



# 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)

### Second-Round Notes – Friday, August 28, 2020

Weather: Partly cloudy. High of 91. Wind SW 10-18 mph.

### Second-Round Leaderboard

Patrick Cantlay	71-68—139 (-1)
Rory McIlroy	70-69—139 (-1)
Hideki Matsuyama	67-73—140 (E)
Dustin Johnson	71-69—140 (E)

### Things to Know

- Patrick Cantlay entered week No. 37 in FedExCup seeking to reach the TOUR Championship for fourth consecutive season
- Rory McIlroy won THE PLAYERS Championship in 2019 the last time he held a 36-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR
- Fewest players under par through 36 holes in a non-major on the PGA TOUR since 2000
- 1-under is the highest 36-hole score in relation to par since the 2014 WGC-Mexico Championship (at Doral) when four players – Dustin Johnson, Patrick Reed, Matt Kuchar Hunter Mahan – were tied at 1-under 143
- Winning score at BMW Championship has been 20-under or better since 2015
- Current projections have Tiger Woods (T55) needing a T3 finish to advance to the TOUR Championship
- Current projections of players to move **into** top 30: Patrick Cantlay, Joaquin Niemann, Adam Scott, Mackenzie Hughes
- Current projections of players to move **outside** top 30: Cameron Champ, Cameron Smith, Adam Long, Kevin Streelman

### Second-Round Lead Notes

- 7 of 20 Second-round leaders/co-leaders since 2000 at the BMW Championship to go on to win (most recent: Marc Leishman/2017)
- 13 Second-round leaders/co-leaders to win on PGA TOUR in 2019-20 (most recent: Dustin Johnson/THE NORTHERN TRUST)

Co-leaders entering this week	Rory McIlroy	Patrick Cantlay
Age	31 (5/4/1989)	28 (3/17/1992)
FedExCup	12	37
Projected FedExCup	2	4
OWGR	4	12
PGA TOUR starts	181	96
PGA TOUR wins	18	2
PGA TOUR top-10s	87	25
Starts in 2019-20	13	11
Wins in 2019-20	1	0
Top-10s in 2019-20	6	3
BMW Championship starts	9	3
BMW Championship top-10s	4 (Won/2012)	2 (2 <sup>nd</sup> /2019)

### Patrick Cantlay (T1/-1)

- Hit 6 of 14 fairways and 10 of 18 greens for the second day in a row; holed 42 feet, 6-inch birdie putt on final hole for 2-under 68
- Began this week No. 37 in FedExCup standings and now projected No. 4; advanced to the TOUR Championship last three seasons

- Marks fourth 36-hole lead/co-lead on PGA TOUR, failing to convert previous three into victory (2011 Travelers Championship/T24, 2018 The Genesis Invitational/T4, 2019 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open/2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Ranks No. 1 in Strokes Gained: Around the Green (3.796)
- One of three players with an eagle and the only player with an eagle on a par-4 hole this week, holing 48-yard pitch shot at No. 11 in second round
- Second-round scores in four starts at BMW Championship: 65/2017, 65/2018, 67/2019, 68/2019
- Three previous starts at BMW Championship includes two top-10s (T9/2017, T55/2018, 2<sup>nd</sup>/2019)
- At T2 with Tony Finau, sat one stroke back of leader Hideki Matsuyama through 36 holes of 2019 BMW Championship en route to runner-up finish

#### Rory McIlroy (T1/-1)

- Leads field with most birdies (9)
- Ranks No. 1 in Strokes Gained: Off the Tee (3.283) and Strokes Gained: Tee to Green (6.577)
- Holds 36-hole lead/co-lead for 10<sup>th</sup> time in PGA TOUR career, converting five of previous nine (most recent, 2019 THE PLAYERS Championship)
- 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)
- All 17 of his PGA TOUR stroke-play wins have come with a score of 12-under or better
- One of four players (Jon Rahm, Justin Thomas, Collin Morikawa) with opportunity to reach World No. 1
- Making 10<sup>th</sup> start at the BMW Championship where victory in 2012 is one of four top-10s (1<sup>st</sup>/2012, T8/2014, T4/2015, 5<sup>th</sup>/2018)
- In six starts prior to the suspension of the season: six top-five results (including a win at WGC-HSBC Champions); in seven starts since resumption of the season: no top-10s (best finish: T11/Travelers Championship)

#### Additional Notes

- First-round leader **Hideki Matsuyama** (T3/E) made just one birdie while making a total of 45 feet, 4 inches of putts compared to six birdies and 147 total feet of putts in round one
- World No. 1 and FedExCup leader **Dustin Johnson** (T3/E) birdies final two holes to post 1-under 69 and maintain projected No. 1 FedExCup position
- **Louis Oosthuizen** (T5/+1) began the week No. 70 and is now projected No. 42; Oosthuizen and **Corey Connors** (T30/+5) were the only two players with bogey-free rounds, each posting 17 pars and one birdie
- 2014 FedExCup champion and No. 30 entering this week **Billy Horschel** (T5/+1) is projected to move to No. 23
- Defending champion **Justin Thomas** (T45/+7) posted a 5-over 40 on the back nine en route to 4-over 74
- **Tiger Woods'** (T55/+8) 75 matches his third-highest score in 72 rounds at the BMW Championship (77/R3/1995, 76/R1/1998, 75/R2/1994)

#### 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	R2 Position	Projected FEC position
14	Scottie Scheffler	T45	17
24	Viktor Hovland	T23	27
48	Harry Higgs	T23	46
67	Maverick McNealy	T45	69

#### Players on the TOUR Championship bubble

Pos.	Player	R2 Position	Projected FEC position
25	Cameron Champ	T63	31
26	Cameron Smith	T55	32
27	Adam Long	T58	33
28	Kevin Streelman	68	34
29	Tony Finau	T5	22
30	Billy Horschel	T5	23
31	Joaquin Niemann	T13	28
32	Tyler Duncan	T23	36
33	Matthew Wolff	T13	35
34	Mark Hubbard	T45	43
35	Byeong Hun An	T45	44

**Course Statistics**

	<b>Toughest Hole</b>	<b>Easiest Hole</b>
<b>R1:</b>	Par-4 18 <sup>th</sup> (4.478)	Par-5 1 <sup>st</sup> (4.609)
<b>R2:</b>	Par-4 18 <sup>th</sup> (4.435)	Par-5 1 <sup>st</sup> (4.754)

**Scoring Averages**

	<b>Front Nine</b>	<b>Back Nine</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Cumulative</b>
<b>R1:</b>	36.507	36.319	72.826	--
<b>R2:</b>	36.638	36.087	72.725	72.775

**Bogey-free rounds**

**R1 (0):** None

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