



2019 ZOZO Championship

(The 7th of 49 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Chiba, Japan

Accordia Golf Narashino Country Club

October 24-27, 2019

Par/Yards: 34-36—70/7,041

FedExCup points: 500 (winner)

Purse: \$9,750,000

First-Round Notes – Thursday, October 24, 2019

Weather: Cloudy. High of 69. Wind ENE 10-15 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

Tiger Woods	64 (-6)
Gary Woodland	64 (-6)
Hideki Matsuyama	65 (-5)

Things to Know

- Tiger Woods and Gary Woodland hold the first-round lead after opening with 6-under 64s
- After opening with three straight bogeys, Tiger Woods recorded nine birdies over the final 15 holes
- Tiger Woods' co-lead is his first 18-hole lead/co-lead since the 2018 TOUR Championship
- Hideki Matsuyama (3rd/-5) opened with the lowest score of nine players from Japan in the field with a 65
- 2019 FedExCup champion Rory McIlroy (T47) opened with a 2-over 72 in his first round of the 2019-20 season
- Tee times for the second round have been moved up one hour and will run from 7 a.m. – 9 a.m. local time

First-Round Lead Notes

0 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win in 2019-20

Tiger Woods (1st/-6)

Age: 43

Turned professional: 1996

Entering the week

81	Career PGA TOUR victories
2	FedExCup titles (2007, 2009)
#8	OWGR
358	PGA TOUR starts
197	Top-10s on PGA TOUR
0	PGA TOUR starts in 2019-20

- 6-under 64 is his lowest round to open a season in his career
- Nine birdies is his most in a round since the first round of the 2013-WGC Mexico Championship
- Carded three more birdies than any other player in the field in the first round
- Recorded his lowest round on TOUR since a first-round 62 in the opening round of the 2018 BMW Championship
- Has held the 18-hole lead/co-lead 30 times previously and has converted the first-round lead into victory 15 times
- Has won seven times previously in his first start of the season – 1997 Sentry Tournament of Champions, 2000 Sentry Tournament of Champions, 2003 Buick Invitational, 2006 Buick Invitational, 2007 Buick Invitational, 2008 Buick Invitational, 2013 Farmers Insurance Open
- Tied for first in the field in greens in regulation hit with 15/18
- Hit 14 greens in regulation in a row during the first round (Nos. 12-No. 7)
- 81-time PGA TOUR winner could tie Sam Snead's PGA TOUR record of 82 career victories with a victory this week
- Posted a 5-under 29 on the front nine, his second nine
- Hit 6 of 13 fairways (46.2%)
- Played the par-3s in 4-under, best in the field

Gary Woodland (T1/-6)

Age: 35

Turned professional: 2007

Entering the week

#34	FedExCup
4	Career PGA TOUR victories
#18	OWGR
253	PGA TOUR starts
39	Top-10s on PGA TOUR
2	PGA TOUR starts in 2019-20
1	Top-10s in 2019-20

- Tied his lowest opening round on the PGA TOUR (2016 OHL Classic at Mayakoba, 2017 Sony Open in Hawaii, 2018 PGA Championship)
- Finished T3 in the first stop of the Asian swing at THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES after closing with rounds of 65-66
- Has held the 18-hole lead/co-lead three times previously and has yet to convert (T12/Children's Miracle Network Classic, T23/2014 BMW Championship, T6/2018 PGA Championship)
- Has three consecutive top-fives in Asia – T3/2019 THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES, 2nd/2018 THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES, T5/2018 CIMB Classic)
- Has played his last three rounds on TOUR in 19-under-par
- Finished the 2018-19 season with a career-best 15th-place finish in the FedExCup standings with a win, two runner-ups and five additional top-10s in 24 starts
- Leading the field in putting average after the first round (1.39)
- Four PGA TOUR victories – 2011 Transitions Championship, 2013 Barracuda Championship, 2018 Waste Management Phoenix Open, 2019 U.S. Open

Hideki Matsuyama (3rd/-5)

- Hit 15 of 18 greens in regulation, tied with Tiger Woods and Emiliano Grillo for most in the field
- Recorded a season-best T3 at THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES in his last start
- Ranked 23rd in the FedExCup standings with two made cuts in three starts
- Finished ninth in the 2019 FedExCup standings with seven top-10s in 23 starts
- Five-time PGA TOUR winner – 2014 The Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide, 2016 Waste Management Phoenix Open, 2016-World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions, 2017 Waste Management Phoenix Open, 2017 World Golf Championships-Bridgestone Invitational
- First player from Japan to ever win a World Golf Championships event
- Owns eight career victories on the Japan Golf Tour
- Qualified for the International Team for the 2019 Presidents Cup in Melbourne, Australia in December after finishing second in points
- Highest ranked player from Japan in the Official World Golf Rankings (No. 27)

Additional Player Notes

- Making his first PGA TOUR start since the 2017 Wyndham Championship, **Ryo Ishikawa** (T7) opened with a 2-under 68. Ishikawa lost his PGA TOUR card following the 2017 season after finishing 175th in the FedExCup standings and 31st on the Korn Ferry Tour Finals money list. Ishikawa has 11 top-10s in 145 career TOUR starts including a career-best second at the 2012 Puerto Rico Open and T2 at the 2013 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open.
- **Satoshi Kodaira**, the 2018 RBC Heritage champion and one of just five TOUR winners in history from Japan, opened with a 1-under 69
- Only three total eagles were made Thursday – **Bubba Watson** (T14/-1), **Sergio Garcia** (T25/E) and **Pat Perez** (T47/+2) – all on the par-5 18th
- Following his victory at THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES, **Justin Thomas** opened with an even-par 70
- Three Japanese players are in the top 10 after the first round – **Hideki Matsuyama** (3rd/-5), **Rikuya Hoshino** (T7/-2), **Ryo Ishikawa** (T7/-2)
- **Xander Schauffele**, who finished No. 2 in the 2019 FedExCup standings, opened his 2019-20 season with a 2-under 68. Schauffele's mother, Ping Yi, grew up in Japan
- **Daniel Berger** (T4/-3) hit the fewest fairways of any player in the field (2/13) but hit 14 of 18 greens in regulation for a 3-under 67
- Following his win in GolfTV's MGM Resorts The Challenge: Japan Skins on Monday, **Jason Day** (T58) opened with a 3-over 73

Course Statistics

Toughest Hole

R1: Par-4 11th (4.551)

Easiest Hole

R1: Par-5 18th (4.551)

Scoring Averages

R1: 34.399 36.756 71.155

Bogey-free rounds

R1 (2): Gary Woodland (64), Ryo Ishikawa (68)