



2019 World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions

(The 8th of 49 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Shanghai, China

Sheshan International Golf Club

October 31-November 3, 2019

Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,264

FedExCup points: 550 (winner)

Purse: \$10,250,000

Second-Round Notes – Friday, November 1, 2019

Weather: Sunny. High of 75. Wind E 4-8 mph.

Second-Round Leaderboard

Matthew Fitzpatrick	66-67—133 (-11)
Rory McIlroy	67-67 – 134 (-10)
Xander Schauffele	66-69 – 135 (-9)
Sungjae Im	66-69 – 135 (-9)
Adam Scott	66-69 – 135 (-9)
Haotong Li	64-72 – 136 (-8)
Victor Perez	65-71 – 136 (-8)

Things to Know

- Matthew Fitzpatrick shot a bogey-free 67 to take the 36-hole lead by one shot
- Reigning FedExCup champion Rory McIlroy carded an eagle at the last for a 5-under 67 and is one shot back as he chases his third World Golf Championships victory
- First-round leader China's Haotong Li (-8) fell to T6 after a 72
- Defending champion Xander Schauffele is two shots back after carding three birdies over his last five holes
- Eight different countries are represented in top eight after two rounds – England, Northern Ireland, United States, South Korea, Australia, China, France, South Africa

Second-Round Lead Notes

- 4 Second-round leaders/co-leaders to win in 2019-20
- 3 Second-round leaders/co-leaders at WGC-HSBC Champions since 2009 to go on to convert the second-round lead to victory (Francesco Molinari/2010, Dustin Johnson/2013, Hideki Matsuyama/2016)

Matthew Fitzpatrick (1st/-11)

Age: 25 (September 1, 1994)

Turned professional: 2014

Entering the week

#202 FedExCup

#27 OWGR

4 Starts at WGC-HSBC Champions

57 PGA TOUR starts

0 PGA TOUR victories

5 Top-10s on PGA TOUR

1 PGA TOUR starts in 2019-20

0 Top-10 in 2019-20

- Holds 36-hole lead for the second time in his PGA TOUR career. Previously held solo second-round lead at the 2019 WGC-FedEx St Jude Invitational in July. Went on to finish T4
- After making bogey on his opening hole on No. 10 on Thursday, has played his last 35 holes bogey-free. Made five birdies in the second round including four over his last seven holes
- Earned his 2019-20 PGA TOUR card through the FedExCup non-member points list. In 14 starts in 2018-19, finished a career-best runner-up at the 2019 Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by MasterCard after holding the 54-hole lead. Missed only one cut
- Five-time European Tour winner, with his last victory being the 2018 Omega European Masters.

- Chasing his first PGA TOUR win
- Has made four previous appearances in the WGC-HSBC Champions with two top-10s – T7/2015 and T9/2017
- Has made 15 WGC appearances. Best finish in a WGC is a T4 at the 2019 WGC-FedEx St Jude Invitational
- Finished 75th in ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP in Japan last week

Fitzpatrick Quotes

Back nine I struggled with the driver a little coming in. Certainly the back nine, I putted fantastic, as good as I've putted all year. I think the way this golf course is, if you're on the wrong side, it makes a difficult up-and-down. The rough is tough. The greens are firm. They are slopey, as well. Yeah, today was definitely difficult. It's so important to the fairways here, because you miss them, you've either got a terrible lie and hacking out, or you've got a good lie and getting a flyer. It's a big key to hitting fairways around here and if you can keep doing it, you'll give yourself more chances.

Rory McIlroy (2nd/-10)

- Made four successive birdies from No. 3 – 6 and closed out his round with an eagle on 18
- 4-under on the par-3s, the best in the field through 36 holes
- In seven previous appearances at the WGC-HSBC Champions, he has five top-10s. Finished T54 last year.
- 17-time PGA TOUR winner has two WGC victories – 2014 WGC-FedEx St Jude Invitational and 2015 WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play
- Finished T3 in his first start of the 2019-20 season at last week's ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP in Japan
- Won three titles during the 2018-19 season: THE PLAYERS Championship, RBC Canadian Open, TOUR Championship and claimed his second FedExCup title, joining Tiger Woods as the only other player who has multiple FedExCup titles. Voted 2019 PGA TOUR Player of the Year by his peers
- In 2018-19, led or co-led the PGA TOUR in Top-10s (14), Strokes Gained: Off-the-Tee (1.195), SG: Tee-to-Green (2.126), SG:Total (2.551) and Par-3 Scoring Average (2.96)

McIlroy Quotes

Delighted with the first two rounds. To put myself right in contention going into the weekend is something that I wanted to do. It's something that I haven't done a lot of over the last few weeks. I've sort of had bad starts and then clawed my way back into a good position at the end, but to be right in the tournament after two days, I'm excited. It's good to be back in China. I feel like this tournament, the HSBC Champions tournament, has gotten bigger and better every year. The support out there is fantastic, and excited to play in front the Chinese people for another two days/ I got off to a very good start. I was 4-under through six. Made four birdies in a row. Then it sort of slowed up a little bit around the middle of the round, but I started -- I had some chances. I made a good birdie on 13. Had a about chance on 14 and 16, as well, but with all of that said, I made a good 3 at the last and keeps me in it and good to be in contention going into the weekend.

Sungjae Im (T3/-9)

- Making his debut in a World Golf Championships event
- Opened his second round with four consecutive birdies
- Ranks T2 in Driving Accuracy with 21 of 28 (75%) fairways hit through two rounds
- Has made five starts in 2019-20 PGA TOUR Season, earning a career-best runner-up at the 2019 Sanderson Farms Championship, where he fell to Sebastian Munoz in a playoff
- Finished T3 at the ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP in Japan in his last start
- Ranked No. 7 in the 2020 FedExCup standings
- Was voted 2019 PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year, becoming the first player since Stewart Cink (1996/1997) to win PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year (Arnold Palmer Award) after claiming the Player of the Year award on the Korn Ferry Tour the prior year
- Contending for a captain's pick when International Team captain Ernie Els names his four remaining players for the Presidents Cup on November 6

Im Quotes

This is my last tournament, so right now, I'm in third place, but my position is pretty well and I can win maybe.

Adam Scott (T3/-9)

- Making his ninth appearance at the WGC-HSBC Champions. Best finish – 8th/2010
- Has made three prior starts during the 2019-20 Season with a T17 at the Safeway Open as his best finish thus far
- Two career World Golf Championships victories -- 2011 WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational and 2016 WGC-Mexico Championship
- Finished No. 6 on 2019 FedExCup points list. Recorded nine top-10s including two runners-up – 2019 Farmers Insurance Open and 2019 the Memorial Tournament

- 13-time PGA TOUR winner in search of first TOUR victory since the 2016 World Golf Championship-Mexico Championship.
- Owns European Tour victories in China, Singapore and Qatar
- Will make a record ninth appearance for the International Team in the Presidents Cup at Royal Melbourne Golf Club, Australia next month.

Xander Schauffele (T3/-9)

- Bidding to become the first player to successfully defend the WGC-HSCBC Champions title
- Carded a second-round 69 with three birdies over his closing five holes
- Ranked T2 in putts per hole (1.36)
- Has made 14 birdies through 36 holes, the most in the field

Additional Player Notes

- After leading on day 1, China's Haotong Li is three shots back after a 72 which featured two birdies and two bogeys
- **Victor Perez (T6/-8)** shot a 71 and is 8-under on the par-5s, the best in the field. Recorded his third eagle of the week at the par-5 2nd hole
- Seven Chinese players are in the field: **Haotong Li (T6/-8), Yechun Yuan (T11/-5), Xinjun Zhang (T26/-3), Wenchong Liang (T67/+4), Zheng-kai Bai (T70/+5), Ashun Wu (T73/+7), Zecheng Dou (T73/+7)**
- 17 players have played all three weeks of the Asian Swing – **Jordan Spieth, Hideki Matsuyama, Ian Poulter, Billy Horschel, Sergio Garcia, Sungjae Im, Tommy Fleetwood, Lucas Glover, Corey Connors, Byeong Hun An, Chez Reavie, Rafa Cabrera Bello, Jazz Janewattananond, Kevin Tway, Andrew Putnam, Abraham Ancer and Charles Howell III**
- 15 different countries are represented in the top 25 on the leaderboard
- The par-4 9th at Sheshan International Golf Club was the toughest hole on the PGA TOUR for the 2018-19 season at a stroke average of 4.44. The 9th played to an average of 4.295 in Friday's second round
- Sheshan International's par-5 8th was the toughest par-5 on the PGA TOUR for the 2018-19 season with a stroke average of 5.084 – one of only four par-5s on TOUR to play to an over-par score a season ago
- The par-3 17th at Sheshan International Golf Club was the toughest par-3 on the PGA TOUR for the 2018-19 season with a stroke average of 3.338

Course Statistics

Toughest Hole

R1: Par-4 9th hole (4.218)

R2: Par-4 9th hole (4.295)

Easiest Hole

R1: Par-5 2nd hole (4.372)

R2: Par-5 18th hole (4.538)

Scoring Averages

R1: 35.051 35.833 70.884

R2: 35.666 36.166 71.832

Bogey-free rounds

R1 (2): Yechun Yuan (69), Bryce Easton (70)

R2 (4): Paul Waring (65), Matthew Fitzpatrick (67), Scott Hend 69), Jason Kokrak (70)