



# 2020 Travelers Championship

(The 25<sup>th</sup> of 36 events in the 2019-20 PGA TOUR Season)

Cromwell, Connecticut

June 25-28, 2020

FedExCup Points: 500 to the winner

TPC River Highlands

Par/Yardage: 35-35—70/6,841

Purse: \$7,400,000 (\$1,332,000)

Second-Round Notes - Friday, June 26, 2020

**Weather:** Partly cloudy with a high of 88. Wind W 6-12 mph. Due to expected inclement weather Saturday afternoon, thirdround pairings will feature threesomes off split tees between approximately 7-9 a.m.

36-hole cut: 68 players at 4-under 136 from a field of 156 professionals

## Second-Round Leaderboard

 Phil Mickelson
 64-63—127 (-13)

 Will Gordon
 66-62—128 (-12)

 Mackenzie Hughes
 60-68—128 (-12)

#### **Things To Know**

- In his first start since turning 50 on June 16, Phil Mickelson is positioned to become the eighth player to win over age 50
- Will Gordon, playing on a sponsor exemption, birdied eight of his first 11 holes en route to career-low 62
- Brendan Steele ties career-low score with 8-under 62; two of three 62s have come at TPC River Highlands (2014/R1)
- With scores of 72-71—143 (+3), Collin Morikawa's streak of consecutive made cuts to start his professional career ends at 22. Marks the second-longest streak in the last 30 years (Tiger Woods: 25 consecutive cuts)
- Bryson DeChambeau is the only player to enter the weekend inside the top 10 on the leaderboard at each of the first three Return to Golf events

#### **Second-Round Lead Notes**

- Second-round leaders/co-leaders to win the Travelers Championship since 2000: Jordan Spieth (2017), Bubba Watson (2015), Kenny Perry (2009), Stewart Cink (2008), Peter Jacobsen (2003) and Notah Begay III (2000)
- Through 24 stroke-play events this season, 10 second-round leaders/co-leaders have gone on to win, most recently Webb Simpson/RBC Heritage

## Comparing the leaderboard (entering the week)

| Player            | Phil Mickelson | Mackenzie Hughes | Will Gordon  |
|-------------------|----------------|------------------|--------------|
| Age               | 50 (6/16/70)   | 29 (11/23/90)    | 23 (7/28/96) |
| FedExCup          | 95             | 70               | N/A          |
| OWGR              | 66             | 158              | 561          |
| Starts/Travelers  | 6              | 3                | 0            |
| Wins/Travelers    | 2              | 0                | 0            |
| Top-10s/Travelers | 2              | 0                | 0            |
| PGA TOUR starts   | 623            | 102              | 7            |
| PGA TOUR wins     | 44             | 1                | 0            |
| Starts in 2019-20 | 10             | 14               | 6            |
| Top-10s 2019-20   | 1              | 1                | 1            |

#### Phil Mickelson (1<sup>st</sup>/-13)

- Overcame an early bogey at No. 2 with eight birdies, including four of his last six holes, in his second start at the Travelers Championship since 2003 (2019/MC) and seventh overall
- 64-63 start marks first time in his career with consecutive rounds of 64 or better in the first two rounds to start an event; becomes the fifth player since 1983 to record multiple rounds of 64 or better on the PGA TOUR after turning 50 years old (Davis Love III/5, Fred Funk/3, Tom Pernice, Jr./2, Steve Stricker/2)
- 127 is his second-lowest opening 36-hole score (125/2013 Waste Management Phoenix Open/Won)

- Takes a 36-hole lead/co-lead on the PGA TOUR for the 35<sup>th</sup> time. Has converted for the win on 18 of 34 previous occasions, most recently at the 2019 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am
- Makes his first cut on the PGA TOUR since February at the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am; has missed last three cuts on TOUR (The Genesis Invitational, Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard, Charles Schwab Challenge)
- Only player to successfully defend a Travelers Championship title (2001-02); looks to become the third player to win more than two Travelers Championship titles (Billy Casper/4, Bubba Watson/3)
- With a win, would become the eighth player to win in his 50s on the PGA TOUR (most recent: Davis Love III/2015 Wyndham Championship)
- Seeks his 45<sup>th</sup> career win on TOUR in his 624<sup>th</sup> start

#### Will Gordon (T2/-12)

- Playing on a sponsor invitation, birdied eight of his first 11 holes en route to an 8-under 62
- Last sponsor exemption to win on TOUR: Matthew Wolff/2019 3M Open
- Vanderbilt University standout missed just one green in regulation in round two (30/36 for the week)
- Davidson, North Carolina native has made seven previous PGA TOUR appearances; T31/2019 Barracuda Championship,
   MC/2019 Sanderson Farms Championship, T55/2019 Mayakoba Golf Classic, T10/2019 The RSM Classic, MC/2020 Sony
   Open in Hawaii, T21/2020 Farmers Insurance Open, T20/2020 Puerto Rico Open
- After winning the 2019 Mackenzie Tour-PGA TOUR Canada Q School (USA West), made eight cuts in nine starts, including two top-five finishes on that Tour
- Failed to advance out of second stage of 2019 Korn Ferry Tour Qualifying School
- Currently No. 4 on non-member FedExCup points list

#### **Additional Notes**

- Looking to become the season's second Canadian winner (Nick Taylor/AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am), **Mackenzie Hughes** (T2/-12) followed a career-low 10-under 60 with a 68 in round two in his fourth Travelers Championship start; marks his fifth made cut in 15 starts this season
- Beginning on No. 10, **Brendan Steele** (T4/-9) birdied his last four holes to tie his career-low score with an 8-under 62; owns seven top-25 finishes in nine Travelers Championship starts
- In his third start at the Travelers Championship, World No. 1 Rory McIlroy sits T4 at 9-under 131
- Of three consecutive drives over 350 yards, **Bryson DeChambeau's** (T10/-8) 358-yard drive at No. 9 is second-longest on that hole since 2004 (J.B. Holmes/365 yards/R2/2008)

#### **Course Statistics**

| Toughest Hole                            | Easiest Hole                   |
|--|--------------------------------|
| <b>R1:</b> Par-3 5 <sup>th</sup> (3.103) | Par-5 13 <sup>th</sup> (4.596) |
| <b>R2:</b> Par-3 5 <sup>th</sup> (3.149) | Par-5 6 <sup>th</sup> (4.487)  |

# **Scoring Averages**

|             | Front 9 | Back 9 | Total  | Cumulative |
|-------------|---------|--------|--------|------------|
| R1:         | 34.487  | 34.045 | 68.532 |            |
| <b>R2</b> : | 34.117  | 34.766 | 68.883 | 68.708     |