

# Media Release

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## **MCILROY, SIMPSON AND KUCHAR LEAD HEADING INTO FINAL ROUND OF RBC CANADIAN OPEN**

*Adam Hadwin sits one-shot off the lead with three Canadians within the top-10 at Hamilton Golf and Country Club*

*News and notes for Saturday, June 8, 2019*

**HAMILTON, Ont.** — Rory McIlroy, Matt Kuchar and Webb Simpson sit in a three-way tie for the lead at 13-under par heading into the final round of the 2019 RBC Canadian Open at Hamilton Golf & Country Club.

McIlroy catapulted to the top of the leaderboard with a 6-under 64. He was bogey free, while knocking in six birdies and says he has been enjoying the atmosphere during his first visit to Canada's National Open Golf Championship.

"It's probably the best atmosphere I've played in in a long time," said McIlroy. "The Canadian fans really come out and support this event. That 13th hole there [The Rink] is pretty cool. I think what they've been able to do here is right on the limit of fun, but still in keeping with the traditions of the game, so I think it's been awesome. I've had a wonderful reception from everyone and just excited to get to play in front of them again tomorrow."

Kuchar started the day with a share of the lead and remained steady, shooting 1-under-par 69 Saturday. Currently sitting No. 1 in the FedEx Cup standings, Kuchar was atop the leaderboard for most of the day, but a bogey on No. 15 pulled him back into a tie with McIlroy and Simpson.

"It was a tough day out there," said Kuchar. "It took a lot of good scoring to stay in the position I'm in. The support out here has been fantastic. The crowds have been great. The energy has been great. The Rink is completely unique."

Simpson had a bogey-free 67 that helped him grab a share of the lead with 18 holes remaining.

Canadian Adam Hadwin is one-shot back, sitting T4 after moving day. A bogey on No. 2 made for an unfavourable start, but Hadwin clawed his way back into contention with three

back-nine birdies. He is tied with Shane Lowry and Brandt Snedeker, a stroke behind the leaders at -12.

"I certainly got a lot more out of this round," added Hadwin. "I really struggled with that left-to-right wind off the tee – couldn't really figure it out. I'm just proud of the way I battled today. You know you have to go out and shoot a low one tomorrow."

Mackenzie Hughes enjoyed his third straight round in the 60s – a 1-under par 69 – that dropped him one-spot into a share of 8th.

Nick Taylor started the day tied for third but carded a 73 to slip into a tie for 9th.

The final round of the 2019 RBC Canadian Open tees off at 8:25 a.m. on Sunday, June 9. Pairings and tee times and be found [here](#).

#### **CANADIANS AT THE 2019 RBC CANADIAN OPEN**

T4 Adam Hadwin – Abbotsford, B.C. – 65-66-67 -12

8 Mackenzie Hughes – Dundas, Ont. – 66-66-69 -9

T9 Nick Taylor – Abbotsford, B.C. – 64-65-73 -8

T17 Ben Silverman – Thornhill, Ont. – 71-61-72 -6

T38 Roger Sloan – Merritt, B.C. – 68-70-68 -4

T63 Richard Jung – Toronto – 67-69 +1

#### **--- DID NOT ADVANCE ---**

MC Austin Connelly – Church Point, N.S. – 69-70 -1

MC Adam Svensson – Surrey, B.C. – 69-70 E

MC Mike Weir – Brights Grove, Ont. – 70-69 -1

MC Corey Connors – Listowel, Ont. – 70-69 -1

MC James Allenby – Langley, B.C. – 70-70 E

MC David Hearn – Brantford, Ont. – 66-75 +1

MC Étienne Brault (a) – Mercier, Que. – 72-69 +1

MC Drew Nesbitt – Toronto – 66-75 +1

MC Michael Gligic – Burlington, Ont. – 70-72 +2

MC Ryan Yip – Calgary – 68-74 +2

MC Richard T. Lee – Toronto – 70-73 +3

MC JC Deacon – Toronto – 74-69 +3

MC Marc-Étienne Bussières – Gatineau, Que. – 74-71 +1

MC Chris Crisologo (a) – Richmond, B.C. – 72-74 +6

MC Joey Savoie (a) – La Prairie, Que. – 75-72 +7

MC Thomas DeMarco – LaSalle, Ont. – 71-76 +7

MC Matthew Anderson (a) – Mississauga, Ont. – 74-74 +8

MC Albin Choi – Toronto – 76-72 +8

MC Josh Whalen (a) – Napanee, Ont. – 79-74 +13

MC Michael Blair – Ancaster, Ont. – 76-79 +15

### **INTERVIEW VIDEO, AUDIO AND TRANSCRIPTS FOR SATURDAY, JUNE 8**

Interview, audio and transcripts for the following players and staff from Saturday, June 8 are available [here](#) and video is available [here](#). Please note the videos are unedited, uncut and broadcast-quality.

- Matt Kuchar

- Webb Simpson

- Rory McIlroy

- Adam Hadwin

- Mackenzie Hughes
- Brandt Snedeker
- Shane Lowry
- Hamilton Golf & Country Club staff discussing significant course upgrades to take place from 2019 to 2021

## **2019 MEDIA GUIDE AND PLAYER PERFORMANCE BOOK:**

Media can also [download the 2019 RBC Canadian Open Media Guide](#) for complete stats, records and historical information. Media can also [download the 2019 RBC Canadian Open Player Performance Book](#) which details individual player statistics from 1904-2018.

## **BROADCAST COVERAGE:**

The following are broadcast times for the 2019 RBC Canadian Open:

Sunday, June 9

- 8:30am – 9:45am: Twitter
- 8:30am – 3:00pm: GOLFTV
- 1:00pm – 2:45pm: Golf Channel
- 3:00pm – 6:00pm: CBS/TSN/CTV2/RDS

## **TICKETS:**

Grounds tickets for the 2019 RBC Canadian Open, as well as a limited number of premium ticket packages are still available. A full list of ticket packages and pricing is available online at <http://www.rbccanadianopen.com/>.

## **ABOUT THE RBC CANADIAN OPEN**

Part of the FedExCup, stars of the PGA TOUR will compete for \$7.6 million (US) at the RBC Canadian Open, June 3-9 at the Hamilton Golf and Country Club in Hamilton, Ont. Conducted by Golf Canada for more than a century, the RBC Canadian Open provides an opportunity for Canada's top talents to compete against the world's best golfers while also leaving a significant impact in the event's host community. The RBC Canadian Open is proud to support the Golf Canada Foundation as the event's official charity partner. Established in 1904, Canada's national open golf championship is the third-oldest national open golf championship worldwide next to the British Open and the U.S. Open. The

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