



2020 TOUR Championship

(Finale of the FedExCup Playoffs)

Atlanta, Georgia
East Lake Golf Club

September 4-7, 2020
Par/Yards: 70/7,346

FedExCup Bonus Pool: \$60 million
Winner receives \$15 million

First-Round Notes – Friday, September 4, 2020

Weather: Partly cloudy with a high of 92. Wind WNW 10-15 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

Position	Player	Start	Round 1	Total
T1	Dustin Johnson	-10	67 (-3)	-13
T1	Jon Rahm	-8	65 (-5)	-13
3	Justin Thomas	-7	66 (-4)	-11
4	Rory McIlroy	-3	64 (-6)	-9
5	Abraham Ancer	-1	64 (-6)	-7

Things To Know

- For the second season, the TOUR Championship is weighted by FedExCup Starting Strokes, with the format crowning a single champion; at the conclusion of the TOUR Championship, the player with the lowest score in relation to par combined with his FedExCup Starting Strokes will win the TOUR Championship and the FedExCup
- Current top four in the Official World Golf Ranking are inside the top four on TOUR Championship leaderboard: Dustin Johnson (T1/1st in OWGR), Jon Rahm (T1/2nd in OWGR), Justin Thomas (3rd/3rd in OWGR), Rory McIlroy (4th/4th in OWGR)
- Co-leaders finished last week's BMW Championship tied, with Rahm winning playoff in dramatic fashion over Johnson
- McIlroy equals best score (64) in 25 rounds at the TOUR Championship in bid to become first three-time FedExCup champion and first to win in consecutive seasons

First-Round Lead Notes

- 13 First-round leaders/co-leaders at the TOUR Championship to go to win (most recent: Tiger Woods, 2018)
- 3 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win on TOUR in 2019-20 (most recent: Collin Morikawa/Workday Charity Open)

Entering this week	Dustin Johnson	Jon Rahm
Age	36 (June 22, 1984)	25 (November 10, 1994)
Country	United States	Spain
FedExCup	1	2
OWGR	1	2
PGA TOUR starts	273	89
PGA TOUR wins	22	5
PGA TOUR top-10s	102	39
Starts in 2019-20	13	14
Wins in 2019-20	2	2
Top-10s in 2019-20	6	7
TOUR Championship starts	10	3
TOUR Championship Top-10s	5	1

Dustin Johnson (T1/-13)

- FedExCup and World No. 1 entered the week at 10-under and holding a two-stroke advantage over Jon Rahm, with Friday's 3-under 67 moving him into a tie with Rahm at 13-under
- Hit five of 14 fairways and 12 of 18 greens; needed 27 putts
- Qualified for the TOUR Championship for the 12th consecutive season (didn't play in 2014 due to personal reason), the longest active streak on TOUR

- Since the Return to Golf, has recorded two victories (Travelers Championship, THE NORTHERN TRUST) and two runner-up finishes (PGA Championship, BMW Championship)
- In the FedExCup Playoffs, owns the most wins (5/tied with Rory McIlroy), top-fives (12) and top-10s (20)

Jon Rahm (T1/-13)

- Hit three of 14 fairways and 14 of 18 greens; needed 27 putts
- TOUR Championship finishes: 2017 (T7), 2018 (T11), 2019 (T12)
- Last week's BMW Championship victory was his fifth TOUR title, moving him from No. 9 to No. 2 in the FedExCup
- One of four players with at least one win in each of the last four PGA TOUR seasons (Bryson DeChambeau, Dustin Johnson, Justin Thomas)

Justin Thomas (3rd/-11)

- Birdied three of his first four holes (including his only birdie on the opening hole in 17 rounds at the TOUR Championship) en route to a 4-under 66; at 11-under, sits two behind Johnson and Rahm
- Only player with three victories this season (THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES, Sentry Tournament of Champions, WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational)
- Nine top-10 finishes this season, tied with Bryson DeChambeau for most on PGA TOUR
- Finished T7 or better in all four previous starts at East Lake Golf Club (T6/2016, 2nd/2017, T7/2018, T3/2019)

Rory McIlroy (4th/-9)

- Birdied final three holes for a 6-under 64, equaling his best score (R4/2016) in 25 rounds at the TOUR Championship
- 64 equaled Abraham Ancer for the round of the day
- The 64 marks his seventh sub-70 opening round in as many attempts at East Lake
- 18-time PGA TOUR winner has two wins at the TOUR Championship (2016, 2019)
- One of two players with two FedExCup titles (Tiger Woods); the 2016 and 2019 champion is seeking to become the first three-time FedExCup champion and first to win in consecutive seasons

Additional Player Notes

- Highlighted by a 25'6" eagle putt on the on the final hole, **Abraham Ancer** (5th) posted the day's only bogey-free round with a 64 (tied with McIlroy for round of the day); finished T21 during his TOUR Championship debut in 2019
- 2017 champion **Xander Schauffele** (T6) recorded a 3-under 67, his 13th round at par-or-better in as many attempts at East Lake Golf Club; in three starts at the event, has won (2017), finished runner-up (2019) and T7 (2018)
- **Webb Simpson** (T6) bogeyed four of his first five holes but rallied with birdies on Nos. 8, 10 and 13 for a 1-over 71; entered the week No. 4 in the FedExCup standings
- One week after opening the BMW Championship with a 10-over 80, **Marc Leishman** (T10) carded a 4-under 66 on day one of the TOUR Championship for his first sub-70 opening round in five starts at the event

Miscellaneous Notes

- For the first time in the FedExCup era, the top three in the FedExCup standings entering the TOUR Championship are also the top three in the Official World Golf Rankings
- First-timers in field: Lanto Griffin (T10), Tyrrell Hatton (T10), Collin Morikawa (T14), Cameron Champ (T18), Sebastian Munoz (T18), Viktor Hovland (T24), Scottie Scheffler (T24), Mackenzie Hughes (T26), Joaquin Niemann (T26)
- Rookies in the field: Scottie Scheffler (T24), Viktor Hovland (T24)
- Three FedExCup champions are in the field: Justin Thomas (3), Rory McIlroy (4), Billy Horschel (T26)
- Past TOUR Championship winners: Rory McIlroy (4), Xander Schauffele (T6), Billy Horschel (T26)

Course Statistics

	Toughest Hole	Easiest Hole
R1:	par-4 8 th ; par-4 16 th (4.167)	par-5 sixth (4.333)

Scoring Averages

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	34.400	34.300	68.700	---

Bogey-free rounds

R1 (1): Abraham Ancer (64)