



### **2019 ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP**

(The 7<sup>th</sup> of 49 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Chiba, Japan October 24-27, 2019 FedExCup points: 500 (winner)

Accordia Golf Narashino Country Club Par/Yards: 34-36—70/7,041 Purse: \$9,750,000

Third-Round Notes – Sunday, October 27, 2019

Weather: Cloudy. High of 72. Wind N 5-10 mph.

The third round began at 6:30 a.m. on Sunday, with players in groups of three starting of tees 1 and 10. Players will not be repaired and the final-round tee times will run from 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. local time, with players expected to resume the final round on Monday at 7:30 am local time.

### Third-Round Leaderboard

Tiger Woods 64-64-66—194 (-16) Hideki Matsuyama 65-67-65—197 (-13) Gary Woodland 64-66-68—198 (-12)

## Things to Know

- Tiger Woods, who owns a three-shot lead entering the final round, is 24 of 24 in his career when he holds a three shot or more lead through 54 holes
- Woods, an 81-time PGA TOUR winner, could tie Sam Snead's PGA TOUR record of 82 career victories with a victory
- Woods will be paired with Gary Woodland (-12) and Keegan Bradley (-7) for the final round as players will remain in the same groups as the third round for the final round
- Hideki Matsuyama (2nd/-13) has the best 54-hole score of his career and is in solo second, three shots back of Woods
- Matsuyama has the best score of nine Japanese players in the field through 54 holes
- 2019 FedExCup champion Rory McIlroy (T7/-10) climbed 14 spots on the leaderboard with a third-round 63 the best of the day

# Third-Round Lead Notes (6 of 6)

6 Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win in 2019-20

Tiger Woods (1st/-16)

**Age:** 43

**Turned professional: 1996** 

**Entering the week** 

81 Career PGA TOUR victories2 FedExCup titles (2007, 2009)

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358 PGA TOUR starts
197 Top-10s on PGA TOUR
0 PGA TOUR starts in 2019-20

- Has converted 43 of 45 times (95.6%) when he's held the outright 54-hole lead. Only two times he has failed to convert the solo 54-hole lead were the 1996 Quad City Classic and 2009 PGA Championship
- First solo 54-hole solo lead since the 2018 TOUR Championship
- Converted 36 consecutive solo 54-hole leads from the 1997 Masters through the 2009 Buick Open
- Marks the 59<sup>th</sup> time that Woods has led or shared the 54-hole lead with the last time coming at the 2018 TOUR Championship. Has converted 54 of 58 (93.1%) previous times he's held the 54-hole lead/co-lead including his last eight
- 16-under 194 ties his third lowest 54-hole score of his career. Best career 54-hole score of 191 came at the 2007 TOUR Championship

Highest Win % with at Least a Share of the 54-Hole Lead PGA TOUR Since 1983 (of players with 5 or more leads/co-leads)

	Wins	54-Hole Leads/Co-Leads	%
Woods, Tiger	54	58	93.1%
Choi, K.J.	5	6	83.3%
Daly, John	4	5	80.0%
Green, Ken	4	5	80.0%
Walker, Jimmy	4	5	80.0%
Wilson, Mark	4	5	80.0%
Els, Ernie	12	16	75.0%
Thomas, Justin	8	11	72.7%
Reed, Patrick	5	7	71.4%
Strange, Curtis	7	10	70.0%
Jones, Steve	4	6	66.7%
Koepka, Brooks	4	6	66.7%
Peete, Calvin	4	6	66.7%
Pettersson, Carl	4	6	66.7%

- Carded five more birdies than any other player in the field through three rounds with 22
- 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
- A victory in Japan would be the seventh country where Woods has won a PGA TOUR event USA, England, Scotland, Spain, Canada and Ireland
- Finished 13<sup>th</sup> in the final Presidents Cup rankings in August and has an opportunity make himself one of four captain's picks when he decides which players will fill out his U.S. Team. If he is picked, Woods would be the second playing-captain in Presidents Cup history, joining Hale Irwin, who was a playing captain in the inaugural playing in 1994. He will be paired with Gary Woodland, who is also in line for a captain's pick having finished 10<sup>th</sup> in the final standings.
- Ties Cameron Champ for the largest 54-hole lead of the 2019-20 season
- First round 64 was his best round on the PGA TOUR after opening +3 through opening three holes (PGA TOUR since 2003)
- Ranked fourth in the field in greens in regulation hit with 42/54 (78%). Hit 15/18 greens in regulation in the third round
- Ranked No. 5 in putts per hole with 1.54
- Has played the par-3s in 8-under, best in the field by three shots

## Hideki Matsuyama (2nd/-13)

- 13-under 197 ties the lowest 54-hole score of his career. Previously posted a 13-under 197 at the 2018 BMW Championship
- Recorded a T3 at THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES in his last start
- Ranked 23<sup>rd</sup> 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-FedEx St. Jude Invitational
- First player from Japan to ever win a World Golf Championships event at the 2016 World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions
- 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)

## Gary Woodland (3<sup>rd</sup>/-12)

- Finished T3 in the first stop of the Asian swing at THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES after closing with rounds of 65-66
- Has three consecutive top-fives in Asia T3/2019 THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES, 2<sup>nd</sup>/2018 THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES, T5/2018
   CIMB Classic
- Finished the 2018-19 season with a career-best 15<sup>th</sup>-place finish in the FedExCup standings with a win, two runner-ups and five additional top-10s in 24 starts
- Ranked second in the field in putts per green (1.52)
- Four PGA TOUR victories 2011 Transitions Championship, 2013 Barracuda Championship, 2018 Waste Management Phoenix Open, 2019 U.S. Open
- Potential captain's pick to Tiger Woods' U.S. Presidents Cup team when Woods makes his selections on November 7
- Finished 10<sup>th</sup> in the final standings with the top eight earning automatic bids in August
- Has never played on a Presidents Cup or Ryder Cup team

• Will be paired with Captain Woods for the final round

## **Additional Player Notes**

- Satoshi Kodaira (T15/-6), the 2018 RBC Heritage champion and one of just five TOUR winners in history from Japan, is the second highest Japanese player on the leaderboard behind only Hideki Matsuyama. Kodaira is tied for first in the field in driving accuracy
- **Xander Schauffele**, who finished No. 2 in the 2019 FedExCup standings, carded a 5-under 65 and is currently 11-under-par (T4) in his opening event of the 2019-2020 season. Schauffele's mother, Ping Yi, grew up in Japan. Schauffele will attempt to defend his title at next week's World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions.
- **Billy Horschel** (T4/-11) carded a 6-under 64 and is five shots back of the 54-hole lead. The 2014 FedExCup champion has five career PGA TOUR victories
- Corey Conners (T4/-11) finished 13<sup>th</sup> in the final standings for the International Presidents Cup team with the top eight earning automatic bids in August but hoping to impress International Team Captain Ernie Els before Els makes his four captain's picks on November 7. Has posted back-to-back top-15s T13/Safeway Open and T12/THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES
- Ian Poulter (T23/-4) needed just 21 putts in a third-round 64
- Following his victory at THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES, Justin Thomas is 2-under (T37)
- Daniel Berger (T11/-7) hit only 38% of his fairways through two rounds (74<sup>th</sup> of 76 players) but ranks 1st greens in regulation at 82%
- Adam Schenk (T17/-6) has only two bogeys through 54 holes -- the fewest bogeys of any player in the field
- Preferred lies were only in effect on the par-4 10<sup>th</sup> during the third round
- The last time a tournament did not re-pair between the third and final round was the 2019 Genesis Open, which was also delayed due to weather

## **Bogey-free rounds**

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

R2 (6): Collin Morikawa (64), Corey Conners (64), Matthew Wolff (65), J.T. Potson (65), Satoshi Kodaira (66), Shugo Imahira (69)

R3 (5): Charles Howell III (66), Shane Lowry (67), Adam Schenk (68), Kevin Kisner (68), Ryan Palmer (69)