



BMW
CHAMPIONSHIP

2020 BMW Championship

(The second of three events in the FedExCup Playoffs)

Olympia Fields, IL
Olympia Fields CC (North)

August 27-30, 2020
Par/Yards: 70/7,366

FedExCup Points: 1,500 (winner)
Purse: \$9,500,000 (\$1,710,000)

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, August 29, 2020

Weather: Mostly cloudy. High of 78. Wind NW 9-17 mph.

Third-Round Leaderboard

Hideki Matsuyama	67-73-69—209 (-1)
Dustin Johnson	71-69-69—209 (-1)
Joaquin Niemann	72-71-68—211 (+1)
Mackenzie Hughes	69-73-69—211 (+1)
Adam Scott	72-69-70—211 (+1)

Things to Know

- Fewest (2) players under par through 54 holes in a non-major on the PGA TOUR in the last 20 years
- 1-under is the highest 54-hole score in relation to par in a non-major in the last 20 years
- Dustin Johnson has held the 54-hole lead/co-lead in his last three starts
- Hideki Matsuyama holds the 54-hole lead/co-lead for the fourth time on the PGA TOUR
- Last non-major won with an even-par score was the 1995 TOUR Championship (Billy Mayfair/Southern Hills)
- Last non-major won with an over-par score was the 1981 AT&T Byron Nelson (Bruce Lietzke/Preston Trail GC/+1)
- Tiger Woods opens a non-major with three over-par rounds for just the third time in his career (sixth overall)
- Rounds of the week (4-under 66) turned in Saturday by Jon Rahm (despite a one-shot penalty) and Kevin Streelman
- Current projections of players to move **into** top 30: Joaquin Niemann, Mackenzie Hughes, Adam Scott
- Current projections of players to move **outside** top 30: Cameron Champ, Adam Long, Kevin Streelman
- Three players have two rounds in the 60s: Dustin Johnson, Hideki Matsuyama, Mackenzie Hughes

Third Round Lead Notes

- 11/20 Third-round leaders/co-leaders since 2000 at the event to go on to win (most recent: Justin Thomas/2019)
- 18 Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win on TOUR in 2019-20 (most recent: Dustin Johnson/THE NORTHERN TRUST)

Co-leaders entering this week	Dustin Johnson	Hideki Matsuyama
Age	36 (6/22/1984)	28 (2/25/1992)
FedExCup	1	18
Projected FedExCup	1	2
OWGR	1	27
PGA TOUR starts	272	168
PGA TOUR wins	22	5
PGA TOUR top-10s	101	45
Starts in 2019-20	12	18
Wins in 2019-20	2	0
Top-10s in 2019-20	5	4
BMW Championship starts	10	6
BMW Championship top-10s	4	2

Dustin Johnson (T1/-1)

- World and FedExCup No. 1 poised for his third BMW Championship title (2010, 2016); only Walter Hagen (5), Tiger Woods (5), Willie Anderson (4) and Billy Casper (4) have more
- Marks 23rd 54-hole lead/co-lead, with last week's THE NORTHERN TRUST the most recent of 12 wins in those events (Note: three of the above-mentioned 12 wins came in 54-hole weather-shortened tournaments: 2009 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, 2011 THE NORTHERN TRUST, 2013 Sentry Tournament of Champions)
- 54-hole leading score comparison last two weeks: THE NORTHERN TRUST (191/-22), BMW Championship (209/-1)

- Won last week's THE NORTHERN TRUST for his fifth FedExCup Playoffs title, tying Rory McIlroy for most
- Has won back-to-back starts twice, when he won three in a row in 2017: The Genesis Invitational, WGC-Mexico Championship, WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play; has never won in back-to-back weeks
- Last to win in back-to-back TOUR starts: Brendon Todd (2019 Bermuda Championship, Mayakoba Golf Classic)
- Has two wins and a runner-up finish in his six most recent starts entering the week
- Last week's win was his 22nd on TOUR (T27 on the all-time victory list with Jim Barnes, Johnny Farrell and Raymond Floyd); a win this week would move him into solo 27th place, one behind Gary Player and Macdonald Smith's 24 wins
- A win on Sunday would come in his 273rd start at the age of 36 years, 2 months and 7 days

Hideki Matsuyama (T1/-1)

- Fourth third-round lead/co-lead on TOUR: 2014 Charles Schwab Challenge (T10), 2015 Sentry Tournament of Champions (T3), 2016 WGC-HSBC Champions (won), 2020 BMW Championship (TBD)
- Prior to first- and third-round co-leads this week, last lead after any round on TOUR came in 2019 BMW Championship (R2/finished third)
- In search of sixth PGA TOUR win and first since 2017 WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational (at Bridgestone)
- Victory would come in his 169th PGA TOUR start at the age of 28 years, 6 months, 4 days
- Has advanced to the TOUR Championship all six seasons on TOUR; one of three players with an active streak of six or more consecutive seasons qualifying for the TOUR Championship (Dustin Johnson, Patrick Reed)
- Leads the field in Strokes Gained: Tee To Green (7.772) and Strokes Gained: Around The Green (5.084)

Tiger Woods (T55/+10)

- With scores of 73-75-72, the BMW Championship is the third non-major, and sixth event overall, he has opened with three over-par rounds; only once did he post an under-par final round (2007 THE PLAYERS Championship).

Event	Course	Scores	Finish
2020 BMW Championship	Olympia Fields CC	73-75-72-TBD	TBD
2010 WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational	Firestone CC	74-72-75-77	T78
2007 PLAYERS Championship	TPC Sawgrass	75-73-73-67	T37
2003 PGA Championship	Oak Hill CC	74-72-73-73	T39
1999 Open Championship	Carnoustie GL	74-72-74-74	T7
1998 U.S. Open	Olympic Club	74-72-71-73	T18

Miscellaneous Player Notes

- **Joaquin Niemann** (T3/+1) entered the week No. 31 in the FedExCup standings and is currently projected No. 18; in search of second win of the season (2019 A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier)
- **Mackenzie Hughes** (T3/+1) is in search of his third top-10 in the Return of Golf (Travelers Championship/T3, the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide/T6); owns one victory (2016 The RSM Classic) in 108 TOUR starts
- **Adam Scott** (T3/+1) trails by two strokes as he seeks his second win of the season (The Genesis Invitational)
- **Jon Rahm** (T6/+2) had his only bogey of the day on the par-4 fifth hole where he was assessed a one-stroke penalty for picking up his ball before marking it (Rule 9.4); rallied with three birdies for a 4-under 66; marked his 13th round in the 60s out of 15 at the BMW Championship (opened 75-71 this week)
- Second-round co-leader and 2012 BMW Championship winner **Rory McIlroy** (T6/+2) posted a 3-over 73; two-time FedExCup champion (2016, 2019) seeks to become first player to win the FedExCup in consecutive seasons; tied with Dustin Johnson for most wins in FedExCup Playoffs (five)
- Second-round co-leader **Patrick Cantlay** (T15/+4) turned in a 5-over 75; currently projected No. 34 in the standings as he seeks to advance to the TOUR Championship for the fourth consecutive season
- **Corey Connors** (T21/+5) recorded his first ace on TOUR with a 9-iron from 150 yards on the par-3 sixth hole; represented the 24th ace in BMW Championship history and the 26th in FedExCup Playoffs history
- 2014 FedExCup champion **Billy Horschel** (T21/+5) is projected to remain No. 30 in the FedExCup standings
- Defending champion **Justin Thomas** (T43/+8) trails the leaders by nine strokes

Rookies in the FedExCup Playoffs

- Eight rookies qualified for the FedExCup Playoffs and four remain. Only one rookie (Sungjae Im) qualified for the TOUR Championship in 2019.

Pos.	Rookie	R3 Position	Projected FEC position
14	Scottie Scheffler	T47	19
24	Viktor Hovland	T37	28
48	Harry Higgs	T47	54
67	Maverick McNealy	T55	69

Players on the TOUR Championship bubble

Pos.	Player	R3 Position	Projected FEC position
25	Cameron Champ	T59	31
26	Cameron Smith	T26	29
27	Adam Long	T59	32
28	Kevin Streelman	T63	33
29	Tony Finau	T15	27
30	Billy Horschel	T21	30
31	Joaquin Niemann	T3	18
32	Tyler Duncan	T59	39
33	Matthew Wolff	T37	40
34	Mark Hubbard	T26	37
35	Byeong Hun An	T21	35

Course Statistics

	Toughest Hole	Easiest Hole
R1:	Par-4 18 th (4.478)	Par-5 1 st (4.609)
R2:	Par-4 18 th (4.435)	Par-5 1 st (4.754)
R3:	Par-4 18 th (4.290)	Par-4 4 th (3.768)

Scoring Averages

	Front Nine	Back Nine	Total	Cumulative
R1:	36.507	36.319	72.826	--
R2:	36.638	36.087	72.725	72.775
R3:	35.652	35.739	71.391	72.314

Bogey-free rounds

R1 (0): None

R2 (2): Louis Oosthuizen (69), Corey Connors (69)

R3 (2): Kevin Streelman (66), Daniel Berger (69)