



2021 Barbasol Championship

(The 43rd of 50 events in the 2020-21 PGA TOUR Season)

Lexington, Kentucky

July 15-18, 2021

FedExCup Points: 300

Keene Trace Golf Club (Champions)

Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,328

Purse: \$3,500,000 (\$630,000/winner)

First-Round Notes – Friday, July 16, 2021

Weather: Thursday: Mostly cloudy. High of 88. Wind SW 7-14 mph, gusting to 18 mph. Play was suspended due to dangerous weather situations from 3:40 – 5 p.m. and from 6:16 – 7:31 p.m. Play was suspended due to darkness at 8:47 p.m. with 30 players yet to complete their round. **Friday:** Partly cloudy. High of 81. Wind SW 8-14 mph. The first round resumed at 8:09 a.m. Friday and was completed at 9:33 a.m. The second round began as scheduled at 7:45 a.m.

First-Round Leaderboard

Brian Stuard	64 (-8)
Will Grimmer	64 (-8)
Scott Harrington	65 (-7)
J.T. Poston	65 (-7)
Vaughn Taylor	65 (-7)
Joseph Bramlett	65 (-7)
Taylor Pendrith	65 (-7)
Luke List	65 (-7)
David Lingmerth	65 (-7)
Ryan Armour	65 (-7)
Seamus Power	65 (-7)

Things to Know

- Brian Stuard holds his third first-round lead/co-lead on the PGA TOUR
- 24-year-old Will Grimmer posts his first career lead/co-lead after any round on the PGA TOUR in his fourth career start
- The Barbasol Championship has experienced at least one weather delay each year since its debut in 2015
- Due to wet conditions, preferred lies were utilized in round one
- Defending champion Jim Herman opens with a 5-under 67
- Notable scores: Jason Dufner (67), Josh Teater (69), Hudson Swafford (70), John Daly (76)
- Keene Trace GC yields 35 eagles in round one, second only to TPC Craig Ranch's 36 in an opening round this season

First-Round Lead Notes

- 1 Number of first-round leaders/co-leaders to win the Barbasol Championship (Troy Merritt/2018)
- 5 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win on PGA TOUR in the 2020-21 season (most recent: Matt Jones/The Honda Classic)

Leaders (entering the week)

Category	Brian Stuard	Will Grimmer
Age	38 (12/10/1982)	24 (4/12/1997)
FedExCup	106	-
OWGR	209	1,901
Starts at Barbasol Championship	4	0
Wins at Barbasol Championship	0	0
Top-10s at Barbasol Championship	0	0

PGA TOUR starts	280	3
PGA TOUR wins	1	0
PGA TOUR Top-10s	21	0
Starts in 2020-21	30	0
Wins in 2020-21	0	0
Top-10s in 2020-21	2	0

Brian Stuard (T1/-8)

- Opens with an 8-under 64, equaling his lowest opening-round score in an individual stroke-play event
- Most recent first-round 64 came at the 2020 Shriners Children's Open; followed with a 74 to miss the cut
- Is 1-for-2 with the first-round lead/co-lead (2014 Puerto Rico Open/T43, 2016 Zurich Classic of New Orleans/won)
- Making his fifth start in the Barbasol Championship (2015/MC, 2017/MC, 2018/T21, 2019/MC)
- Has two top-10 finishes in 30 starts this season (T3/Fortinet Championship, T8/John Deere Classic)
- Lone victory in 280 TOUR starts came at the weather-shortened (54 holes) 2016 Zurich Classic of New Orleans; defeated Jamie Lovemark and Byeong-Hun An in a two-hole playoff

Will Grimmer (T1/-8)

- 24-year-old holds his first career lead/co-lead after any round on the PGA TOUR in his fourth career start
- Posted bogey-free 64 in tournament debut
- Makes fourth PGA TOUR start; two-time U.S. Open participant (2014/MC, 2018/66th); first attended the Memorial Tournament presented by Workday in 2001 at age four where he met Jack Nicklaus and got his autograph, then played in the event as a sponsor exemption in 2019 (MC)
- Played the inaugural 2020 LOCALiQ Series, making three cuts in four tournaments to finish 84th on the points list
- Played in a trio of Korn Ferry Tour events in 2020-21 season, missing the cut each time
- Cincinnati native earned Academic All-American honors at Ohio State and graduated with a degree in communications

Additional Player Notes

- **J.T. Poston** (T3) records opening-round 7-under 65; finished T29 at the 2019 Barbasol Championship after holding the first-round lead with a 10-under 62
- Two-time Mackenzie Tour-PGA TOUR Canada winner and current Korn Ferry Tour member **Taylor Pendrith** (T3) posts a 7-under 65
- One week after holding the second-round lead en route to a T4 finish at the John Deere Classic, **Luke List** (T3) turns in a 7-under 65
- Louisville native and former University of Kentucky Wildcat **Stephen Stallings Jr.** (T19) cards a 5-under 67
- Monday Qualifier **Bobby Bai** (T12) posts a bogey-free 6-under 66
- **Jason Dufner** (T19) opens with a 5-under 67; opened with the same score en route to a T18 finish in his only other Barbasol Championship start (2019)
- Defending champion **Jim Herman** (T19) opens with a 5-under 67
- Local favorite **Josh Teater** (T45) posts a 3-under 69, including an eagle on the par-5 fifth hole and double bogeys on Nos. 10 and 18
- Both **Joseph Bramlett** (Nos. 5 and 8) and **Davis Thompson** (Nos. 11 and 15) posted two eagles in a round for the first time on the PGA TOUR; they opened 65 and 67, respectively
- **Sebastian Cappelen** withdrew prior to the start of the round and was replaced by **Will MacKenzie** (T110); MacKenzie was in Lexington in preparation to caddie for **Matt Every**
- **Sean O'Hair** withdrew during the first round with a neck injury

Course Statistics

	Toughest Hole	Easiest Hole
R1:	Par-4 17 th (4.214)	Par-5 15 th (4.221)

Scoring Averages

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	34.282	35.389	69.672	-

Bogey-free Scores

R1 (10): Will Grimmer (64), Seamus Power (65), Bobby Bai (66), Bo Hoag (66), Sam Ryder (66), Adam Schenk (66), Lee Hodges (67), Beau Hossler (67), Davis Riley (68), George McNeill (69)