



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)

First-Round Notes – Thursday, August 27, 2020

Weather: Sunny. High of 92. Wind WSW 10-15 mph with gust of 20.

First-Round Leaderboard

Hideki Matsuyama 67 (-3)
Tyler Duncan 68 (-2)
Mackenzie Hughes 69 (-1)

Things to Know

- Three players were under par, the fewest in an opening round on TOUR since the 2018 U.S. Open at Shinnecock (4)
- 3-under is the highest first-round score in relation to par at a non-major since the 2014 BMW Championship at Cherry Hills (three players – Rory McIlroy, Jordan Spieth, Gary Woodland – tied at 3-under 67)
- There was one eagle in round one (Brian Harman/No. 1), no bogey-free rounds and Hideki Matsuyama led the field in birdies (six)
- First-round scoring average (72.826) is the second-highest opening round this season: the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide (73.923)
- Current projections have Tiger Woods (T35) needing a T3 finish to advance to the TOUR Championship
- Current projections of players to move **into** top 30: Tyler Duncan, Mackenzie Hughes, Mark Hubbard
- Current projections of players to move **outside** top 30: Cameron Champ, Cameron Smith, Kevin Streelman

First-Round Lead Notes

- 8 of 20 First-round leaders/co-leaders since 2000 at the BMW Championship to go on to win (most recent: Justin Thomas/2019)
- 3 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win on PGA TOUR in 2019-20 (most recent: Collin Morikawa/Workday Charity Open)

| Entering this week | Hideki Matsuyama |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| Age | 28 (2/25/1992) |
| FedExCup | 18 |
| Projected FedExCup | 2 |
| OWGR | 27 |
| PGA TOUR starts | 168 |
| PGA TOUR wins | 5 |
| PGA TOUR top-10s | 45 |
| Starts in 2019-20 | 18 |
| Wins in 2019-20 | 0 |
| Top-10s in 2019-20 | 4 |
| BMW Championship starts | 6 |
| BMW Championship top-10s | 2 |

Hideki Matsuyama

- Sixth first-round lead/co-lead on TOUR; has converted one previous 18-hole lead/co-lead to victory (2016 Waste Management Phoenix Open)
- Last lead after any round on TOUR came in the 2019 BMW Championship/R2/Led by one; Finished third

- 11th consecutive sub-par round on TOUR dating to a 1-over 71 in round two of the World Golf Championships-FedEx St. Jude Invitational
- In search of sixth PGA TOUR win and first since 2017 WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational
- 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)

Tyler Duncan

- Extended streak of consecutive rounds in the 60s to nine
- Leads the field in Strokes Gained: Putting (3.320) and Scrambling (7 of 8)
- First time advancing past the first FedExCup Playoffs event; finished No. 113 during his rookie season of 2017-18 and failed to advance to the FedExCup Playoffs in 2018-19 (No. 163)
- Won first PGA TOUR title at the 2019 RSM Classic in a playoff over Webb Simpson earlier this season

Mackenzie Hughes

- Qualified for the BMW Championship for the second time in his career; finished No. 36 in the FedExCup standings during his rookie season (2016-17)
- Has two top-10s in the Return of Golf (Travelers Championship/T3, the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide/T6)

Miscellaneous Player Notes

- World No. 1 and FedExCup leader Dustin Johnson posted a 1-over 71 ending a streak of 12 straight rounds in the 60s
- No. 30 Billy Horschel posted an even-par 70 and is projected to move to No. 26
- Tiger Woods (T35/+3) posted his first over-par opening round on the PGA TOUR since THE NORTHERN TRUST in 2019 (75/withdrew)

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 | R1 Position | Projected FEC position |
|------|-------------------|-------------|------------------------|
| 14 | Scottie Scheffler | T51 | 20 |
| 24 | Viktor Hovland | T14 | 27 |
| 48 | Harry Higgs | T4 | 35 |
| 67 | Maverick McNealy | T65 | 69 |

Players on the TOUR Championship bubble

| Pos. | Player | R1 Position | Projected FEC position |
|------|-----------------|-------------|------------------------|
| 25 | Cameron Champ | T65 | 32 |
| 26 | Cameron Smith | T51 | 33 |
| 27 | Adam Long | T21 | 30 |
| 28 | Kevin Streelman | T60 | 34 |
| 29 | Tony Finau | T4 | 25 |
| 30 | Billy Horschel | T4 | 26 |
| 31 | Joaquin Niemann | T21 | 31 |
| 32 | Tyler Duncan | 2 | 8 |
| 33 | Matthew Wolff | T21 | 40 |
| 34 | Mark Hubbard | T4 | 29 |
| 35 | Byeong Hun An | T35 | 43 |

Course Statistics

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| | Toughest Hole | Easiest Hole |
| R1: | Par-4 18 th (4.478) | Par-5 1 st (4.609) |

Scoring Averages

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|-----|-------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| | Front Nine | Back Nine | Total | Cumulative |
| R1: | 36.507 | 36.319 | 72.826 | |

Bogey-free rounds

R1 (0): None