



2019 The RSM Classic
(11th of 49 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

St. Simons Island, GA
Seaside Course (Host)
Plantation Course

November 21-24, 2019 **Purse: \$6,600,000 (\$1,188,000)**
Par/Yards: 35-35—70/7,005 **FedExCup Points: 500 (winner)**
Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,060

First-Round Notes – Thursday, November 21, 2019

Weather: Sunny, with a high of 67. Wind ENE 6-12 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

Webb Simpson (PL)	65 (-7)
Cameron Tringale (SS)	64 (-6)
Kyoung-Hoon Lee (SS)	64 (-6)
Rhein Gibson (PL)	66 (-6)

Things to Know

- In second start of the 2019-20 PGA TOUR Season, Webb Simpson birdies last three holes to take 18-hole lead
- Cameron Tringale opens with 64, off to a good start looking for first career PGA TOUR win in 270th start
- Off back-to-back wins at the Bermuda Championship and Mayakoba Golf Classic, Brendon Todd posts 10th consecutive round in the 60s, longest active streak on TOUR
- Saint Simons, GA resident Brian Harman includes an eagle-2 at No. 15 (PL) to open with 67
- Johnson Wagner makes third career albatross to open with 67 (SS)
- Defending champion Charles Howell III opens 2-under 68 (SS)

First-Round Lead Notes

- 2 First-round leaders/co-leaders at The RSM Classic to win: Kevin Kisner (2015) and Mackenzie Hughes (2016)
- 1 First-round leader/co-leader to win this season: Tiger Woods/ZOZO Championship
- 2 Charles Howell III's two-stroke lead from 2018 is the largest first-round lead in tournament history

Webb Simpson (65/-7/PL)

Age: 34 (8/8/1985)

Joined TOUR: 2009

Entering the week

#94	FedExCup
#12	OWGR
7	The RSM Classic starts
3	Top-10s at The RSM Classic (2 nd /2011, T7/2013, 3 rd /2018)
284	PGA TOUR starts
5	PGA TOUR wins
68	Top-10s on PGA TOUR
1	PGA TOUR starts in 2019-20

- Making his eighth start at The RSM Classic, birdied seven of his last 10 holes on the Plantation Course (Nos. 7, 8 and 9)
- Of nine previous 18-hole leads/co-leads on the PGA TOUR, converted for the win at the 2018 PLAYERS Championship
- Following four consecutive rounds in the 60s in 2018, today's 65 moves him to 25-under in last five event rounds
- Seeks his third top-5 finish in the event; 2nd/2011 and 3rd/2018
- Seeks his sixth career TOUR win in his 285th start this week; most recent win came at the 2018 PLAYERS Championship
- In only previous start this season, finished T7 at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open

Cameron Tringale (-6/64/SS)

- In his ninth start at The RSM Classic, offset a lone bogey (par-4 14th) with seven birdies
- In five starts this season, has missed no cuts and finished inside the top 20 on two occasions; T13/Houston Open, T16/Sanderson Farms Championship
- Three times a runner-up, the 2009 Georgia Tech grad seeks his first career TOUR victory in his 270th start

Kyoung-Hoon Lee (-6/64/SS)

- Second-year PGA TOUR member opened with a bogey-free 6-under 64 on the Seaside Course
- One of only three players to play bogey-free on the Seaside Course in round one
- Made a return to the PGA TOUR following a 108th-place finish in last season's FedExCup
- Hit 13 of 14 fairways and 16 of 18 greens in regulation
- South Korea native has missed five of seven cuts this season; T39 at THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES his best showing
- In only other The RSM Classic start, missed the cut last season (77-67—144)

Miscellaneous Notes

- Second-year PGA TOUR member **Rhein Gibson (T2)** birdied five holes in a six-hole stretch on the Plantation Course en route to a 6-under 66. In his only other The RSM Classic start, finished T58 last season
- A week removed from his 39th birthday, PGA TOUR rookie **Scott Harrington (T5)** opened with a 4-under 68 on the Seaside Course. Highlight of his season so far was a T2 finish at the Houston Open
- Making his eighth start in The RSM Classic, 2011 champion **Ben Crane (T14)** opened with a 5-under 67 on the Plantation Course. En route to the 2011 victory, beat this week's 18-hole leader Webb Simpson in a playoff
- **Brendon Todd (T14)**, who won the last two PGA TOUR events, the Bermuda Championship and Mayakoba Golf Classic, opened with a 4-under 66 on the Seaside Course. As a freshman at Georgia, beat Matt Every to win the 2004 SEC Championship at Sea Island Golf Club. With a win this week, would become the first player to win in three consecutive weeks since Tiger Woods in 2006
- En route to a 3-under 67, **Johnson Wagner (T31)** holed his second shot on the par-5 15th hole from 256 yards on the Seaside Course. It marked the third albatross of his career, tying him for the most on the PGA TOUR since 1983 with Tim Petrovic
- Defending champion **Charles Howell III (T43)** opened with a 2-under 68 in his 10th consecutive start at The RSM Classic
- **Michael Kim** withdrew during round one with a wrist injury

Bogey-free rounds:

Plantation: Hank Lebioda (67), Tyler Duncan (67), Nick Taylor (67), Dylan Frittelli (68), Fabian Gomez (68)
Seaside: K.H. Lee (64), Scott Harrington (65), Satoshi Kodaira (68)

First-round Scoring Averages

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
Seaside	34.692	34.718	69.410	---
Plantation	35.779	34.922	70.701	---

Birdies Fore Love

For the second consecutive season, The RSM Classic is featuring the on-course competition over the first 11 events of the 2019-20 PGA TOUR Season. The top three players who accumulate the most birdies (or better) will earn \$300,000, \$150,000 and \$50,000, respectively, for children or family-based charitable organizations of each player's choice. Here's the top-10 leaderboard through the first round of The RSM Classic:

In the field	Player	# of Birdies/Eagles
X	Lanto Griffin	131
X	Maverick McNealy	122
X	Scottie Scheffler	122
X	Xinjun Zhang	122
X	Denny McCarthy	120
X	Brian Gay	120
	Sungjae Im	115
X	Mark Hubbard	114
X	Adam Long	113
X	Bronson Burgoon	108