



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

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, November 2, 2019

Weather: Mostly sunny. High of 76. Wind ENE 4-8 mph.

Third-Round Leaderboard

Rory McIlroy	67-67-67—201 (-15)
Louis Oosthuizen	68-69-65—202 (-14)
Xander Schauffele	66-69-68—203 (-13)
Matthew Fitzpatrick	66-67-70—203 (-13)
Paul Waring	73-65-66—204 (-12)

Things to Know

- Reigning FedExCup champion Rory McIlroy recorded his third consecutive 5-under 67 to grab the 54-hole lead by one shot
- Louis Oosthuizen posted the round of the day with a 7-under 65 to move into solo-second at 14-under
- Haotong Li (T15) remains the top Chinese player on the leaderboard among seven Chinese players in the field at 6-under-210
- Defending champion Xander Schauffele (T3/-13) is two shots back entering the final round after a 4-under 68
- 36-hole leader Matthew Fitzpatrick (T3/13) is two shots back in search of his first career PGA TOUR victory after a third-round 70
- Eight different countries are represented in the top 10 after three rounds – Northern Ireland, South Africa, United States of America, England, South Korea, Mexico, Austria, France

Third-Round Lead Notes

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

5 Third-round leaders/co-leaders at WGC-HSBC Champions since 2009 to go on to convert into victory

Rory McIlroy (1st/-15)

Age: 30 (May 4, 1989)

Turned professional: 2007

Entering the week

#35	FedExCup
#2	OWGR
7	Starts at WGC-HSBC Champions
169	PGA TOUR starts
17	PGA TOUR victories
82	Top-10s on PGA TOUR
2	FedExCup titles (2016, 2019)
1	PGA TOUR starts in 2019-20
1	Top-10s in 2019-20

- 17-time PGA TOUR winner has won three of his last 14 PGA TOUR starts – 2019 THE PLAYERS Championship, 2019 RBC Canadian Open, 2019 TOUR Championship
- Has converted seven of 12 times with the 54-hole lead/co-lead and six of 10 times with the outright 54-hole lead
- Last held the 54-hole solo lead at the 2019 World Golf Championships-FedEx St. Jude Invitational where he finished T4 with a final-round 71
- 5-under on the par-3s through 54 holes, two shots better than any player in the field

- Has five top-10s (4th/2009, 5th/2010, T4/2011, T6/2012, T6/2013, T4/2016) in seven previous appearances at the WGC-HSBC Champions. Finished T54 in 2018
- Two career World Golf Championships 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
- Lone career win in Asia came at the European and Asian Tours' 2011 UBS Hong Kong Open
- 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 players with multiple FedExCup titles. Voted 2019 PGA TOUR Player of the Year by his peers

McIlroy Quotes

Yeah, it was nice. It's funny, I was on the phone to my manager, Sean, last night, and I just shot two 67s and he said another two 67s and should get the job done. I'm halfway there for that. I think if I can go out tomorrow and play similar to how I did today, I should have a good chance to win. But I probably played the best today that I've played all week. I drove the ball well. Hitting my irons pretty good for the most part. I feel like I didn't quite get as much out of the round as I could have but I'm not going to complain. I'm in the lead going into tomorrow, so yeah, just need to rest up and try to get out there and play another good, solid round of golf. Louis, he's been up there a lot. I think -- has he finished second in all four majors? So that's a pretty -- it's hard to win. He obviously won The Open in 2010. I feel like a lot of times where I've played well, he's played well.

Louis Oosthuizen (2nd/-14)

- Carded five consecutive birdies to open the third round on his way to the round of the day with a 65
- Played the par-4s in 10-under par through 54 holes, two shots better than any player in the field
- 10 career top-10s in World Golf Championships events but has never won a WGC event. Last top-10 in a WGC event came at the 2019 WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play, where he fell in the quarterfinals 2 & 1 to eventual champion Kevin Kisner
- Entered the final round of the 2011 WGC-HSBC Champions in solo second but finished T7 with an even-par 72
- Seven prior starts at the World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions with top-10s in 2011 (T7) and 2012 (T6)
- Finished T46 at the ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP in his lone start of the 2019-20 PGA TOUR season
- Finished T21 in the 2019 FedExCup standings with five top-10s in 19 starts
- Made the third hole-in-one of his PGA TOUR career in the first round with a 6-iron on the 197-yard par-3 6th
- Owns 32 career top-10s in 172 PGA TOUR starts but only one TOUR victory – 2010 Open Championship

Oosthuizen Quotes

Yeah, five in a row, and then just played decent. Played solid golf. Rolling the ball nicely on the greens, and need to have another good one tomorrow. It's been getting better every round. Struggled the first two rounds with my driver. A little bit better today. Still a few wayward ones there in the middle of the round, but you know, I'm hitting my irons very good and I'm rolling the ball nicely, so that helps. You need to drive it good. If you drive it good around this golf course, with the greens being the way they are, you can score low. You can have a low score because it's like I said before, I think it's the best I've seen the greens before. Played with Rory the last two rounds last week. He's absolutely striping it. I need to play really good golf tomorrow.

Xander Schauffele (T3/-13)

- Bidding to become the first player to successfully defend his WGC-HSBC Champions title
- Entered the final round in 2018 three shots back of Tony Finau's lead but forced a playoff with the best round of the day – 4-under 68 – and defeated Finau on the first playoff hole with a two-putt birdie
- All four of his PGA TOUR victories have been come-from-behind victories
- Played the first three holes and the last three holes in 6-under-par but played Nos. 4-15 in 2-over-par for a 4-under 68
- Has made 21 birdies through 54 holes, three more than any player in the field

Schauffele Quotes

It was weird, I don't think I've ever birdied the first three holes and the last three. Kind of a stall-out in the middle of the round. Yeah, I'm happy, right here I'm in the mix with one day to go. I was hitting it much better than I did the first two days, and was laughing with my caddie -- imagine missing every putt I can mid-stretch. I finished well here in the final three holes before, and was able to do it again.

Additional Player Notes

- **Matthew Fitzpatrick (T3/-13)** has the fewest bogeys of any player in the field with four
- Making his World Golf Championships debut, 2019 PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year **Sungjae Im (T6/-11)** bogeyed his last two holes for a 2-under 70 and is in search of his first PGA TOUR victory. Ranked No. 7 in the FedExCup standings with two top-threes this season (2nd at the Sanderson Farms Championship and T3 at the ZOZO Championship)

- **Jason Kokrak (T6/-11)** leads the field in greens in regulation with 44 of 54 (81%) and driving distance (326)
- **Christian Bezuidenhout (T10/-9)** needed only 21 putts in a third-round 66 and leads the field in putts per hole (1.31)
- 2018 FedExCup champion **Justin Rose (T15/-6)** owns the largest come-from-behind victory in WGC-HSBC Champions history with an eight-shot come-from-behind victory in 2017, third largest in PGA TOUR history
- Making his first career World Golf Championships start, **Paul Waring (5th/-12)** tied the second-best round of the day with a 6-under 66 and is three back of McIlroy's lead
- China's **Haotong Li (T15/-6)** was 5-under-par thru seven holes but played his final 11 holes in 7-over-par for a 2-over 74
- **Martin Kaymer** owns the lowest final round by a winner in WGC-HSBC Champions history with a final-round 63 in 2011
- **Hideki Matsuyama (T15/-6)** owns the largest margin of victory in tournament history with his seven-shot win in 2016
- There have been two playoffs in tournament history – Bubba Watson defeating Tim Clark in 2015 and Schauffele defeating Tony Finau in 2019
- Seven Chinese players are in the field: **Haotong Li (T15/-6), Yechun Yuan (T27/-3), Xinjun Zhang (T30/-2), Wenchong Liang (T69/+7), Zheng-kai Bai (T69/+7), Ashun Wu (T69/+7), Zecheng Dou (T69/+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 Janewattanond, Kevin Tway, Andrew Putnam, Abraham Ancer and Charles Howell III**
- 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 4.299 in the third 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 – 4.218

R2: Par-4 9th – 4.295

R3: Par-3 17th – 3.390

Easiest Hole

R1: Par-5 2nd – 4.372

R2: Par-5 18th – 4.538

R3: Par-5 18th – 4.468

Scoring Averages

R1: 35.051 35.833 70.884

R2: 35.666 36.166 71.832

R3: 35.675 36.235 71.910

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)

R3 (3): Rory McIlroy (67), Rafa Cabrera Bello (69), Victor Perez (71)