



2020 World Golf Championships-Mexico Championship
(20th of 49 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Mexico City, Mexico
Club de Golf Chapultepec

February 20-23, 2020

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

Par/Yards: 35-36—71/7,355

FedExCup Points: 550 (winner)

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, February 22, 2020

Weather: Sunny, with a high of 78. Wind E/NE at 5-10 mph.

Third-Round Leaderboard

Justin Thomas	67-66-65—198 (-15)
Erik van Rooyen	70-62-67—199 (-14)
Patrick Reed	69-63-67—199 (-14)
Jon Rahm	72-69-61—202 (-11)
Rory McIlroy	65-69-68—202 (-11)
Bryson DeChambeau	68-63-71—202 (-11)

Things to Know

- Justin Thomas takes his second career 54-hole lead at Club de Golf Chapultepec with a 6-under 65 in search of his third victory of the 2019-20 PGA TOUR Season
- Patrick Reed shot a 4-under 67 and sits one stroke back in his attempt to win his second WGC-Mexico Championship title
- Jon Rahm posted nine birdies and an ace en route to a 10-under 61 that set a new tournament and course record
- Erik van Rooyen looks to become the second South African to win a World Golf Championships title and eighth to make their first PGA TOUR victory a World Golf Championships event
- Bryson DeChambeau, the 36-hole leader, carded an even-par 71 that included bogeys on three of his last six holes
- Rory McIlroy sits four strokes back and seeks to join Dustin Johnson as the only player to win all four World Golf Championships events

Third-Round Lead Notes

- 11 Third-round leaders/co-leaders at WGC-Mexico Championship to win (since 1999)
 Most recent: Dustin Johnson/2019
- 12 Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win on TOUR in 2019-20
 Most recent: Adam Scott/The Genesis Invitational

Leader – Entering the Week

<i>Player</i>	Justin Thomas
<i>Age</i>	26 (April 29, 1993)
<i>FedExCup</i>	1
<i>OWGR</i>	4
<i>Starts in event</i>	4
<i>Top-10s in event</i>	3
<i>PGA TOUR Starts</i>	144
<i>PGA TOUR Wins</i>	12
<i>Starts in 2019-20</i>	7
<i>Top-10s in 2019-20</i>	4 (2 wins)

Justin Thomas (1st/-15)

- 12th 54-hole lead/co-lead in his PGA TOUR career, having converted eight times (most recent: 2019 THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES)
- Held a one-stroke lead through 54 holes at the 2017 WGC-Mexico Championship and finished T5

- Has recorded 66 or better in eight of his 15 career rounds at Club de Golf Chapultepec
- Has finished inside the top 10 in three previous starts at Club de Golf Chapultepec (9th/2019, 2nd/2018, T5/2017)
- Has recorded 12 of his 18 birdies on the back nine this week
- Current FedExCup leader seeking third victory after two wins this season (THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES, Sentry Tournament of Champions)
- A win would mark his third season on TOUR with three or more victories
- Would become the first FedExCup standings leader to win the WGC-Mexico Championship since 2007
- 12-time PGA TOUR winner has one World Golf Championships title (2018 WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational)

Erik van Rooyen (T2/-14)

- Sat 3-over through his first nine holes of the tournament and has played the subsequent 45 holes in 17-under
- Needs solo-second for PGA TOUR Special Temporary Membership (needs 270 points)
- Would become the second South African to win a World Golf Championships and first since Ernie Els (2004, 2010 WGC-Mexico Championship)
- Seven players have made a World Golf Championships event their first PGA TOUR win: Darren Clarke (2000 Dell Technologies Match Play), Craig Parry (2002 FedEx St. Jude Invitational), Kevin Sutherland (2002 Dell Technologies Match Play), Henrik Stenson (2007 Dell Technologies Match Play), Ian Poulter (2010 Dell Technologies Match Play), Shane Lowry (2015 FedEx St. Jude Invitational), Russell Knox (2015 HSBC Champions)
- Finished T36 in his lone prior start at the WGC-Mexico Championship in 2019

Patrick Reed (T2/-14)

- Has come from behind in two of seven TOUR victories (2015 Sentry TOC, 2016 THE NORTHERN TRUST)
- Won the 2014 WGC-Mexico Championship for his lone WGC title but has not recorded a top-10 in the tournament since his victory
- In three prior appearances at Club de Golf Chapultepec, finished T14/2019, T37/2018, T61/2017
- 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
- Leads the field in SG: Putting (+8.781) through three rounds
- Leads the field with 34 total one-putts, which represents his highest total through 54 holes in his career

Jon Rahm (T4/-11)

- Posted nine birdies and an ace en route to a 10-under 61 that sets a new tournament and course record
- Sets new career low 18-hole score on the PGA TOUR (62/2019 WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational/R1)
- Nine-birdie performance sets a new career best (8/2019 WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational/R1)
- Second time in PGA TOUR history a player has recorded nine birdies and an ace (Briny Baird/2009 RBC Canadian Open/R2)
- Birdied the first four holes of a round for the first time in his PGA TOUR career
- Hole-in-one at the 158-yard par-3 17th with a gap wedge is his second on TOUR
- Sat T29 after round one with a 1-over 72; would represent the highest first-round score by a winner in tournament history
- Best finish in eight previous World Golf Championships stroke-play events is a T3 at the 2017 WGC-Mexico Championship

Rory McIlroy (T4/-11)

- Has come from behind to win in nine of 17 stroke-play PGA TOUR titles
- Finished runner-up in 2019 and T7 in 2017 in two prior starts at Club de Golf Chapultepec
- Has posted sub-70 scores in 13 of his last 15 rounds in WGC stroke-play events (dating to R1/2019 WGC-Mexico Championship); 57-under during this stretch
- 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

Bryson DeChambeau (T4/-11)

- 36-hole leader closed with bogeys on three of his last six holes to finish with an even-par 71 and sits four strokes back
- Opened with birdie-eagle and added another birdie at the par-4 fifth to get to 15-under before making his first double bogey in 147 holes at the par-5 sixth
- A victory would extend his streak of winning at least one PGA TOUR event to four consecutive seasons; in search of his first title since 2018 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open

- Finished T56 (2019) in his lone prior appearance at the WGC-Mexico Championship

Miscellaneous Notes

- Both Mexican players in the field are inside the top 20 through three rounds, with **Abraham Ancer** (T12) firing a 4-under 67 and **Carlos Ortiz** (T15) adding a 5-under 66 after beginning the tournament with a 4-over 75
- **Chez Reavie** (T30/-2) made a hole-in-one at the 167-yard par-3 third hole with a 9-iron for his fifth career ace
- **DeChambeau** and **van Rooyen** both eagled the par-4 second hole in round three with putts from 5' 10" and 11' 3", respectively. The field average for players going for the par-4 second hole in round three was 67' 9"
- **Gary Woodland** (T9/-9) is in search of his first top-10 in 15 career World Golf Championships stroke-play events
- Defending champion **Dustin Johnson** recorded his first under-par score of the tournament with a 4-under 67 to sit T41
- 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** (T15/-4), **Zach Murray** (T15/-4), **Carlos Ortiz** (T15/-4), **Scottie Scheffler** (T24/-3), **Lanto Griffin** (T30/-2), **Collin Morikawa** (T41/+1), **Lucas Herbert** (T60/+6), **Marcus Kinhult** (T68/+11)

Bogey-free rounds:

R1 (0): None

R2 (1): Erik van Rooyen (62)

R3 (3): Scottie Scheffler (68), Billy Horschel (65), Justin Harding (67)

Scoring Averages at Club de Golf Chapultepec:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	35.889	36.500	72.389	--
R2:	34.653	35.625	70.278	71.333
R3:	34.444	35.306	69.750	70.806