



**2020 The Honda Classic**  
*(The 21<sup>st</sup> 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**

**Third-Round Notes – Saturday, February 29, 2020**

*Weather: Sunny with a high of 69. Wind NW 8-16 mph.*

**Third-Round Leaderboard**

Tommy Fleetwood	70-68-67—205 (-5)
Brendan Steele	68-67-71—206 (-4)
Luke Donald	70-66-71—207 (-3)
Lee Westwood	67-69-71—207 (-3)
Daniel Berger	69-70-69—208 (-2)
Charl Schwartzel	69-69-70—208 (-2)
Sungjae Im	72-66-70—208 (-2)

**Things to Know**

- Tommy Fleetwood holds the 54-hole lead/co-lead for the first time on the PGA TOUR, seeks first TOUR win
- Fleetwood is the only player inside the top 20 in the Official World Golf Ranking without a victory
- 36-hole leader Brendan Steele falls one shot behind as he bids for fourth PGA TOUR win
- Lee Westwood, 46, seeking to become The Honda Classic’s oldest winner
- 5-under is the highest 54-hole lead (in relation to par) since The Honda Classic moved to PGA National in 2007 (6-under in 2007 and 2008); it is the PGA TOUR’s highest 54-hole lead (in relation to par) in a non-major since 2016

**Third-Round Lead Notes**

- 7 Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win since the event moved to PGA National in 2007  
Most recent: Rickie Fowler/2017
- 13 Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win on TOUR in 2019-20  
Most recent: Viktor Hovland/Puerto Rico Open

**Final Pairing – Entering the Week**

Player	Tommy Fleetwood	Brendan Steele
Age	29 (1/19/1991)	36 (4/5/1983)
FedExCup	130	49
OWGR	12	171
Starts at The Honda Classic	1	8
Top-10s at The Honda Classic	1	0
PGA TOUR starts	63	231
PGA TOUR wins	0	3
Top 10s on TOUR	16	26
Starts in 2019-20	4	10
Top 10s in 2019-20	0	1

**Tommy Fleetwood (1<sup>st</sup>/-5)**

- Carded a third-round 3-under 67 to move into his first 54-hole lead/co-lead on the PGA TOUR
- Should he win on Sunday, first PGA TOUR victory would come in his 64<sup>th</sup> start at the age of 29 years, one month, 13 days
- Has four runner-up finishes on TOUR (2017 World Golf Championships-Mexico Championship, 2018 U.S. Open, 2019 Zurich Classic of New Orleans/with teammate Sergio Garcia, 2019 The Open Championship)
- 5-under represents the highest 54-hole lead (in relation to par) since the 2018 U.S. Open (Dustin Johnson, Daniel Berger, Tony Finau and Brooks Koepka shared the lead at 3-over); it is the highest 54-hole lead (in relation to par) in a non-major since the 2016 WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational (Scott Piercy and Jason Day shared the lead at 5-under)
- Leads the field in Strokes Gained: Off the Tee (3.791)

- Currently No. 130 in the FedExCup standings and is projected to move inside the top 25 with a victory
- Only player inside the top 20 in the Official World Golf Ranking without a victory
- Making his second start at The Honda Classic (4/2018)
- Extended his PGA TOUR-leading streak of cuts made to 33 this week
- Five-time winner on the European Tour, most recently at the 2019 Nedbank Golf Challenge

#### **Brendan Steele (2<sup>nd</sup>/-4)**

- 36-hole leader carded 1-over 71 to fall into second place, one behind Tommy Fleetwood
- Making ninth start at The Honda Classic with a top finish of T11 in 2015; only missed cut came in 2019
- Has finished inside the top 15 in three of his last four starts at The Honda Classic
- Seeking his second top-10 of the 2019-20 Season after a playoff loss to Cameron Smith at the 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 (T3)

#### **Lee Westwood (T3/-3)**

- Hoping to become the first player to win on a sponsor exemption since Collin Morikawa at the 2019 Barracuda Championship
- Seeking third PGA TOUR victory in 238<sup>th</sup> start (1998 Zurich Classic of New Orleans, 2010 FedEx St. Jude Classic)
- At 46 years, 10 months and six days old (on Sunday), would supplant 2015 champion Pdraig Harrington (43-6-2) as the oldest winner of The Honda Classic
- Would become the oldest winner on the PGA TOUR since Phil Mickelson won the 2019 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am at the age of 48 years, six months, 27 days
- Has never missed a cut in eight starts at The Honda Classic, with three top-10 finishes (4/2012, T9/2010, T9/2013)
- Recently won the 2020 Abu Dhabi HSBC Championship on the European Tour

#### **Miscellaneous Notes**

- **Luke Donald** (T3), winner of The Honda Classic in 2006, trails Tommy Fleetwood by two strokes as he seeks his sixth PGA TOUR victory and first since the 2012 Valspar Championship; owns five top-10 finishes in 11 previous starts at The Honda Classic; brother, Christian Donald, is caddying for Brendan Steele (2<sup>nd</sup>) this week
- **Daniel Berger** (T5) is looking for a career-best third consecutive top-10 finish on TOUR (T9/Waste Management Phoenix Open, T5/AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am); the 2016 and 2017 FedEx St. Jude Classic champion dropped a playoff to Pdraig Harrington during his inaugural start at The Honda Classic in 2015
- **Charl Schwartzel** (T5) trails Tommy Fleetwood by three shots in bid for third PGA TOUR victory (2011 Masters Tournament, 2016 Valspar Championship); has four top-20 finishes in six prior starts at PGA National (T14/2011, T5/2012, T9/2013, MC/2014, MC/2015, T16/2019); last start on TOUR led to a T5 at the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am
- 2018-19 PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year **Sungjae Im** (T5) in search of his first victory in 50<sup>th</sup> TOUR start; best finish on TOUR came in a playoff loss to Sebastian Munoz at the 2019 Sanderson Farms Championship; finished T51 in only other start at The Honda Classic (2019)
- **Grayson Murray** (T23) aced the par-3 17<sup>th</sup> hole with a pitching wedge from 151 yards; now has four aces on TOUR

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

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

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

R3: Jason Dufner (68)

#### **Scoring Averages at PGA National:**

	<b>Front 9</b>	<b>Back 9</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Cumulative</b>
<b>R1:</b>	35.750	36.236	71.986	---
<b>R2:</b>	35.958	36.182	72.140	72.063
<b>R3:</b>	35.855	36.116	71.971	72.045

#### **“Bear Trap” averages**

R1: No. 15 (3.382/3<sup>rd</sup>-toughest), No. 16 (4.229/7<sup>th</sup>-toughest), No. 17 (3.215/9<sup>th</sup>-toughest)

R2: No. 15 (3.189/8<sup>th</sup>-toughest), No. 16 (4.259/6<sup>th</sup>-toughest), No. 17 (3.021/13<sup>th</sup>-toughest)

R3: No. 15 (3.290/5<sup>th</sup>-toughest), No. 16 (4.275/6<sup>th</sup>-toughest), No. 17 (3.014/13<sup>th</sup>-toughest)

The par-3 seventh hole played the toughest in round three (3.362)

The par-5 third hole ranked as the easiest (4.333)