



## 2020 World Golf Championships-Mexico Championship

(20<sup>th</sup> of 49 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Mexico City, Mexico  
Club de Golf Chapultepec

February 20-23, 2020

Par/Yards: 35-36—71/7,355

Purse: \$10,500,000 (\$1,820,000)

FedExCup Points: 550 (winner)

### Second-Round Notes – Friday, February 21, 2020

Weather: Mostly Sunny, with a high of 74. Wind N/NE at 8-16 mph.

### Second-Round Leaderboard

Bryson DeChambeau	68-63—131 (-11)
Erik van Rooyen	70-62—132 (-10)
Patrick Reed	69-63—132 (-10)
Hideki Matsuyama	69-64—133 (-9)
Justin Thomas	67-66—133 (-9)

### Things to Know

- Bryson DeChambeau tied his most career birdies in a round (9) with 8-under 63 to take the 36-hole lead by one
- Playing on his 30<sup>th</sup> birthday, Erik van Rooyen tied Justin Thomas' course record with a 9-under 62
- Rory McIlroy, the 18-hole leader, dropped into sixth at 8-under after a 2-under 69 and is three back
- McIlroy would join Dustin Johnson as the only player to win all four World Golf Championships events
- Friday was the first time in a WGC stroke-play event where four players made nine or more birdies in a round (Bryson DeChambeau, Hideki Matsuyama, Patrick Reed & Erik van Rooyen)
- Seven countries are represented inside the top 10 through two rounds

### Second-Round Lead Notes

- 12 Second-round leaders/co-leaders at WGC-Mexico Championship to win (since 1999)  
Most recent: Dustin Johnson/2019
- 7 Second-round leaders/co-leaders to win on TOUR in 2019-20  
Most recent: Nick Taylor/AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am

### Leader – Entering the Week

Player	Bryson DeChambeau
Age	26 (September 16, 1993)
FedExCup	67
OWGR	16
Starts in event	1
Top-10s in event	0
PGA TOUR Starts	98
PGA TOUR Wins	5
Starts in 2019-20	5
Top-10s in 2019-20	2

### Bryson DeChambeau (1st/-11)

- Nine birdies tied his most career birdies in a round (R4/2019 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open)
- 8-under 63 ties the second-lowest round of his PGA TOUR career. Carded a 9-under 62 in the second round of the 2019 3M Open
- 11-under 131 ties the lowest 36-hole total at Club de Golf Chapultepec with Shubhankar Sharma (2018) and Dustin Johnson (2019)
- Ranked No. 1 in the field in SG:Putting (8.318). His 265' 10" of putts made this week is his career most feet of putts made thru first two rounds of an event on TOUR.

- Has made 31 of 32 putts inside 15 feet through two rounds
- Five-time PGA TOUR winner has held the 36-hole lead/co-lead six prior times but is yet to convert
- Last held the 36-hole outright lead at the 2019 Safeway Open where he finished T13
- Finished T56 (2019) in his lone prior appearance at the WGC-Mexico Championship
- Best prior finish in five career World Golf Championships starts is a 30<sup>th</sup> at the 2018 WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational

#### **Erik van Rooyen (T2/-10)**

- Ties the tournament record with a 9-under 62, which has previously been shot six times: Retief Goosen R4/2002, Sergio Garcia R4/2002, Bubba Watson R2/2012, J.B. Holmes R1/2015, Justin Thomas R3/2018, Justin Thomas R4/2019
- 62 was the lone bogey-free round of the day
- Leads field in SG: Around-the-Green (+4.443)
- Finished T36 in his lone prior start at the WGC-Mexico Championship in 2019
- Lone top-10 in nine prior PGA TOUR starts came at the 2019 PGA Championship with a T8
- Missed the cut at last week's The Genesis Invitational and finished T38 at the 2019 WGC-HSBC Champions in his lone two prior starts on TOUR this season
- South African played college golf at University of Minnesota and owns three professional wins – one each on the European Tour, Challenge Tour and Sunshine Tour
- Best finish in three prior World Golf Championships appearances is a T22 at the 2018 WGC-HSBC Champions

#### **Patrick Reed (T2/-10)**

- Tied his career low on the PGA TOUR with 8-under 63 with nine birdies and one bogey. Previously shot 63 six times in his career: 2012 Safeway Open/R1, 2013 John Deere Classic/R2, 2014 The American Express/R1/R2/R3, 2019 Wyndham Championship/R4
- Recorded three top-10s in six starts this season including a runner-up at the Sentry Tournament of Champions where he fell in a playoff to Justin Thomas
- Seven-time PGA TOUR winner owns one World Golf Championships victory – 2014 WGC-Mexico Championship
- In three prior appearances at Club de Golf Chapultepec, finished T14(2019), T37(2018), T61(2017)
- Ranks No. 2 in SG: Putting (+7.946) through two rounds and was No. 1 in the round two (+5.437)

#### **Hideki Matsuyama (T4/-9)**

- Started on No. 10 and was 9-under after 15 holes but bogeyed two of his last three holes for a 7-under 64
- Ranked No. 1 in SG: Tee-To-Green (+8.804) through two rounds
- Finished T5 in his last start at The Genesis Invitational for his third top-10 of the 2019-20 season
- In five previous starts at the WGC-Mexico Championship, T19 (2019) is his best finish
- Two previous World Golf Championships victories – 2016 WGC-HSBC Champions and 2017 WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational

#### **Justin Thomas (T4/-9)**

- Ranks No. 1 in Strokes Gained: Off the Tee (+4.308)
- Tied the best birdie/eagle streak of the 2019-20 PGA TOUR Season with a birdie-birdie-birdie-birdie-eagle stretch on Nos. 15, 16, 17, 18 and 1. Scott Stallings (Shriners Hospitals for Children Open), Chris Stroud (Shriners Hospitals for Children Open), Austin Cook (Houston Open) and Danny Lee (Mayakoba Golf Classic) have each posted 6-under stretches this season
- Current FedExCup leader seeking third victory after two wins this season (THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES, Sentry Tournament of Champions)
- In three previous starts in the WGC-Mexico Championship at Club de Golf Chapultepec, has three top-10s (9<sup>th</sup>/2019, 2<sup>nd</sup>/2018, T5/2017)
- 11-time PGA TOUR winner and one-time World Golf Championships winner (2018 WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational)

#### **Rory McIlroy (6<sup>th</sup>/-8)**

- Finished runner-up in 2019 and T7 in 2017 in two prior starts at Club de Golf Chapultepec
- Has posted sub-70 scores in 12 of his last 14 rounds in WGC stroke-play events (dating to R1/2019 WGC-Mexico Championship); 54-under during this stretch
- Has finished inside the top 5 in all four starts this season (T3/ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP, 1<sup>st</sup>/WGC-HSBC Champions, T3/Farmers Insurance Open, T5/The Genesis Invitational)

- Would join Dustin Johnson as the only player to win all four World Golf Championships events with a victory this week; Prior to his 2019 WGC-HSBC Champions victory, captured the 2014 WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational and 2015 WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play

#### Miscellaneous Notes

- Three rounds of 63 or better today (**DeChambeau** (63), **Reed** (63), **van Rooyen** (62). Only other round in WGC events with three or more 63s or better (2018 WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational/R1)
- **Abraham Ancer** (T19/-2) is best of the two Mexican players in the field this week
- Defending champion **Dustin Johnson** is in T60 after rounds of 76-71
- In his first career start in the event, Mexico's **Carlos Ortiz** (T36) bounced back from an opening 75 with a 3-under 68 in the second round
- Of the 21 players making their WGC-Mexico Championship debut this week, eight are making their first start in a World Golf Championships event: **Sebastian Muñoz** (T7/-5), **Zach Murray** (T19/-2), **Lanto Griffin** (T22/-1), **Collin Morikawa** (T28/E), **Scottie Scheffler** (T36/+1), **Carlos Ortiz** (T36/+1), **Lucas Herbert** (T50/+3), **Marcus Kinhult** (T63/+7)
- A top-five finish for **Louis Oosthuizen** (T11/-3) this week would secure at least one top-5 in each of the four WGC events (4 times/WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play, 4<sup>th</sup>/2012 WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational, 3<sup>rd</sup>/2019 WGC-HSBC Champions); 6<sup>th</sup>/2015 is his best result at WGC-Mexico Championship
- **Lee Westwood** (T11/-3) is making his 58<sup>th</sup> career World Golf Championships start in search of his first title

#### Bogey-free rounds:

**R1 (0):** None

**R2 (1):** Erik van Rooyen (62)

#### Scoring Averages at Club de Golf Chapultepec:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
<b>R1:</b>	35.889	36.500	72.389	--
<b>R2:</b>	34.653	35.625	70.278	71.333