



2020 World Golf Championships-FedEx St. Jude Invitational
(The 30th of 36 events in the 2019-20 PGA TOUR Season)

Memphis, Tennessee
TPC Southwind

July 30-August 2, 2020
Par/Yards: 35-35—70/7,277

FedExCup Points: 550
Purse: \$10,500,000/\$1,820,000

First-Round Notes – Thursday, July 30, 2020

Weather: Partly sunny with intermittent showers. High of 91. Wind SW 12-16 mph, with gusts to 20 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

Brooks Koepka	62 (-8)
Rickie Fowler	64 (-6)
Brendon Todd	64 (-6)
Sung Kang	65 (-5)

Things to Know

- Defending champion Brooks Koepka ties his career-best score with a 62 to take the first-round lead
- Koepka becomes the first defending champion on TOUR to hold the 18-hole lead/co-lead since he led outright after the first round of the 2019 PGA Championship
- Rickie Fowler shoots his lowest first-round score since he opened with a 64 at the 2019 Waste Management Phoenix Open before going on to win
- Brendon Todd, one of three players with multiple wins in 2019-20, stands T2, tying career-best 18-hole position

First-Round Lead Notes

- 5 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win the WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational (Stewart Cink/2004; Tiger Woods/1999, 2000, 2005; Adam Scott/2011)
- 3 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win on PGA TOUR in 2019-20 (Most recent: Collin Morikawa/Workday Charity Open)

Comparing the top three on the leaderboard (entering the week)

Player	Brooks Koepka	Rickie Fowler	Brendon Todd
Age	30 (5/3/1990)	31 (12/13/1988)	35 (7/22/1985)
FedExCup	155	89	9
OWGR	6	32	51
Starts at WGC-FedEx St. Jude Inv.	5	9	2
Wins at WGC-FedEx St. Jude Inv.	1	0	0
Top-10s at WGC-FedEx St. Jude Inv.	3	5	0
PGA TOUR starts	135	247	190
PGA TOUR wins	7	5	3
Starts in 2019-20	10	11	19
Wins in 2019-20	0	0	2
Top-10s in 2019-20	1	2	3

Brooks Koepka (1st/-8)

- Defending champion; earned seventh of seven PGA TOUR titles at the event in 2019
- Ties career-low 18-hole score with a 62 (second instance; first: R1/2016 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open/finished 2nd)
- Seventh 18-hole lead/co-lead of his PGA TOUR career; 1-for-6 in converting previous attempts to victory (won 2019 PGA Championship; other leads: 2015 FedEx St. Jude Classic, 2017 The Open Championship, 2017 WGC-HSBC Champions, 2019 Masters Tournament, 2019 TOUR Championship)

- Last defending champion on TOUR to hold the 18-hole lead/co-lead: Koepka, 2019 PGA Championship (went on to win wire-to-wire)
- Last player to successfully defend title on TOUR: Koepka, 2019 PGA Championship
- Last player to successfully defend title in a World Golf Championships event: Tiger Woods, 2007 WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational
- Began the round with four consecutive birdies, the longest streak of his career to begin a tournament
- Front-nine 30 marks his lowest nine-hole score of the season
- Leads the field in Strokes Gained: Tee to Green at 4.639, his best mark of the season in that category
- Entered the week No. 155 in the FedExCup standings with just three weeks remaining until the start of the FedExCup Playoffs; has not finished worse than 35th in the FedExCup since joining the PGA TOUR in 2014-15
- Will also defend title at next week's PGA Championship

Additional Player Notes

- **Rickie Fowler** (T2) opens with a 64, his fifth career first-round score of 64 or better and first since opening with a 64 before going on to win the 2019 Waste Management Phoenix Open
- **Brendon Todd** (T2) is one of three players with multiple wins during the 2019-20 season (Todd/2, Webb Simpson/2, Justin Thomas/2); ties his career-best 18-hole position at T2 (T46/2014 THE NORTHERN TRUST, Won/2019 Mayakoba Golf Classic)
- FedExCup leader and 2018 WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational champion **Justin Thomas** opens with a 66 to stand T5
- Making his first start since winning the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide and moving to No. 1 in the Official World Golf Ranking, **Jon Rahm** (T36) opened with an even-par 70

Hole statistics

	Toughest hole	Easiest hole
R1	Par-4 5 th (4.359)	Par-5 16 th (4.436)

Scoring Averages

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1	34.782	34.923	69.705	--

Bogey-free rounds

R1 (1): Xander Schauffele (68)