



2020 Waste Management Phoenix Open
(The 16th of 49 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Scottsdale, Arizona **Jan. 30 - Feb. 2, 2020** **Purse: \$7,300,000 (\$1,314,000 winner)**
TPC Scottsdale **Par/Yards: 35-36—71/7,261 yards** **500 FedExCup points to winner**

PARTIAL First-Round Notes – Thursday, January 30, 2020

Weather: Mostly sunny, with a high of 73. Wind S 5-10 mph.

Due to darkness, Seung-Yul Noh did not complete his round. He will return at 8 a.m. Friday to play his last hole. Round two will begin as scheduled at 7:20 a.m.

First-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Name	Score
1	Wyndham Clark	61 (-10)
2	Billy Horschel	63 (-8)
3	J.B. Holmes	64 (-7)

Things to Know

- On the heels of three straight missed cuts, Wyndham Clark opens with career-low 10-under 61
- Billy Horschel makes a career-best 195'11" of putts, including two from over 40 feet, en route to a 63
- 2006, 2008 Waste Management Phoenix Open winner J.B. Holmes aces No. 4 en route to 64
- In first Waste Management Phoenix Open start, Scottsdale resident Nate Lashley opens with 66
- Following last week's runner-up finish at the Farmers Insurance Open, World No. 3 Jon Rahm shoots 67
- Defending champion Rickie Fowler bogeys five of first nine holes en route to a 3-over 74
- FedExCup points leader Justin Thomas shoots 68 in bid for third win of the 2019-20 PGA TOUR Season

First-Round Lead Notes

- 60 Lowest R1 score (Phil Mickelson/2013/Won)
- 4 First-round leaders/co-leaders of the Waste Management Phoenix Open since 2000 to convert for the win
- 1 First-round leader/co-leader to win on TOUR in 2019-20 (Tiger Woods/The ZOZO Championship)

Leaders – Entering the Week

Wyndham Clark	Billy Horschel	J.B. Holmes
26 (12/9/1993)	33 (12/7/1986)	37 (4/26/1982)
138	59	150
178	40	99
1	7	14
0	0	4 (won 2006, 2008)
43	238	322
0	5	5
8	7	4
1	2	0

Wyndham Clark (1st/-10)

- Made eight birdies in a 10-hole stretch (Nos. 12, 13, 15-17 and 1-3) en route to a career-low 61, one stroke shy of the 18-hole scoring record in the event (Phil Mickelson/R1/2013, Phil Mickelson/R2/2005 and Mark Calcavecchia/R2/2001)
- Previous low 18-hole score on the PGA TOUR was 64 from round three of the 2019 3M Open
- Ranks second in Strokes Gained: Tee To Green (5.365) and Strokes Gained: Putting (4.227)
- In his only previous start at the Waste Management Phoenix Open, missed the cut in 2018 (74-73)
- Takes an 18-hole lead/co-lead on the PGA TOUR for the second time. Was T1 at the 2017 Sanderson Farms Championship before finishing 17th
- Las Vegas resident has missed six cuts in eight starts this season, including each of his last three starts

- Finished T8 at THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES AND T46 at the ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP
- In his rookie season on the PGA TOUR in 2018-19, collected three top-10 finishes on his way to a 64th-place finish in the FedExCup

Billy Horschel (2nd/-8)

- Highlighted by six birdies and an eagle at the par-5 third hole, opened with an 8-under 63
- Sank 195' 11" of putts, including four from over 25 feet. Of those, two were 45' 6" (No. 18) and 41' 0" (No. 4). Needed a total of 23 putts to complete his round
- Leads the field in Strokes Gained: Putting (5.270)
- The 195' 11" total marks his most feet of putts made on the PGA TOUR (fourth overall at TPC Scottsdale)
- Hit eight of 14 fairways and 12 of 18 greens in regulation
- 2014 FedExCup champion is making his eighth consecutive start in the Waste Management Phoenix Open, with a T11 in his first start of 2013 his best showing
- In seven starts this season, has collected top-10 finishes at The ZOZO Championship (T6) and Mayakoba Golf Classic (T8)
- Seeks his sixth career PGA TOUR title and first since the 2018 Zurich Classic of New Orleans (with Scott Piercy). Last individual stroke-play title came at the 2017 AT&T Byron Nelson

J.B. Holmes (3rd/-7)

- Aced the par-3 fourth hole from 175 yards, two holes after succumbing to a double bogey at No. 2
- Marked the eighth hole-in-one at No. 4 at TPC Scottsdale
- Became fourth career hole-in-one on the PGA TOUR
- Also made an ace in the first round (sixth hole) of last season's Genesis Invitational, which he won
- 2006, 2008 Waste Management Phoenix Open winner looks to become the fifth player with at least three victories in the event (Phil Mickelson, Mark Calcavecchia, Gene Littler, Arnold Palmer)
- Making his 15th consecutive Waste Management Phoenix Open start
- Most recent of four top-10 finishes at TPC Scottsdale came in 2016 (T6)
- In four starts this season, best finish is T16 from last week's Farmers Insurance Open

Miscellaneous Notes

- 2005 University of Arizona grad and current Scottsdale resident **Nate Lashley (T8)** opened with a 5-under 66 in his first start in the Waste Management Phoenix Open
- A week removed from his runner-up finish at the Farmers Insurance Open, 2016 Arizona State University grad **Jon Rahm (T13)** opened with a 4-under 67 for the third straight year. In four starts, has not finished worse than T16 (2017)
- 2018 Waste Management Phoenix Open winner and reigning U.S. Open champion **Gary Woodland (T47)** opened with a 1-under 70
- **Rickie Fowler (T110)** made seven bogeys and four birdies to post a 3-over 74 in his bid to become the third player since 1970 to successfully defend his Waste Management Phoenix open title (Johnny Miller/1974-75, Hideki Matsuyama 2016-17). Dating to the Sony Open in Hawaii, no defending champion has made the cut in his title defense (**Matt Kuchar**/Sony Open in Hawaii, **Adam Long**/The American Express and **Justin Rose**/Farmers Insurance Open)
- **Harold Varner III (T66)** made 18 pars in round one

Partial First-round Scoring Averages:

Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
35.167	35.426	70.592	---

Early/Late Scoring Averages:

Early: 70.58

Late: 70.54 (partial)

Bogey-free rounds:

R1 (11): Wyndham Clark (61), Billy Horschel (63), Byeong Hun An (65), Bud Cauley (65), Harris English (65), K.J. Choi (66), Zach Johnson (67), Patrick Rodgers (67), Talor Gooch (68), Danny Lee (68), Harold Varner III (71)