



**2020 Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide**  
(The 28<sup>th</sup> of 36 events in the 2019-20 PGA TOUR Season)

**Dublin, Ohio**  
**Muirfield Village Golf Club**

**July 13-19, 2020**  
**Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,456**

**FedExCup Points: 500**  
**Purse: \$9,300,000/\$1,674,000**

**First-Round Notes – Thursday, July 16, 2020**

*Weather: Mostly cloudy, with light rain in the morning. High of 90. Wind SW 15-25 mph.*

**First-Round Leaderboard**

Tony Finau	66 (-6)
Ryan Palmer	67 (-5)
Brendan Steele	68 (-4)
Gary Woodland	68 (-4)
Three players	69 (-3)

**Things to Know**

- Tony Finau, in his 112<sup>th</sup> start since his maiden PGA TOUR victory at the 2016 Puerto Rico Open, led the field with nine birdies to take a one-stroke lead
- One stroke back of Finau, Ryan Palmer (2<sup>nd</sup>) posted the only bogey-free round on Thursday
- World No. 1 Rory McIlroy (70/T8) and No. 2 Jon Rahm (69/T5) are both among the top 10
- FedExCup leader and Workday Charity Open runner-up Justin Thomas stands T59 after a 2-over 74
- Tiger Woods – playing his first official PGA TOUR round in 151 days – sits T18 after a 1-under 71
- Collin Morikawa, winner of last week’s Workday Charity Open at Muirfield Village, carded a 4-over 76, his highest round as a professional on the PGA TOUR
- Bryson DeChambeau (73/T41) led the field in Strokes Gained – Off the Tee (3.174)

**Tony Finau (1<sup>st</sup>/-6)**

Entering this week	Tony Finau
Age	30 (9/14/1989)
FedExCup	37
OWGR	19
PGA TOUR starts	157
PGA TOUR wins	1
Starts at the Memorial Tournament	5
Top-10s at the Memorial Tournament	1
Starts in 2019-20	13
Top-10s in 2019-20	3

- Holds the sixth 18-hole lead/co-lead of his career; 0-for-5 to date converting to victory
- Making 112<sup>th</sup> start since earning his first PGA TOUR title at the 2016 Puerto Rico Open
- Looking for first top-10 since losing in a playoff to Webb Simpson at the 2020 Waste Management Phoenix Open
- Score of 66 was more than eight strokes lower than the Late Scoring Average (74.12)
- Leads the field in Strokes Gained: Putting with 4.416, the second-best mark of his career (best: 4.536/R4/2017 BMW Championship)
- Ranks second in Strokes Gained: Off the Tee (2.111)

**Additional Notes**

- **Ryan Palmer** (67/2<sup>nd</sup>) leads the field in Strokes Gained: Tee to Green (5.929) and was a perfect 9-for-9 Scrambling
- Five-time Memorial Tournament winner **Tiger Woods** is in search of his record-breaking 83<sup>rd</sup> PGA TOUR victory; opened with a 1-under 71 to stand T18

- Reigning U.S. Open champion **Gary Woodland** (68/T3) is making fifth start since the Return to Golf, with two top-10s in previous four starts (9<sup>th</sup>/Charles Schwab Challenge, T5/Workday Charity Open)
- **Charles Howell III** (69/T5) has yet to finish in the top 10 in 16 previous starts at the Memorial Tournament; his best to date is a T15 in his first start at the event (2001)
- **Vijay Singh** (71/T19), the oldest player in the field at 57, is playing in his 26<sup>th</sup> Memorial Tournament; Singh won the event in 1997 and is playing this week on a sponsor exemption
- **Dustin Johnson**'s opening 80 was his highest round since posting an 80 in the final round of the 2016 Farmers Insurance Open; in his most recent start, Johnson won the Travelers Championship to earn his 21<sup>st</sup> career PGA TOUR victory.
- A total of 30 players have played in all five events since the PGA TOUR Return to Golf back at the Charles Schwab Challenge (22 in the Memorial Tournament field); **Viktor Hovland** (74/T59) is the only player to make the cut in all five events and has earned top-25 finishes in each of these events
- **Jordan Spieth**'s round (70/T8) included an eagle-3 on No. 11 and a double-bogey-5 on No. 12
- **Luke List** (70/T8) was the last player in the field after Bill Haas' withdrawal earlier in the week. He won the Korn Ferry Challenge at TPC Sawgrass in June for his third career Korn Ferry Tour title
- The only player in the top five in the FedExCup standings to break par on Thursday was No. 5 Rory McIlroy (70)
- Defending champion **Patrick Cantlay** posted a 2-under 70
- **Nate Lashley** withdrew with a back injury after 13 holes of the first round
- **Jason Kokrak** withdrew after the round (no reason given)

#### Hole statistics

	<b>Toughest hole</b>	<b>Easiest hole</b>
<b>R1</b>	Par-3 16 <sup>th</sup> (3.531)	Par-5 7 <sup>th</sup> (4.723)

#### Scoring Averages

	<b>Front 9</b>	<b>Back 9</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Cumulative</b>
<b>R1</b>	36.762	37.162	73.923	--

#### Bogey-free rounds

**R1 (1):** Ryan Palmer/67