



# 2019 Safeway Open (3<sup>rd</sup> of 49 events in the 2019-20 PGA TOUR Season)

Napa, California Silverado Resort and Spa (North) September 26-29, 2019

Purse: \$6,600,000 Par/Yards: 36-36-72/7,166

#### Second-Round Notes – Friday, September 27, 2019

Weather: Partly cloudy. High of 77. Wind SW 6-12 mph, with gusts to 18 mph. Morning tee times were delayed 10 minutes due to fog.

Cut: 67 professionals at 2-under 142 from a field of 143 professionals and one amateur.

#### Second-Round Leaderboard

Bryson DeChambeau	68-64—132 (-12)
Nick Watney	69-65—134 (-10)
Nick Taylor	69-66—135 (-9)
Dylan Frittelli	70-65—135 (-9)
Adam Long	67-68—135 (-9)
Justin Thomas	71-64—135 (-9)
Cameron Champ	67-68—135 (-9)

#### Things to Know

- Bryson DeChambeau is bogey-free through two rounds for the second time in his career
- DeChambeau has never successfully converted a 36-hole lead/co-lead in five attempts
- Justin Thomas has won the last two tournaments in which he shot a 64 in the second round
- Thomas leads the PGA TOUR with 21 rounds of 64 or better since the start of the 2014-15 season
- All seven players at T3 or better have won on the PGA TOUR and have combined for 24 victories
- Tony Romo misses the cut after shooting a 2-under 70 in round one

#### Second-Round Lead Notes

- 1 Second-round leader/co-leader to win the Safeway Open (est. 2007) (Rocco Mediate/2010)
- Second-round leader/co-leader to win in 2019-20
   (Joaquin Niemann/A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier)

## Leaders comparison (entering the week)

Category	Bryson DeChambeau	Nick Watney
Age	26 (9/16/1993)	38 (4/25/1981)
FedExCup	NR	NR
OWGR	11	161
PGA TOUR starts	94	378
PGA TOUR wins	5	5
PGA TOUR top-10s	17	54
Safeway Open starts	2	5
Safeway Open top-10s	0	0

## Bryson DeChambeau (Leader/-12)

- Bogey-free through 36 holes for the second time in his career (first: 2019 3M Open)
- Only player in the field without a bogey
- Failed to convert each of his previous five 36-hole leads/co-leads (T2/2017 Puerto Rico Open, T5/2018 Waste Management Phoenix Open, 2<sup>nd</sup>/2018 Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard, T3/2018 RBC Heritage, T2/2019 3M Open)
- Two previous starts at the event (MC/2016, T17/2017)

- Making second start of the 2019-20 season (MC/A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier)
- In 2018-19, won the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open and earned five top-10s en route to a 12<sup>th</sup>-place finish in the FedExCup standings

## Nick Watney (2<sup>nd</sup>/-10)

- Lowest 36-hole score (134) since The 2018 RSM Classic
- Best 36-hole position (2<sup>nd</sup>) since leading THE NORTHERN TRUST in 2012 (went on to win)
- Best finish in five prior starts at the event: T20/2008
- Making second start of the 2019-20 season (MC/A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier)
- Collected three-top 10s and made 17 cuts in 26 starts during the 2018-19 season, highlighted by a T6 at the John Deere Classic; finished No. 97 in the FedExCup standings
- Five-time PGA TOUR winner (2007 Zurich Classic of New Orleans, 2009 Farmers Insurance Open, 2011 WGC-Mexico Championship, 2011 AT&T National, 2012 THE NORTHERN TRUST)

## Justin Thomas (-9/T3)

- Second-round 64 was his 21<sup>st</sup> score of 64 or better since the start of the 2014-15 season, the most on the PGA TOUR in that stretch (second: 20/Dustin Johnson)
- Has won the last two tournaments in which he shot 64 in the second round (2017 Sony Open in Hawaii, 2018 World Golf Championships-FedEx St. Jude Invitational)
- Making fifth career start at the event; finished in the top-10 in each of his last two (T3/2015, T8/2016)
- Making season debut; won tournaments in the fall portion of three of the last four seasons, not including the current season (2015 CIMB Classic, 2016 CIMB Classic, 2017 THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES)

## Cameron Champ (-9/T3)

- Leads the field in Driving Distance (326.5 yards); led the TOUR in that category as a rookie in 2018-19 (317.9)
- Leads the field in Strokes Gained: Tee-to-Green (7.839)
- Has been T3 or better through 36 holes five times in 35 starts on the PGA TOUR
- Won the Sanderson Farms Championship and advanced to the BMW Championship as a rookie in 2018-19, finishing the season No. 62 in the FedExCup standings

## Collin Morikawa (-8/T8)

- Ties career-low with a 64 (R3/2019 3M Open)
- 10<sup>th</sup> made cut in 10<sup>th</sup> start as a professional
- Making first start of the 2019-20 season
- In 2018-19, won the Barracuda Championship and earned top-fives at the 3M Open (T2) and John Deere Classic (T4)
- Made PGA TOUR debut as an amateur at the 2016 Safeway Open (MC)

## Players in the top-10 with ties to the area

- Bryson DeChambeau (leader) was born in Modesto and grew up in Clovis, near Fresno; Modesto is roughly 100 miles southeast of Napa
- Nick Watney (2<sup>nd</sup>) was born in Sacramento and attended Davis Senior High School
- Cameron Champ (T3) was born in Sacramento and attended Heritage Peak Charter School
- Collin Morikawa (T8) was a three-time first-team All-American at Cal

## **Miscellaneous Notes**

- **Dylan Frittelli** (T3) leads the field in Birdies (13) and made a career-high nine in round two (previous: 8, twice; most recent: R4/2019 Sanderson Farms Championship)
- At T3, Adam Long holds the best 36-hole position of his career (previous: 4<sup>th</sup>/2019 A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier)
- Monday Qualifier John Oda stands T8 after rounds of 70-66; has two top-10s in seven prior starts as a professional (T3/2018 Barracuda Championship, 8<sup>th</sup>/2017 Mayakoba Golf Classic)
- Sebastian Munoz, winner of last week's Sanderson Farms Championship, played his last five holes in 5-under to move to 6under for the tournament
- Phil Mickelson (E) misses the cut after scores of 75-69; has eight missed cuts and no top-10s in 17 starts since winning the 2019 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am
- Former Dallas Cowboys quarterback and current CBS NFL analyst Tony Romo, the only amateur in the field, misses the cut
  after opening with a 2-under 70; Romo made eight birdies on the week after making 10 total in his first three starts on
  TOUR
- Bo Van Pelt (-2/T48), who finished T2 at the 2010 Safeway Open, makes the cut in his 399<sup>th</sup> PGA TOUR start and first since 2016 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, a period of 1,321 days; Van Pelt has been sidelined with a torn labrum in his left shoulder

• Recent U.S. Walker Cup team representative Isaiah Salinda (-2/T48) makes the cut in his PGA TOUR debut

# **Course Statistics**

**Toughest Hole R1:** Par-4 13<sup>th</sup> (4.222) **R2:** Par-4 3<sup>rd</sup> (4.181)

Easiest Hole R1: Par-5 5<sup>th</sup> (4.632) R2: Par-5 16<sup>th</sup> (4.590)

#### **Scoring Averages**

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	35.882	35.646	71.528	
R2:	36.104	35.236	71.340	71.434

	Early	Late
R1:	71.28	71.78
R2:	70.86	71.82

#### **Bogey-free rounds**

**R1 (7):** Andrew Landry (65), Matthew NeSmith (66), Cameron Champ (67), Adam Long (67), Bryson DeChambeau (68), Lanto Griffin (69), Andres Gonzales (70)

**R2 (7):** Bryson DeChambeau (64), Collin Morikawa (64), Charles Howell III (65), Nick Taylor (66), Robby Shelton (67), Tyler McCumber (68), Chesson Hadley (69)