



2020 3M Open

(The 29<sup>th</sup> of 36 events in the 2019-20 PGA TOUR Season)

Blaine, Minnesota TPC Twin Cities July 23-26, 2020

Purse: \$6,600,000 (winner: \$1,188,000) Par/Yards: 35-36-71/7,431

## First-Round Notes – Thursday, July 23, 2020

Weather: Due to fog, the start to round one was delayed by 19 minutes and began at 7:09 a.m. CT. Mostly sunny with a high of 81. SE wind 8-15 mph.

### **First-Round Leaderboard**

Richy Werenski	63 (-8)
Michael Thompson	64 (-7)
Seven players	65 (-6)

### Things to Know

- En route to a career-low-tying 63, Richy Werenski makes nine birdies, his career-best for a single round on the PGA TOUR
- After failing to make the 54-hole cut at the 2019 3M Open, Michael Thompson hits all 18 greens in regulation, posts bogeyfree 64
- A week after finishing eighth at the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide, Tony Finau offsets one bogey with seven birdies for 65 (T3)
- After missed cuts in three of his last four starts, Ryan Moore shoots 65; seeks third top 10 of the season
- Defending 3M Open champion Matthew Wolff opens with 6-under 65
- Playing on a sponsor exemption, Brendon de Jonge (T10/66) sank 174'1" of putts in round one
- Following a 7-over 78, World No. 4 Dustin Johnson withdrew with a back injury

## **First-Round Lead Notes**

- 3 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win in 2019-20 (most recent: Collin Morikawa/Workday Charity Open)
- 62 Lowest opening-round score at the 3M Open (Scott Piercy/2019/finished T15)

Player	<b>Richy Werenski</b>	Michael Thompson		
Age	28 (12/22/1991)	35 (4/16/1985)		
FedExCup	95	151		
OWGR	248	218		
PGA TOUR starts	98	227		
PGA TOUR wins	0	1		
PGA TOUR top-10s	7	17		
Starts in 2019-20	12	15		
Top-10s in 2019-20	1	1		

## Comparing the leaders (entering the week)

## Richy Werenski (1<sup>st</sup>/63)

- Opening round 8-under 63 ties his career-low round on the PGA TOUR (2018 The RSM Classic/R3); falls one stroke shy of the lowest 18-hole score in the 3M Open, posted last year by four players
- Offset one bogey with nine birdies, the most of his career in a single round
- Sank 144'7" of putts and leads the field in Strokes Gained: Putting (XXX); includes five putts from outside 10 feet and as far as 28'10" (No. 7)
- Seeks his second top-10 finish of the season in his 13<sup>th</sup> start (T3/A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier)
- Seeks first career TOUR win in his 99<sup>th</sup> start; two runner ups (P2/2017 Barracuda Championship, T2/2018 Barbasol Championship)

### Miscellaneous notes

- En route to a bogey-free, 7-under 64, Michael Thompson (2<sup>nd</sup>) hit all 18 greens in regulation and sank 108'1" of putts; seeks his second career PGA TOUR victory (2013 The Honda Classic)
- Xinjun Zhang (T3/65) offset a lone bogey with five birdies and an eagle at the par-5 12<sup>th</sup>; comes off a T10 at last week's the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide following four consecutive missed cuts since the PGA TOUR's Return to Golf
- In search of his sixth TOUR victory and first since the 2016 John Deere Classic, **Ryan Moore** (T3/65) snapped a streak of three missed cuts with a T40 at last week's the Memorial Tournament; seeks third top 10 of the 2019-20 season
- Nick Watney (T3/65) hit 16 of 18 greens in regulation in his second start at the 3M Open (MC/2019); this week marks his second start back after testing positive for COVID-19 in June at the RBC Heritage
- Defending champion Matthew Wolff (T3/65) offset two bogeys with eight birdies; was T49 after round one in 2019 (69)
- **Bo Van Pelt** (T10/66) aced No. 8 from 195 yards; marks his third career ace on the PGA TOUR (2007 Travelers Championship, 2012 Masters Tournament)
- Playing on a sponsor exemption in second start of 2020, **Brendon de Jonge** (T10/66) birdied eight of his first 12 holes; sank 174'1" of putts in round one
- After hitting his tee shot and post-penalty third shot into the water at the par-5 18<sup>th</sup>, **Sangmoon Bae** (T143/75) holed a 250yard approach for par, marking the longest hole out for par on the PGA TOUR in the ShotLink era
- 61-year-old Minnesota native **Tom Lehman** opened with an even-par 71 (T82); consulted on course renovations at TPC Twin Cities where he played the 3M Championship on PGA TOUR Champions eight times with a T2 in 2011 his best result
- World No. 6 Brooks Koepka opened with a 1-under 70 (T57) in his second start at the 3M Open (65<sup>th</sup>/2019)
- World No. 4 Dustin Johnson withdrew after a 7-over 78 with a back injury
- Tyler McCumber withdrew during round one with a leg injury

# Bogey-free rounds

R1 (7): Michael Thompson (64), Nick Watney (65), Bo Hoag (65), Patrick Rodgers (66), Bubba Watson (67), Kramer Hickok (67), Tom Lewis (68)

### Scoring averages

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1	35.090	35.335	70.426	

	Toughest hole	Easiest hole
R1	Par-4 9 <sup>th</sup> hole (4.529)	Par-5 12 <sup>th</sup> hole (4.277)