



### 2021 Charles Schwab Challenge

(The 35<sup>th</sup> of 50 events in the 2020-21 PGA TOUR Season)

Fort Worth, Texas  
Colonial Country Club

May 27-30, 2021  
Par/Yards: 35-35—70/7,209

FedExCup Points: 500  
Purse: \$7,500,000

### First-Round Notes – Thursday, May 27, 2021

Weather: Mostly cloudy. High of 89. Wind S 12-22 mph.

#### First-Round Leaderboard

Jordan Spieth	63 (-7)
Sergio Garcia	63 (-7)
Erik Compton	65 (-5)
Jason Kokrak	65 (-5)

#### Things to Know

- 2016 Charles Schwab Challenge champion Jordan Spieth seeks second win of the season and third consecutive top-10 finish in the event
- Spieth birdies his last three holes (Nos. 7-9) to post his best score in 33 rounds at the Charles Schwab Challenge
- 2001 Charles Schwab Challenge winner Sergio Garcia opens with his lowest score on TOUR since 2016
- Since 1990, the first-round leader/co-leader has won the Charles Schwab Challenge just three times
- Playing on a sponsor exemption and in just his fourth TOUR event since the conclusion of the 2015-16 season, Erik Compton opens with a bogey-free 5-under 65, his lowest score on TOUR in six years
- Defending Charles Schwab Challenge champion Daniel Berger opens with 2-under 68
- 2000, 2008 Charles Schwab Challenge winner Phil Mickelson opens with a 3-over 73 in his 17<sup>th</sup> Colonial start

#### First-Round Lead Notes

- 3 Number of first-round leaders/co-leaders to win the Charles Schwab Challenge since 1990 (Steve Stricker/2009, David Toms/2011, Zach Johnson/2012)
- 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

Player	Jordan Spieth	Sergio Garcia
Age	27 (7/27/1993)	41 (1/9/1980)
FedExCup	9	38
OWGR	28	48
Starts at Charles Schwab Challenge	8	9
Wins at Charles Schwab Challenge	1	1
Top-10s at Charles Schwab Challenge	6	1
PGA TOUR starts	207	381
PGA TOUR wins	12	11
PGA TOUR Top-10s	71	108
Starts in 2020-21	17	16
Wins in 2020-21	1	1
Top-10s in 2020-21	7	3

#### Jordan Spieth (T1/63)

- Making his ninth start in the Charles Schwab Challenge, birdied his last three holes (Nos. 7-9) to open with a bogey-free 7-under 63, his lowest score in 33 rounds at Colonial Country Club (previously 64/R1/2015/T2)
- Marks his fourth bogey-free score at the Charles Schwab Challenge and first since the final round of 2017

- Marks his 10<sup>th</sup> round of 65 or better at the Charles Schwab Challenge since 2013, a TOUR best
- Needed 23 putts to sink a total of 103' 2" of made putts
- When holding an 18-hole lead/co-lead on the PGA TOUR before this week, has converted for the win on three of 10 occasions (2015 Masters Tournament, 2017 Travelers Championship, 2017 The Open Championship)
- Most recent 18-hole lead/co-lead came two weeks ago at the AT&T Byron Nelson in Dallas (T9)
- Including his 2016 win, has six top-10 finishes in eight previous starts at the Charles Schwab Challenge
- In his last 11 stroke-play events on the PGA TOUR, has now posted a sub-par opening-round score 10 times (1-over 73 in last week's PGA Championship)
- Seeks his 13<sup>th</sup> career PGA TOUR title and second of the season (Valero Texas Open)
- A top-10 finish this week would be his eighth of the season (18 starts), which would be one more than in his last two seasons combined
- With a win this week, could overtake the No. 1 spot in the FedExCup

### Sergio Garcia (T1/63)

- Making his 10<sup>th</sup> start in the Charles Schwab Challenge, 2001 champion played the stretch of Nos. 8-11 in birdie-birdie-birdie-eagle en route to a bogey-free 7-under 63
- Marks his lowest score on TOUR since posting a 7-under 63 in round one of the 2016 AT&T Byron Nelson in Dallas (won in playoff)
- Marks the third occasion to open a TOUR event with a score of 63 or better; both previous occasions came at the AT&T Byron Nelson in Dallas (1999/62/T3, 2016/63/won)
- Takes an 18-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR for the 14<sup>th</sup> time; converted for the win at the 2008 THE PLAYERS Championship and 2016 AT&T Byron Nelson
- Victory in his first Charles Schwab Challenge start marks his lone top-10 finish in the event
- A win this week would come 20 years after his first Charles Schwab Challenge victory
- Most recent of 11 PGA TOUR titles came early in the season at the Sanderson Farms Championship
- With a win, would join Stewart Cink and Bryson DeChambeau as multiple winners on TOUR this season
- Comes off four consecutive missed cuts on TOUR

### Additional Player Notes

- Making his fourth start on the PGA TOUR since the conclusion of the 2015-16 season, two-time heart transplant recipient **Erik Compton** opened with a bogey-free 5-under 65 (T3); marks his lowest score since an 8-under 62 at the 2015 Wyndham Championship (WD); 24 putts resulted in 129' 2" of total made putts
- Following his T3 finish in last year's Charles Schwab Challenge, **Jason Kokrak** is T3 after a 5-under 65
- **Patton Kizzire** opened with a 3-under 67 in his bid for a third straight top-10 finish in the state of Texas this season (Valero Texas Open/T9, AT&T Byron Nelson/T3); finished T11 at the Vivint Houston Open
- A week after his PGA Championship victory, 2000 and 2008 Charles Schwab Challenge winner, **Phil Mickelson**, opened with a 3-over 73 in his 17<sup>th</sup> start at the Charles Schwab Challenge
- Beginning on No. 10, **Patrick Reed** (T14/68) followed a birdie at No. 11 with an eagle-2 from 164 yards; has improved in each of his four previous starts at the event (T46/2013, T33/2015, T15/2016, T7/2020)
- Defending champion **Daniel Berger** sits T14 at 2-under 68
- **Branden Grace** withdrew after his first round with a back injury

### Course Statistics

Toughest Hole	Easiest Hole
R1: Par-4 14 <sup>th</sup> (4.281)	Par-5 1 <sup>st</sup> (4.562)

### Scoring Averages

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	35.223	35.702	70.926	--

### Bogey-free Scores

R1 (4): Jordan Spieth (63), Sergio Garcia (63), Erik Compton (65), Cameron Tringale (67)