



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**

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, February 1, 2020

Weather: Sunny, with a high of 76. Wind S 4-8 mph.

Third-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Name	Score
1	Tony Finau	69-66-62—197 (-16)
2	Webb Simpson	71-63-64—198 (-15)
T3	Hudson Swafford	66-67-66—199 (-14)
T3	J.B. Holmes	64-65-70—199 (-14)

Things to Know

- Tony Finau equals career-low round of 62; becomes first player this season with three rounds of 62 or better
- Webb Simpson records his third ace on TOUR (No. 12) and moves within striking distance of sixth PGA TOUR victory
- Second-round leader J.B. Holmes falls two shots behind in quest for third Waste Management Phoenix Open title
- Collin Morikawa becomes first player at TPC Scottsdale since 1987 with three eagles in a round
- Rickie Fowler falls to T40 in bid to become the third player since 1970 to successfully defend his Waste Management Phoenix open title

Third-Round Lead Notes

- 61 Lowest R3 score (Johnny Miller/1970)
- 8 Third-round leaders/co-leaders of the Waste Management Phoenix Open since 2000 to convert for the win (most recent: Rickie Fowler/2019)
- 10 Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win on TOUR in 2019-20 (most recent: Andrew Landry/The American Express)

Leaders – Entering the Week

Player	Tony Finau	Webb Simpson
Age	30 (9/14/1989)	34 (8/8/1985)
FedExCup	56	15
OWGR	13	11
Starts at WMPO	5	9
Top 10s at WMPO	0 (T22/2015)	4 (2/2017)
PGA TOUR Starts	150	286
PGA TOUR Wins	1	5
Starts in 2019-20	6	3
Top 10s in 2019-20	2	3

Tony Finau (1st/-16)

- Equals career-low round with a 62, with all three coming this season (R3/Shriners Hospitals for Children Open, R2/The American Express, R3/Waste Management Phoenix Open); first player this season with three rounds of 62 or better
- Rounds of 62 or better during his PGA TOUR career: first 497 rounds (0), last 23 rounds (3)
- 197 is best opening 54-hole score of career (198/2019 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open)
- 16-under total through 54 holes is his career-best score in relation to par, topping 15-under totals through 54 holes at the 2019 BMW Championship and 2019 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open
- Has just one bogey this week (par-3 fourth hole on Thursday), equaling the fewest through 54 holes of his career (2018 RBC Canadian Open/T37, 2016 Puerto Rico Open/won); will enter the final round having played his last 50 holes without a bogey
- Hit just 13 of 28 fairways during the first two rounds, but 12 of 14 during the third round

- In search of second PGA TOUR victory (2016 Puerto Rico Open) in his 151st start
- Holds the 54-hole lead/co-lead for the third time (2018 U.S. Open/finished 5th; 2018 WGC-HSBC Champions/2nd)
- Leads the field in Strokes Gained: Tee To Green (9.435) and Scrambling (12 of 13)
- Entered this week with four consecutive missed cuts at the Waste Management Phoenix Open (2016-2019) after a T22 in his inaugural start in 2015
- In six starts this season, best finish is T6 at last week's Farmers Insurance Open
- Is now 43-under in his last 11 rounds on TOUR (17-under at The American Express, 10-under at the Farmers Insurance Open, 16-under through three rounds this week)

Webb Simpson (2nd/-15)

- After opening with an even-par 71, now 15-under following rounds of 63-64
- Aced the 12th hole with a 7-iron from 196 yards; his third hole-in-one on the PGA TOUR (2009 Arnold Palmer Invitational/No. 17/R2, 2010 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open/No. 8/R1); most recent player to record an ace and win the same week was Francesco Molinari at the 2019 Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard
- Leads the field in Strokes Gained: Approach The Green (5.939)
- Seeking fourth top-10 finish in as many starts this season (T7-Shriners Hospitals for Children Open; P2-The RSM Classic; 3-Sony Open in Hawaii)
- In search of his sixth PGA TOUR victory and first since the 2018 PLAYERS Championship
- Has four top-10 finishes in nine prior starts at this event, led by a runner-up effort in 2017

Miscellaneous Notes

- After entering the day with a one-stroke lead, **J.B. Holmes** posts third-round 1-under 70 to fall to T3 (two behind Tony Finau); the 2006 and 2008 Waste Management Phoenix Open champion seeking to join Arnold Palmer, Phil Mickelson, Gene Littler and Mark Calcavecchia as three-time winners of the event
- **Hudson Swafford** posts bogey-free 66 to jump to T3; has just two bogeys this week (No. 2/R1, No. 18/R2); lone win came at The American Express in 2017; missed the cut in two previous starts at TPC Scottsdale (2016, 2018)
- 2016-2017 PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year **Xander Schauffele** (T5) trails by just three strokes with rounds of 67-67-66; looking for fifth PGA TOUR victory after multiple-win seasons in 2016-17 and 2018-19
- A week removed from his runner-up finish at the Farmers Insurance Open, 2016 Arizona State University grad **Jon Rahm** sits T11 at 10-under; in four starts at TPC Scottsdale, has not finished worse than T16 (2017)
- **Collin Morikawa** (T16) eagled Nos. 3, 13 and 15 en route to a third-round 3-under 68, becoming the first player with three eagles in a round at TPC Scottsdale since 1987
- Defending champion **Rickie Fowler** (T40) trails Tony Finau by 11 shots 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)

Scoring Averages at TPC Scottsdale

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	35.167	35.426	70.592	---
R2:	35.235	35.235	70.470	70.530
R3:	34.239	34.925	69.164	70.254

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)

R2 (4): Webb Simpson (63), Tony Finau (66), Byeong Hun An (66), Russell Knox (67)

R3 (8): Tony Finau (62), Max Homa (64), Mark Hubbard (64), Xander Schauffele (66), Hudson Swafford (66), Adam Long (66), Tom Hoge (67), Kevin Tway (68)