



2020 Vivint Houston Open

(9th 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

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, November 7, 2020

Weather: Sunny. High of 81. Wind ENE 5-10 mph.

Third-Round Leaderboard

Sam Burns	68-65-68—201 (-9)
Jason Day	67-68-67—202 (-8)
Carlos Ortiz	67-68-67—202 (-8)
Sepp Straka	68-69-66—203 (-7)
Dustin Johnson	72-66-66—204 (-6)

Things to Know

- Sam Burns holds a one-stroke lead, the first 54-hole lead/co-lead of his PGA TOUR career
- Burns leads the field in Strokes Gained: Off the Tee and SG: Tee to Green
- Each player in the top five is either in search of first PGA TOUR victory (Burns, Ortiz, Straka) or has won at least 10 times on TOUR (Day, Johnson)
- 12-time PGA TOUR winner and former World No. 1 Jason Day seeks first victory since 2018 Wells Fargo Championship
- World No. 1 Dustin Johnson recorded his second consecutive 66; only player in the field with a round of 66 or better in both the second and third rounds

Third-Round Lead Notes

- 13 Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win the Vivint Houston Open since 2000 (includes each of the last two: Ian Poulter/2018, Lanto Griffin/2019)
- 2 Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win in 2020-21 (Sergio Garcia/Sanderson Farms Championship; Martin Laird/Shriners Hospitals for Children Open)

Comparing Sunday's final group (entering the week)

Category	Sam Burns	Jason Day	Carlos Ortiz
Age	24 (July 23, 1996)	32 (November 12, 1987)	29 (April 24, 1991)
FedExCup	56	162	146
OWGR	179	43	160
Starts at Vivint Houston Open	1	3	3
Wins at Vivint Houston Open	0	0	0
Top-10s at Vivint Houston Open	0	1	1
Career PGA TOUR starts	64	273	117
Career PGA TOUR wins	0	12	0
Career PGA TOUR top-10s	7	78	7
PGA TOUR starts in 2020-21	4	4	5
PGA TOUR wins in 2020-21	0	0	0
PGA TOUR top-10s in 2020-21	1	0	0

Sam Burns (1st/-9)

- First career 54-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR; third career lead after any round, with all three coming during the 2020-21 season (R2/Safeway Open/finished T7, R2/Vivint Houston Open, R3/Vivint Houston Open)

- Leads the field in Strokes Gained: Off the Tee (3.881) and Strokes Gained: Tee to Green (12.753); entered the week No. 5 on TOUR in SG: Off the Tee but No. 73 in SG: Tee to Green
- Career-best finish is a T3 at the 2018 Sanderson Farms Championship
- Has one top-10 in four starts during the 2020-21 season (T7/Safeway Open)
- Not in the field for next week's Masters Tournament; would qualify for the 2021 Masters with a victory

Jason Day (T2/-8)

- 12-time PGA TOUR winner seeks first victory since 2018 Wells Fargo Championship
- Making fifth start of the season: T38/U.S. Open, MC/Shriners Hospitals for Children Open, WD/THE CJ CUP @ SHADOW CREEK, T60/ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP
- Making first start in the Vivint Houston Open since 2011 (T8/2008, MC/2010, MC/2011)
- First of 12 PGA TOUR wins came in Texas (2010 AT&T Byron Nelson at TPC Four Seasons Resort in Irving, Texas)
- One of 37 players in the field that will compete in next week's Masters Tournament and one of 22 that made the cut

Carlos Ortiz (T2/-8)

- Seeks first win in 118th career start on TOUR (career-best result: T2/2019 Mayakoba Golf Classic)
- Leads the field in Strokes Gained: Putting (6.785); entered the week T192 in that category on the season
- Earned TOUR card for the first time in 2014-15 after winning three times on the Korn Ferry Tour in 2014
- Graduate of the University of North Texas and resident of Dallas
- One of two players on the PGA TOUR from Mexico (other: Abraham Ancer)

Sepp Straka (4th/-7)

- Career-best PGA TOUR result: 3rd/2019 Barbasol Championship
- First and only PGA TOUR member from Austria; no player from Austria has ever won on the PGA TOUR
- Looking to become the 14th player from the University of Georgia to win on the PGA TOUR

Wins	Player	Most recent victory
12	Bubba Watson	2018 Travelers Championship
4	Chris Kirk	2015 Charles Schwab Challenge
4	Chip Beck	1992 Zurich Classic of New Orleans
4	Tim Simpson	1990 Walt Disney World/Oldsmobile Classic
4	Billy Kratzert	1984 Pensacola Open
3	Brendon Todd	2019 Mayakoba Golf Classic
3	Kevin Kisner	2019 World Golf Championships-Dell Technologies Match Play
3	Russell Henley	2017 Vivint Houston Open
2	Hudson Swafford	2020 Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship
2	Brian Harman	2017 Wells Fargo Championship
2	Harris English	2013 Mayakoba Golf Classic
1	Keith Mitchell	2019 The Honda Classic
1	Ryuji Imada	2008 AT&T Classic

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Additional Player Notes

- Reigning FedExCup champion and World No. 1 **Dustin Johnson** recorded his second consecutive 66; enters the final round three strokes off the lead in second start of the season and first since the U.S. Open (T6)
- **Brooks Koepka**, who served as player consultant on the course renovations at Memorial Park, shot a 5-under 65, tied for the lowest score of the week
- Defending champion **Lanto Griffin** (T54) is 4-over after rounds of 72-71-71 in first title defense on TOUR
- Six players have earned their first PGA TOUR victory at the Vivint Houston Open since 2000

Course Statistics

	Toughest Hole	Easiest Hole
R1:	Par-4 1 st (4.447)	Par-3 2 nd (2.697)
R2:	Par-4 14 th (4.302)	Par-5 3 rd (4.674)
R3:	Par-4 6 th (4.206)	Par-4 13 th (3.632)

Scoring Averages

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	35.235	37.068	72.303	--
R2:	35.473	35.845	71.318	71.816
R3:	34.691	35.588	70.279	70.279

Bogey-free rounds

R1 (0): None

R2 (4): Sam Burns (65), Scott Brown (68), Isaiah Salinda (69)

R3 (3): Dustin Johnson (66), Tyrrell Hatton (67), Adam Long (69)