



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

Second-Round Notes – Friday, February 28, 2020

Weather: Sunny with a high of 65. Wind NW 8-16 mph.

Second-Round Leaderboard

Brendan Steele	68-67—135 (-5)
J.T. Poston	67-69—136 (-4)
Luke Donald	70-66—136 (-4)
Lee Westwood	67-69—136 (-4)

Things to Know

- Brendan Steele looks to convert a 36-hole lead/co-lead for the second time in seven attempts
- Luke Donald and Lee Westwood vying to join Tiger Woods as the only players in their 40s to win on the PGA TOUR this season
- J.T. Poston birdied three of his final six holes to reach 4-under
- 3-over 143 marks the highest cut on TOUR excluding majors since the 2018 Wells Fargo Championship
- 2019 U.S. Open champion Gary Woodland sits T5 and two strokes off the lead at 3-under

Second-Round Lead Notes

- 4 Second-round leaders/co-leaders to win since the event moved to PGA National in 2007
Most recent: Keith Mitchell/2019
- 7 Second-round leaders/co-leaders to win on TOUR in 2019-20
Most recent: Nick Taylor/AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am
- 129 Lowest 36-hole score since moving to PGA National in 2007 (Rory McIlroy/2014)

Leader – Entering the Week

Player	Brendan Steele
Age	36 (4/5/1983)
FedExCup	49
OWGR	171
Starts at The Honda Classic	8
Top-10s at The Honda Classic	0
PGA TOUR starts	231
PGA TOUR wins	3
Starts in 2019-20	10
Top 10s in 2019-20	1

Brendan Steele (1st/-5)

- Tallied five birdies and two bogeys for a second-round 67 to reach 5-under through 36 holes
- Ranks in the top-15 in Strokes Gained: Off the Tee (fifth), Strokes Gained: Tee to Green (seventh), driving accuracy (T5), Strokes Gained: Approach the Green (eighth) and Strokes Gained: Putting (12th)
- Nearly had an ace at the par-3 15th as the ball circled the hole before settling four inches away for a tap-in birdie
- Making his ninth start at The Honda Classic with a top finish of T11 in 2015. Has made the cut in eight out of nine attempts (2019)
- Seeking his second top-10 of the 2019-20 Season after a playoff loss at the Sony Open in Hawaii
- Holds the outright lead after a round on TOUR for the first time since the third round of the 2020 Sony Open in Hawaii
- Three-time winner on TOUR: 2011 Valero Texas Open, 2016 and 2017 Safeway Open

- His caddie, Christian Donald, is the brother of Luke Donald (T2)

J.T. Poston (T2/-4)

- Birdied his final two holes to reach 4-under 136 with a second-round 1-under 69. Carded four birdies against three bogeys overall Friday
- Rank of T2 after 36 holes ties his best career second-round mark (T2 at 2019 Sanderson Farms Championship)
- Making his third start at The Honda Classic. In two previous starts, finished T27 (2017) and T36 (2019)
- Hit 10 of 14 fairways and 11 of 18 greens in regulation
- Ranks third in Strokes Gained: Putting this week (5.830)
- Seeking his first top-10 of the 2019-20 season in his 12th start
- Won the 2019 Wyndham Championship with a final-round 62 for his first PGA TOUR victory

Luke Donald (T2/-4)

- Began his round 3-over through five holes before posting eight birdies over his final 13 holes to reach 4-under for the round
- Matched the low round of the tournament with a 4-under 66. At T2, his position is his best since finishing runner-up at the 2017 RBC Heritage
- A second-nine 30 was two strokes off his career-best nine-hole score. The low nine of his career came at THE NORTHERN TRUST in 2010
- Ranked fourth in Strokes Gained: Approach the Green on Friday (3.595)
- Won The Honda Classic in 2006 with rounds of 72-67-68-69
- In 11 previous starts at The Honda Classic, has earned five top-10s
- Has won five times on the PGA TOUR, most recently at the 2012 Valspar Championship
- Brother, Christian Donald, is caddying for leader Brendan Steele this week

Lee Westwood (T2/-4)

- Competing on a sponsor exemption, countered two bogeys with three birdies for a second-round 69 and 4-under total
- Ranks third in Strokes Gained: Off the Tee (2.686) and fourth in Strokes Gained: Putting this week (4.738)
- Seeking his fourth top-10 in his eighth start at The Honda Classic (first start since 2015)
- Finished fourth in 2012 at The Honda Classic (four strokes behind Rory McIlroy and two strokes behind Tiger Woods and Tom Gillis)
- Making his second start of the 2019-20 PGA TOUR Season after a T22 finish last week at the World Golf Championships-Mexico Championship
- Recently won the 2020 Abu Dhabi HSBC Championship on the European Tour
- At 46 years, 10 months and four days (as of Friday), is seeking to become the oldest winner on the PGA TOUR since Phil Mickelson at the 2019 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am. Tiger Woods (42) is the only player in his 40s to win this season

Miscellaneous Notes

- The cutline fell at 3-over 143 with 69 professionals advancing to the weekend. At 3-over 143, the cutline is the highest outside the majors since the 2018 Wells Fargo Championship (3-over 145)
- **Gary Woodland** (T5) made his eighth cut in as many starts at The Honda Classic with rounds of 70-67. The 2019 U.S. Open champion has previously finished runner-up (2017) and T6 (2011) at PGA National
- Making his second start at The Honda Classic, **Tommy Fleetwood** (T9) extended his TOUR-leading streak of cuts made to 33, 13 more than the next closest player. Fleetwood finished fourth in his tournament debut in 2018 at PGA National
- 2018-19 PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year **Sungjae Im** (T9) carded a second-round 66 to make his 12th cut in 13 starts this season. The 66 matched the low round of the day (Luke Donald/Byeong Hun An/Nick Watney)
- Making his seventh start on TOUR this season, **Jamie Lovemark** (T9) carded rounds of 69-69. Lovemark's last top-10 on TOUR in an individual stroke play event came in 2018 at The Honda Classic (seventh)
- Reigning champion **Keith Mitchell** missed the cut with rounds of 75-72. 2017 The Honda Classic champion **Rickie Fowler** and World No. 3 **Brooks Koepka** also missed the cut. Fowler had a 12-foot eagle chance at his final hole to make the cut, but was unable to convert

Bogey-free rounds:

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

R2: Nick Watney (66), Cameron Davis (67)

Scoring Averages at PGA National:

Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
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R1:	35.750	36.236	71.986	---
R2:	35.958	36.182	72.140	72.063

Morning Scoring Average: 72.24

Afternoon Scoring Average: 72.04

“Bear Trap” averages – No. 15 (3.189/8th-toughest), No. 16 (4.259/6th-toughest), No. 17 (3.021/13th-toughest)

The par-3 fifth hole played the toughest in round two (3.476)

The par-5 third hole ranked as the easiest (4.594)