



## 2020 Barracuda Championship

*(The 31<sup>st</sup> of 36 events in the 2019-20 PGA TOUR Season)*

Truckee, California

Tahoe Mountain Club (Old Greenwood)

July 30-August 2, 2020

Par/Yards: 36-35—71/7,390

FedExCup Points: 300 (to the winner)

Purse: \$3,500,000

### Third-Round Notes – Saturday, August 1, 2020

**Weather:** Sunny. High of 87. Wind W/SW 12-22 mph.

### Third-Round Leaderboard

Troy Merritt	+8/+11/+14 – (+33)
Emiliano Grillo	+10/+8/+11 – (+29)
Maverick McNealy	+10/+9/+10 – (+29)
Robert Streb	+11/+9/+8 – (+28)

### Things to Know

- When holding a 54-hole lead/co-lead, Troy Merritt has converted for the win two of four times on the PGA TOUR
- With a win, Maverick McNealy would be the 12<sup>th</sup> player (fifth straight) to earn first TOUR win at Barracuda Championship
- 33 points is the fewest needed to hold the 54-hole lead/co-lead since the Modified Stableford format began at this event
- Matthias Schwab needs a two-way tie for second or better to earn Special Temporary Membership
- Branden Grace withdrew prior to his third round after testing positive for COVID-19
- Winner earns a spot in the field at next week's PGA Championship if not already exempt; top two players, not otherwise exempt, finishing in the top-10 and ties, earn exemptions into 2020 U.S. Open

### Scoring

The Barracuda Championship is employing the Modified Stableford scoring format, the first PGA TOUR event to use the format since The International in 2006. Players are allocated points based on the number of strokes taken at each hole with the goal of achieving the highest overall score.

Score	Points
Albatross	+8
Eagle	+5
Birdie	+2
Par	0
Bogey	-1
Double bogey or worse	-3

### Third-Round Lead Notes

- 13 Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win Barracuda Championship (most recent: Andrew Putnam/2018)
- 17 Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win on TOUR in 2019-20 (most recent: Michael Thompson/3M Open)

### Leader (entering the week)

Player	Troy Merritt
Age	34 (10/25/1985)
FedExCup	121
OWGR	153
PGA TOUR starts	221
PGA TOUR wins	2
PGA TOUR top-10s	15
Starts in 2019-20	18
Top-10s in 2019-20	1

**Troy Merritt (+33/1<sup>st</sup>)**

- Marks fifth time with 54-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR, having converted two of the previous four instances into a win (2015 Quicken Loans National, 2018 Barbasol Championship)
- Last 54-hole lead/co-lead was at the 2019 Barracuda Championship, where he went on to finish runner-up
- Will earn a spot in the 2020 U.S. Open with a top-two finish; Already in the field for next week's 2020 PGA Championship
- Entered the week No. 121 in the FedExCup standings and seeks to enter the Playoffs for the third straight season (sixth overall)

**Additional Notes**

- **Emiliano Grillo** (+29/T2) seeks second PGA TOUR title in his 126<sup>th</sup> start; win would mark his second title in California (2015 Safeway Open/Napa, California); finished T18 at 2019 Barracuda Championship
- With a win, PGA TOUR rookie **Maverick McNealy** (+29/T2) would become the 12<sup>th</sup> player (fifth consecutive) to earn their first TOUR win at the Barracuda Championship
- After entering the week having missed the cut in 10 of his last 11 starts, **Robert Streb** (+28/4<sup>th</sup>) sits five points off the lead; Was initially paired with Branden Grace before his withdrawal
- **Joseph Bramlett** (+26/T5) seeking second career top-10 (best TOUR finish: T9/2020 Puerto Rico Open); Finished inside the top three in both of his two starts on the Korn Ferry Tour this season (T2/Korn Ferry Challenge at TPC Sawgrass, T3/The King & Bear Classic at World Golf Village)
- After being T2 through 36 holes, **Branden Grace** withdrew prior to his third round after testing positive for COVID-19; Following the 10-day isolation period per CDC guidelines and TOUR health and safety protocols, Grace will no longer play next week's PGA Championship at TPC Harding Park
- Playing on a sponsor exemption, **Matthias Schwab** (+24/8<sup>th</sup>) needs a two-way tie for second or better to earn Special Temporary Membership; With a victory, he will be fully exempt through the 2022-23 TOUR season and be eligible for the 2020 FedExCup Playoffs
- **Scott Stallings** (+23/9<sup>th</sup>) made eagles on No. 2 and No. 5 en route to a +11 score, marking the sixth time in his TOUR career to have two eagles in a round (most recent: R2/2020 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open)

**Bogey-free rounds**

**R1 (4):** Adam Schenck (+14), Ryan Moore (+14), Seamus Power (+11), Charlie Beljan (+4)

**R2 (4):** Alex Noren (+8), Tim Wilkinson (+8), Brian Davis (+4), Bronson Burgoon (+4)

**R3 (3):** Pat Perez (+12), Charley Hoffman (+10), Ryan Moore (+6)