



## 2020 Vivint Houston Open

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

Houston, Texas  
Memorial Park Golf Course

November 5-8, 2020  
Par/Yards: 35-35—70/7,432

FedExCup Points: 500 (winner)  
Purse: \$7,000,000/\$1,260,000

### First-Round Notes – Thursday, November 5, 2020

*Weather: Partly cloudy. High of 79. Wind SE 4-8 mph. Due to darkness, play was suspended at 5:45 p.m. CT on Thursday with nine players remaining on the golf course. The first round resumed at 7:30 a.m. CT on Friday and was completed at 7:59 a.m. CT.*

### First-Round Leaderboard

Brandt Snedeker	65 (-5)
Cameron Davis	67 (-3)
Michael Thompson	67 (-3)
Scottie Scheffler	67 (-3)
Harold Varner III	67 (-3)
Carlos Ortiz	67 (-3)
Jason Day	67 (-3)

### Things to Know

- Nine-time PGA TOUR winner and 2012 FedExCup champion Brandt Snedeker holds a two-stroke lead, the sixth 18-hole lead/co-lead of his PGA TOUR career
- The last time Snedeker held the 18-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR, he won wire-to-wire at the 2018 Wyndham Championship after a first-round 59
- Reigning PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year Scottie Scheffler and former World No. 1 Jason Day among the group at T2
- Brooks Koepka, who served as player consultant during the renovations to Memorial Park, opens with 2-over 72
- Martin Laird makes a hole-in-one at the Vivint Houston Open for the second consecutive year

### First-Round Lead Notes

- 5 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win the Vivint Houston Open since 2000 (most recent: D.A. Points/2013)
- 1 First-round leader/co-leader to win in 2020-21 (Hudson Swafford/Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship)

### Brandt Snedeker (1<sup>st</sup>/-5)

Category	Entering the week
Age	39 (12/8/1980)
FedExCup	115
OWGR	84
Starts at Vivint Houston Open	5
Wins at Vivint Houston Open	0
Top-10s at Vivint Houston Open	0
Career PGA TOUR starts	355
Career PGA TOUR wins	9
Career PGA TOUR top-10s	77
PGA TOUR starts in 2020-21	4
PGA TOUR wins in 2020-21	0
PGA TOUR top-10s in 2020-21	0

- Sixth 18-hole lead/co-lead of his PGA TOUR career; 1-for-5 to date converting to victory (3<sup>rd</sup>/2007 Farmers Insurance Open, T2/2013 Farmers Insurance Open, T8/2013 BMW Championship, 2<sup>nd</sup>/2016 Sony Open in Hawaii, Won/2018 Wyndham Championship)
- One top-10 in 20 starts since the start of the 2019-20 season (T3/Farmers Insurance Open)
- Best result in four starts on the season: T17/Sanderson Farms Championship
- In five starts at the Vivint Houston Open, has four missed cuts (2004, 2007, 2010, 2013) and a T87 (MDF/2018)
- Nine-time PGA TOUR winner (2007 Wyndham Championship, 2011 RBC Heritage, 2012 Farmers Insurance Open, 2012 TOUR Championship, 2013 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, 2013 RBC Canadian Open, 2015 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, 2016 Farmers Insurance Open, 2018 Wyndham Championship)

#### Jason Day (T2/-3)

- Making his first start in the Vivint Houston Open since 2011
- First of 12 PGA TOUR wins came in the state of Texas (2010 AT&T Byron Nelson at TPC Four Seasons Resort in Irving, Texas)
- Seeks first top-10 in fifth start of the 2020-21 season

#### Additional Player Notes

- Dallas native and 2018 graduate of the University of Texas **Scottie Scheffler**, who won the Arnold Palmer Award as the 2020 PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year, stands T2 and ranks third in Strokes Gained: Around the Green (3.210); entered the week No. 131 in that category on the season
- Defending champion **Lanto Griffin** opened with a 2-over 72 in his first title defense on the PGA TOUR
- **Brooks Koepka**, who served as player consultant during the renovations of Memorial Park Golf Course, shot a 2-over 72, his third consecutive opening-round score of 72 or worse (72/Wyndham Championship, 74/THE CJ CUP @ SHADOW CREEK, 72/Vivint Houston Open)
- In his first start at the Vivint Houston Open since 2016, reigning FedExCup champion and World No. 1 **Dustin Johnson** opened with a 2-over 72
- Playing in the Vivint Houston Open for the 15<sup>th</sup> time in his career, 2011 champion and 44-time PGA TOUR winner **Phil Mickelson** did not record a birdie and made two double bogeys en route to a 6-over 76
- Playing in his first event since winning the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open, **Martin Laird** made a hole-in-one at the par-3 second from 142 yards (9-iron); marks his third ace on the PGA TOUR and his second consecutive year with a hole-in-one at the Vivint Houston Open (No. 7/R3/2019 at Golf Club of Houston)
- **Rory Sabbatini** (75/+5; no reason given) and **Danny Willett** (77/+7; wrist injury) withdrew after the first round

#### Course Statistics

	Toughest Hole	Easiest Hole
R1:	Par-4 1 <sup>st</sup> (4.447)	Par-3 2 <sup>nd</sup> (2.697)

#### Scoring Averages

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	35.235	37.068	72.303	--

	Early	Late
R1:	72.09	72.52

#### Bogey-free rounds

R1 (0): None