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RORY MCILROY WINS 2019 RBC CANADIAN OPEN

Adam Hadwin of Abbotsford, B.C., finishes sixth to claim fourth career Rivermead Cup

News and notes for Sunday, June 9

HAMILTON, Ont. — Using a loonie as his ball marker, Rory McIlroy fired a final round 9-under par 61 to win Canada's National Open Championship, the RBC Canadian Open in his first appearance.

McIlroy's 22-under-par 258 is the lowest 72-hole score ever carded at the RBC Canadian Open. The previous record of 263 was held by Johnny Palmer (1952), Scott Piercy (2012) and Tim Clark (2014). His final round 61 is also the best final round at the 110-year-old event, breaking the record of 62 held by Andy Bean (1983).

The 30-year-old entered Sunday's final round sharing the lead with Americans Matt Kuchar and Webb Simpson. He started his round by lipping-out a chip for eagle on the first hole, en route to birding four of his first five holes. With the win the Northern Irishman claimed his 16th PGA TOUR title.

"It's been a while since I played like this and sort of put my foot down, but it was so nice to do it today," said McIlroy. "I'm very proud of what I've done today. Hopefully this sets up well for the rest of the year, too."

McIlroy becomes only the sixth player to win the career Triple Crown, having won the U.S. Open in 2011 and The Open Championship in 2014. He joins an exclusive club that includes Tommy Armour, Walter Hagen, Arnold Palmer, Lee Trevino and Tiger Woods.

“The reception from the Canadian crowds have been incredible this week,” added McIlroy. “They couldn’t have been any better. They’ve been so welcoming all week. I can’t wait to come back next year.”

McIlroy is the first golfer to win the RBC Canadian Open on his first attempt since Chez Reavie in 2008 and the first European to capture the title since Sweden’s Carl Pettersson in 2010.

Ireland’s Shane Lowry and American Web Simpson finished tied for second at 15-under par 265 for the tournament. Americans Matt Kuchar and Brandt Snedeker finished tied for 4th at 13-under.

Adam Hadwin fired an even-par 70 in the final round, finishing as the low Canadian at 12-under par 268 on the tournament. Hadwin was awarded the Rivermead Cup for the fourth time of his career as low Canadian.

“The crowd was amazing all week,” said Hadwin. “That reception coming up 18 was something special. I pictured it with being a few more [strokes] under earlier in the week, but they were amazing. I’m just disappointed I couldn’t get it done in front of them.”

By virtue of his sixth-place finish, Hadwin qualifies for the 2019 Open Championship being held July 14-21 at Royal Portrush in Northern Ireland. Also earning an exemption in the Open Championship was Northern Irishman Graeme McDowell. New for 2019, the RBC Canadian Open is included in The Open Qualifying Series. Up to three players who are not already exempt earned places in the 148th Open Championship at Royal Portrush

The 2020 RBC Canadian Open is being held at St. George’s Golf and Country Club in Toronto from June 8 to 14.

[Click here](#) to view the full leaderboard for the 2019 RBC Canadian Open.

CANADIANS AT THE 2019 RBC CANADIAN OPEN

6 Adam Hadwin – Abbotsford, B.C. – 65-66-67-70 -12

T14 Mackenzie Hughes – Dundas, Ont. – 66-66-69-71 -8

T20 Ben Silverman – Thornhill, Ont. – 71-61-72-69 -7

T27 Nick Taylor – Abbotsford, B.C. – 64-65-73-72 -6

T56 Roger Sloan – Merritt, B.C. – 68-70-68-73 -1

69 Richard Jung – Toronto – 67-69-75-74 +5

--- **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 Bussièrès – 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 SUNDAY, JUNE 9

Interview, audio and transcripts for the following players and staff from Sunday, June 9 are available [here](#) and video is available [here](#). Please note the videos are unedited, uncut and broadcast-quality.

- Rory McIlroy
- Adam Hadwin
- Graeme McDowell
- Mackenzie Hughes
- Webb Simpson
- Shane Lowry
- Brooks Koepka
- Golf Canada CEO Laurence Applebaum, RBC Canadian Open Tournament Director Bryan Crawford and Mary DePaoli, EVP and CMO of RBC

2019 MEDIA GUIDE AND PLAYER PERFORMANCE BOOK:

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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 RBC Canadian Open is proudly sponsored by RBC, Audi, Acushnet, Steam Whistle, Levelwear, Golf Town, Coca-Cola, the City of Hamilton and the Government of Canada. For tickets or tournament information, please visit <http://www.rbccanadianopen.com> or call 1-800-571-6736. Follow the RBC Canadian Open on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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