



2019 Bermuda Open
(9th of 49 events in the 2019-20 PGA TOUR Season)

Southampton, Bermuda
Port Royal Golf Course

October 31 - November 3, 2019
Par/Yards: 36-35—71/6,828

Purse: \$3,000,000

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, November 2, 2019

Weather: Mostly sunny, with a high of 79. Wind ESE 10-16 mph.

Third-Round Leaderboard

Harry Higgs	66-65-65—196 (-17)
Brendon Todd	68-63-67—198 (-15)
Bo Hoag	64-71-64—199 (-14)
Brian Gay	69-65-65—199 (-14)

Things to Know

- First-year PGA TOUR event represents the PGA TOUR’s first official event in Bermuda
- Ninth of a record 11 official FedExCup events contested in the fall portion of the 2019-20 season
- Harry Higgs plays first 49 holes without a bogey; takes first-ever 18-, 36- or 54-hole lead on PGA TOUR or Korn Ferry Tour
- Each of the seven 54-hole leaders/co-leaders so far this season on TOUR have converted for the win
- After battling injuries, Brendon Todd in position for first PGA TOUR win since 2014

Comparing the top two (entering the week)

Category	Harry Higgs	Brendon Todd
Age	27 (12/04/1991)	34 (07/22/1985)
FedExCup	83	154
OWGR	166	525
PGA TOUR starts	5	176
PGA TOUR wins	0	1
PGA TOUR top-10s	0	12

Harry Higgs (1st/-17)

- Has never previously been higher than T2 after a first, second or third round on the PGA TOUR or Korn Ferry Tour
- Birdied his final hole of the day for a second-consecutive 6-under 65 and claim a two-stroke lead
- Only player bogey-free through 36 holes didn’t make a bogey until No. 14 in round three, his 50th of the event
- PGA TOUR rookie birdied three of the four par-3 holes in round three and was one of only four players to make birdie at the signature 16th (216 yards). Also birdied No. 16 in round one
- Leads the field in Scrambling this week: R1: 6 of 6, R2: 6 of 6, R3: 7 of 7 (19/19)
- New Jersey native and SMU grad is making his sixth PGA TOUR start after earning membership by finishing No. 5 on the Korn Ferry Tour Regular Season points list and sixth in the final priority ranking
- Made 18 cuts in 22 starts on the Korn Ferry Tour in 2019, including a win at the Price Cutter Charity Championship
- In 2018, won the Diners Club Peru Open on PGA TOUR Latinoamerica and went on to earn Player of the Year honors. With a win this week, would join Ted Purdy, Fabian Gomez, Emiliano Grillo, Martin Trainer, Nate Lashley and Lanto Griffin as winners on PGA TOUR Lationamerica, Korn Ferry Tour and PGA TOUR

Brendon Todd (2nd/-15)

- Highlighted by a pitch-in birdie at the par-4 12th, made five birdies against one bogey at No. 14, just his second of the week
- With no full status the last three seasons, the 2014 AT&T Byron Nelson champion regained his PGA TOUR card after finishing No. 8 on the Korn Ferry Tour Finals points list and 15th in the final priority ranking
- Missed the cut in his first four starts this season before finishing T28 at the Houston Open in his most recent start

- Most recent top-10 result was T6 at the 2015 A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier

Bo Hoag (T3/-14)

- PGA Tour rookie birdied five of his first seven holes before posting a bogey-free 64, the day's lowest score and his second 64 of the week (round one)
- Ohio State University standout has played Port Royal's three par-5s in 8-under this week, highlighted by two eagles and a birdie at the seventh hole
- Best finish of five starts this season was T44 (Safeway Open)
- Lone top-10 finish on last season's Korn Ferry Tour was a win at the WinCo Foods Portland Open in the Finals en route to a 20th-place finish in the priority rank
- In three previous starts on TOUR prior to this season, missed each cut
- Final-round scoring average of 72.50 this season marks his highest average of any round by more than a stroke

Brian Gay (T3/-14)

- Made six birdies and no bogeys for a second-consecutive 6-under 65 to move to 14-under 199
- Four-time PGA TOUR winner is making his fifth start of the 2019-20 season and 581st on TOUR, dating to 1996
- Best finish this season is T7 from the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open
- Seeks his first TOUR victory since the 2013 The American Express in Palm Springs
- A win Sunday would come 6 years, 9 months, 14 days since his most recent win

Additional Notes

- **Scottie Scheffler** (5th/-13), who opened with a 9-under 62, followed with scores of 69-69; earned 2019 Korn Ferry Tour Player of the Year and Rookie of the Year honors
- Following a bogey at No. 1, **Ryan Armour** (T6/-12) birdied five of his next six holes en route to a 6-under 65
- **Fabian Gomez** (T10/-11) has made four eagles this week. Since 1983, the most eagles made in a 72-hole PGA TOUR event is five, achieved by five players and most recently by Austin Cook at the 2019 Barbasol Championship
- FedExCup points leader **Lanto Griffin** (T20/-8), who claimed his first career PGA TOUR win at this season's Houston Open, made three birdies en route to a bogey-free 68 trying to extend his lead in the RSM Birdies for Love program. He has made 11 birdies through 54 holes. The top three players who accumulate the most birdies (or better) in the fall, beginning with A Military Tribute at the Greenbrier and concluding with The RSM Classic, will be awarded \$300,000, \$150,000 and \$50,000, respectively, for charitable donations to children- and/or family-focused organizations of the player's choice

Course Statistics

	<u>Toughest Hole</u>	<u>Easiest Hole</u>
R1:	Par-4 11 th (4.383)	Par-5 7 th (4.158)
R2:	Par-3 8 th (3.275)	Par 5 7 th (4.367)
R3:	Par-4 14 th (4.500)	Par-5 7 th (4.000)

Scoring Averages

	<u>Front Nine</u>	<u>Back Nine</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Cumulative</u>
R1:	35.025	35.275	70.300	--
R2:	35.108	35.125	70.233	70.267
R3:	34.288	35.197	69.485	70.098

Bogey-Free Rounds

R1 (4): Rob Oppenheim (64), Russell Knox (64), Harry Higgs (66), Robert Streb (68)

R2 (6): Brendon Todd (63), Harry Higgs (65), Parker McLachlin (67), Smylie Kaufman (67), Derek Ernst (69), Alex Cejka (70)

R3 (4): Bo Hoag (64), Brian Gay (65), DJ Trahan (66), Lanto Griffin (68)