



## 2020 Travelers Championship

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

Cromwell, Connecticut  
TPC River Highlands

June 25-28, 2020  
Par/Yardage: 35-35—70/6,841

FedExCup Points: 500 to the winner  
Purse: \$7,400,000 (\$1,332,000)

### First-Round Notes – Thursday, June 25, 2020

Weather: Mostly sunny with a high of 87. Wind SW 8-16 mph.

#### First-Round Leaderboard

Mackenzie Hughes	60 (-10)
Rory McIlroy	63 (-7)
Xander Schauffele	63 (-7)
Viktor Hovland	63 (-7)

#### Things To Know

- Mackenzie Hughes posts career-low 60 to sit atop the Travelers Championship leaderboard for the second straight year
- Xander Schauffele birdies seven of first 11 holes in third Travelers Championship start
- Rory McIlroy leads the field in Strokes Gained: Off the Tee and Tee to Green
- After making his professional debut at the 2019 Travelers Championship, Viktor Hovland posts career-low score (63)
- 2001-02 Travelers Championship winner Phil Mickelson posts lowest opening-round score since 2019 The American Express (60)
- Collin Morikawa opened with a 2-over 72. He is on a streak of 22 consecutive made cuts to start his professional career, the second-longest streak in the last 30 years (Tiger Woods: 25 consecutive cuts)

#### First-Round Lead Notes

- 6 Dating to 2000, first-round leaders/co-leaders at Travelers Championship to win: Jordan Spieth/2017, Bubba Watson/2015, Kenny Perry/2009, Hunter Mahan/2007, Peter Jacobsen/2003, Notah Begay III/2000
- 2 Through 24 stroke-play events this season, two first-round leaders/co-leaders have gone on to win; Tiger Woods/ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP, Nick Taylor/AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am

#### Comparing the leaderboard (entering the week)

Player	Mackenzie Hughes	Rory McIlroy	Xander Schauffele	Viktor Hovland
Age	29 (11/23/90)	31 (5/4/89)	26 (10/25/93)	22 (9/18/97)
FedExCup	70	4	12	40
OWGR	158	1	10	53
Starts/Travelers	3	2	2	1
Top-10s/Travelers	0	0	0	0
PGA TOUR starts	102	176	88	21
PGA TOUR wins	1	18	4	1
Starts in 2019-20	14	8	10	11
Top-10s 2019-20	1	6	4	2

#### Mackenzie Hughes (1<sup>st</sup>/-10)

- Birdied five consecutive holes on his outgoing nine (Nos. 14-18) en route to a career-low and bogey-free 10-under 60. Previous best was a 9-under 61 (R1/2016 The RSM Classic); recorded a career-best 10 birdies in a round
- The 60 sets tournament record for best first-round score (previously 61; Kenny Perry/2009, Charley Hoffman/2013)
- Marks his fourth first-round lead/co-lead on the PGA TOUR. Via sudden death, converted for the win at The RSM Classic in 2016
- Opened with a bogey-free 6-under 64 in the 2019 Travelers Championship to hold a share of the lead. Finished T51
- Leads the field in Strokes Gained: Putting (5.012)

- Is making his fourth start in the Travelers Championship (2019/T51, 2018/T42, 2017/T17)
- Seeks his second career TOUR win; 2016 The RSM Classic
- Of four made cuts in 14 starts this season, lone top-10 finish was solo-second at The Honda Classic

#### **Xander Schauffele (T2/-7)**

- Offset two bogeys with nine birdies, including four in a row (Nos. 8-11)
- Making his third start in the Travelers Championship; 2018/MC, 2017/T14
- Seeks his fifth top-10 finish in his 11<sup>th</sup> start of the 2019-20 season, highlighted by playoff appearances at the World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions (won by Rory McIlroy) and Sentry Tournament of Champions (won by Justin Thomas)
- In two starts since the Return to Golf, finished T3 at the Charles Schwab Challenge and T64 at last week's RBC Heritage
- Seeks his fifth career PGA TOUR title and first since the 2019 Sentry Tournament of Champions

#### **Rory McIlroy (T2/-7)**

- World No. 1 ties the second-lowest opening 18-hole score of his PGA TOUR career with a 7-under 63
- The 63 marks his sixth opening round of 63 or better and first since the 2019 WGC-Mexico Championship; in five previous, had four top-five finishes
- Leads the field in Strokes Gained: Off the Tee (2.190) and Strokes Gained: Tee to Green (5.457)
- Is making his third start in the Travelers Championship; 2018/T12, 2017/T17
- Six top-10 finishes in eight starts this season, highlighted by 18<sup>th</sup> career PGA TOUR win at the WGC-HSBC Champions

#### **Viktor Hovland (T2/-7)**

- Coming off a T54 in his professional debut at the 2019 Travelers Championship, played last seven holes, Nos. 12-18, in 5-under (birdie-eagle-birdie-birdie-par-bogey-birdie) to post his career-low score of 63
- Won maiden PGA TOUR win at the Puerto Rico Open in February
- In two starts since the Return to Golf, finished T23 at the Charles Schwab Challenge and T21 at last week's RBC Heritage

#### **Additional Notes**

- Making his seventh start at the Travelers Championship and second since 2003 (2019/MC), 2001-02 champion **Phil Mickelson** opened with a bogey-free 6-under 64 (T5). It marks his first bogey-free score since round two of the 2019 WGC-Mexico Championship, a span of 68 rounds. The 44-time TOUR winner turned 50 on June 16
- **Patrick Cantlay**, whose 10-under 60 in round two of the 2011 event stands as the lowest score by an amateur in PGA TOUR history, opened with a 4-under 66 (T17) in his first TOUR start since the Genesis Invitational in February
- Defending Travelers Championship winner **Chez Reavie** opened with an even-par 70 in his bid to become the second player to successfully defend his title (Phil Mickelson/2001-02)

#### **Course Statistics**

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

#### **Scoring Averages**

	<b>Front 9</b>	<b>Back 9</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Cumulative</b>
<b>R1:</b>	34.487	34.045	68.532	--