



### 2019 The RSM Classic

(11th of 49 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

 St. Simons Island, GA
 November 21-24, 2019
 Purse: \$6,600,000 (\$1,188,000)

 Seaside Course (Host)
 Par/Yards: 35-35-70/7,005
 FedExCup Points: 500 (winner)

Plantation Course Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,060

Third-Round Notes - Saturday, November 23, 2019

Weather: Partly cloudy. High of 74. Wind S 10-15 mph.

#### Third-Round Leaderboard

Brendon Todd (SS-PL-SS)	66-66-62—194 (-18)
Webb Simpson (PL-SS-SS)	65-68-63—196 (-16)
Sebastian Munoz (PL-SS-SS)	67-63-66—196 (-16)
D.J. Trahan (SS-PL-SS)	67-63-67-197 (-15)

# **Things to Know**

- 54-hole leader Brendon Todd poised to become the first player to win in three consecutive weeks on the PGA TOUR schedule since Tiger Woods in 2006; would be the first to win three consecutive starts since Dustin Johnson in 2017
- At 18-under 194, Todd ties Austin Cook (2017) for The RSM Classic 54-hole record
- 2018 PLAYERS champion Webb Simpson (T2) hoping to win the event after top-3 finishes in 2011 and 2018
- Sebastian Munoz (T2) trails by two shots in bid to join Brendon Todd as multiple winners this season
- After seven birdies and an eagle Friday, second-round leader Tyler Duncan (T5) posted 18 pars for a third-round 70
- With a 63 Saturday, Scottie Scheffler moves within three of Lanto Griffin in the RSM Birdies Fore Love competition

## **Third-Round Lead Notes**

- Third-round leaders/co-leaders at The RSM Classic to win: Heath Slocum (2010), Chris Kirk (2013), Kevin Kisner (2015), Mackenzie Hughes (2016), Austin Cook (2017) and Charles Howell III (2018)
- 9 Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win this season; most recent: Brendon Todd/Mayakoba Golf Classic
- 3 Largest 54-hole lead in tournament history: Kevin Kisner (2015) and Austin Cook (2017)

## Brendon Todd (1st/-18/SS-PL-SS)

**Age:** 34 (7/22/1985) **Joined TOUR:** 2009

### **Entering the week**

#1 FedExCup #83 OWGR

The RSM Classic startsTop-10s at The RSM Classic

178 PGA TOUR starts3 PGA TOUR wins

14 Top-10s on PGA TOUR

7 PGA TOUR starts in 2019-20

2 Wins in 2019-20

PGA TOUR Victories (3): 2014 AT&T Byron Nelson, 2019 Bermuda Championship, 2019 Mayakoba Golf Classic

- At 18-under 194, tied Austin Cook (2017) for The RSM Classic 54-hole scoring record
- Won in both prior 54-hole leads/co-leads on TOUR (2014 AT&T Byron Nelson, 2019 Mayakoba Golf Classic)
- The last player to win three consecutive weeks on the PGA TOUR schedule is Tiger Woods in 2006 (PGA Championship, World Golf Championships-FedEx St. Jude Invitational, Deutsche Bank Championship)

- Dustin Johnson is the last player to win three consecutive starts: 2017 The Genesis Invitational, World Golf Championships-Mexico Championship, World Golf Championships-Dell Technologies Match Play
- With win at the Mayakoba Golf Classic, became the first player to win twice in the fall portion of the schedule in a single season since the TOUR went to a wraparound schedule in 2013-14
- In his last three starts, is a combined 62-under; by comparison, was 43-under combined in 16 events between the start of the 2018-19 season and his win at the Bermuda Championship
- Dating to final round of the Houston Open, now 68-under in last 12 rounds (66-68-63-67-62-63-68-65-68-66-66-62)
- Before the Bermuda Championship, sat No. 525 in the Official World Golf Ranking; is currently No. 83
- Went through a challenging period in his career, admitting he had the full-swing yips, before winning at the Bermuda
  Championship two weeks ago; after finishing T56 at the 2016 Waste Management Phoenix Open, missed 34 cuts of
  next 36 starts before advancing to the weekend at The RSM Classic in 2018, where he Monday qualified with a 61 and
  finished T54 in the tournament
- Opened the 2019-20 season with four consecutive missed cuts
- As a freshman at Georgia, beat Matt Every to win the 2004 SEC Championship at Sea Island Golf Club

#### **Miscellaneous Notes**

- First-round leader **Webb Simpson** (T2) will enter the final round trailing Todd by two strokes; in search of his sixth PGA TOUR victory and first since the 2018 PLAYERS Championship; has three top-10 finishes in seven prior starts at The RSM Classic (2<sup>nd</sup>/2011, T7/2013, 3<sup>rd</sup>/2018); in 29 rounds at the event, worst score is 71 (R3/2013, R4/2016)
- 2019 Sanderson Farms Championship winner **Sebastian Munoz** (T2) trails by two shots in bid to join Brendon Todd as multiple winners this season
- Seeking his third PGA TOUR win in his 312<sup>th</sup> start and first since the 2008 The American Express, **D.J. Trahan** (4<sup>th</sup>) trails Brendon Todd by three strokes; a win this week would come in his 211<sup>th</sup> start since his most recent win in Palm Springs
- Second-round leader and third-year PGA TOUR member Tyler Duncan (T5) followed a seven-birdie, one-eagle 61 Friday with 18 pars Saturday; in two previous starts at The RSM Classic, finished T25 in 2017 and T74 last season; made a return to the PGA TOUR this season thanks to a 25<sup>th</sup>-place finish on the Korn Ferry Tour priority ranking

#### Bogey-free rounds:

R1 PL (5): Hank Lebioda (67), Tyler Duncan (67), Nick Taylor (67), Dylan Frittelli (68), Fabian Gomez (68) R1 SS (3): K.H. Lee (64), Scott Harrington (65), Satoshi Kodaira (68)

R2 PL (4): D.J. Trahan (63), Ricky Barnes (63), Rob Oppenheim (69), Michael Thompson (65) R2 SS (11): Tyler Duncan (61), Denny McCarthy (62), Kyle Stanley (64), Tim Herron (64), Ben Martin (65), Ryan Armour (65), Jim Herman (65), Brian Harman (66), Tim Wilkinson (66), Billy Horschel (67), Davis Riley (67)

R3 SS (12): Brendon Todd (62), Webb Simpson (63), Talor Gooch (65), Sebastian Munoz (66), Troy Merritt (66), Ricky Barnes (67), Adam Long (67), Tim Wilkinson (67), Henrik Norlander (67), Luke List (68), Davis Thompson (68), Tyler Duncan (70)

# **Third-Round Scoring Averages**

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
Seaside	33.803	34.145	67.947	68.365

#### **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 list of six players in contention to finish inside the top three heading into the final round of The RSM Classic:

In the field	Player	# of Birdies/Eagles	Position
X	Lanto Griffin	138	MC
Х	Scottie Scheffler	135	T8
Х	Denny McCarthy	131	T17
Х	Maverick McNealy	130	T53
X	Mark Hubbard	123	T39
Х	Adam Long	122	T39