30 (7/23/1989)
FedExCup	--	30
OWGR	57	194
Starts at The Honda Classic	0	6
Top-10s at The Honda Classic	0	0
PGA TOUR starts	14	232
PGA TOUR wins	0	2
Starts in 2019-20	4	9
Top 10s in 2019-20	0	4

Tom Lewis (T1/-4)

- Playing on a sponsor exemption, England native made two birdies and an eagle (par-5 third hole) en route to a bogey-free 66
- Hit nine of 14 fairways and 15 of 18 greens in regulation
- Was one of only two players to post a bogey-free score in round one (Kyoung-Hoon Lee/69)
- Seeks his first made cut on the PGA TOUR this season in his fifth start
- Won the 2019 Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance last season to earn exempt status to the PGA TOUR for the 2019-20 season
- Making his 14th professional start on the PGA TOUR dating to 2012
- Winner of the 2011 and 2018 Portugal Masters on the European Tour

Harris English (T1/-4)

- Playing on a sponsor exemption, offset a pair of bogeys with four birdies and an eagle (par-5 third) to open with a 4-under 66 in his seventh start at The Honda Classic
- In six previous starts at The Honda Classic, today's 66 marks just the second time to open with a sub-par score (2012/66/T18)
- Seeking to improve on his best finish at The Honda Classic (T12/2019)
- Winner of the 2013 FedEx St. Jude Classic and 2013 Mayakoba Golf Classic

Miscellaneous Notes

- Making his eighth start in The Honda Classic, **Zach Johnson** (T3) posted a 3-under 67. After round one's 4-under 66 last year at The Honda Classic, was T2 before ensuing rounds of 72-71-74 resulted in a T59 finish at 3-over 283
- In his 10th consecutive start at The Honda Classic, **Cameron Tringale** (T3) posted a 3-under 67. Last year's T36 finish marked his best showing in the event
- Making his eighth start in The Honda Classic, England's **Lee Westwood** (T3), who is competing this week on a sponsor exemption, opened with a 3-under 67. He owns three top-10 finishes in seven previous starts (most recent; T9/2013)
- Defending Honda Classic champion **Keith Mitchell** (T120) opened with a 5-over 75 in his bid to become just the second player to successfully defend his title (Jack Nicklaus, 1977-78)
- Following last year's T2 finish at The Honda Classic, World No. 3 and Jupiter, FL resident **Brooks Koepka** (T103) opened with a 4-over 74 in his sixth start at PGA National
- 2017 The Honda Classic champion **Rickie Fowler** (T132) opened with a 6-over 76. In relation to par, it marked his highest score on the PGA TOUR outside the majors since a second-round 76 at the 2018 The Honda Classic (MC)
- Last week's Puerto Rico Open winner **Viktor Hovland** (T138) made eight bogeys, a double bogey (par-4 sixth hole) and three birdies to open with a 7-over 77, tying his highest score in 61 rounds on the PGA TOUR (R4/2020 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am)
- **Matthew NeSmith** (T48) aced the fifth hole using a 5-iron from 186 yards en route to a 1-over 71

Bogey-free rounds:

R1: Tom Lewis (66), Kyoung-Hoon Lee (69)

Scoring Averages at PGA National:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	35.750	36.236	71.986	---

Morning Scoring Average: 72.21

Afternoon Scoring Average: 71.76

"Bear Trap" averages – No. 15 (3.382/3rd-toughest), No. 16 (4.229/T7-toughest), No. 17 (3.215/9th-toughest)

The par-4 sixth hole played the toughest in round one (4.514)

The par-5 third hole ranked as the easiest (4.382)