



## 2021 John Deere Classic

(The 41<sup>st</sup> of 50 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Silvis, Illinois  
TPC Deere Run

July 8-11, 2021  
Par/Yards: 35-36—71/7,268

FedExCup Pts: 500 to the winner  
Purse: \$6,200,000 (\$1,116,000)

### First-Round Notes – Thursday, July 8, 2021

Weather: Mostly cloudy. High of 74. Wind NNE 6-12 mph.

#### First-Round Leaderboard

Sebastian Munoz	63 (-8)
Chesson Hadley	63 (-8)
Hank Lebioda	64 (-7)
Chez Reavie	64 (-7)
Camilo Villegas	64 (-7)

#### Things to Know

- Sebastian Munoz birdies his last five holes, Nos. 14-18 en route to an 8-under 63, his lowest round of the season (previous: 64/R1/ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP)
- Chesson Hadley opens with 8-under 63, his lowest score on TOUR since 2017
- Coming off top-five finishes in his last two PGA TOUR starts, Hank Lebioda opens with 7-under 64
- 2016 John Deere Classic Ryan Moore hits all 18 greens in regulation en route to a 6-under 65
- John Deere Classic Board member and 2012 champion Zach Johnson posts 3-under 68 in 19<sup>th</sup> consecutive tournament start
- Eleven players completed their round bogey-free, including Chesson Hadley, Camilo Villegas and Chez Reavie
- John Deere Classic provides last chance to earn a spot into The Open Championship

#### First-Round Lead Notes

- 2 First-round leaders/co-leaders at the John Deere Classic to win since moving to TPC in 2000 (John Senden/2006, Brian Harman/2014)
- 5 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win on PGA TOUR in 2020-21 (most recent: Matt Jones/The Honda Classic)

#### Comparing the co-leaders (entering the week)

Category	Sebastian Munoz	Chesson Hadley
Age	28 (1/4/1993)	35 (7/5/1987)
FedExCup	67	116
OWGR	75	243
Starts at John Deere Classic	2	4
Wins at John Deere Classic	0	0
Top-10s at John Deere Classic	0	0
Career PGA TOUR starts	98	192
Career PGA TOUR wins	1	1
Career PGA TOUR top-10s	12	18
PGA TOUR starts in 2020-21	27	21
PGA TOUR wins in 2020-21	0	0
PGA TOUR top-10s in 2020-21	3	1

#### Sebastian Munoz (T1/63)

- Made eight birdies, including five in a row on Nos. 14-18, for his best score in seven rounds at the John Deere Classic
- Hit 17 of 18 greens in regulation; ranks 94<sup>th</sup> in that category on TOUR
- Best finish of four previous 18-hole leads/co-leads on TOUR was T3/2017 A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier

- Best of three top-10 this season; T3/Charles Schwab Challenge; comes off three missed cuts in last four starts (finished T67 at last week's Rocket Mortgage Classic)
- Seeks a second career TOUR title and first since a playoff victory at the 2019 Sanderson Farms Championship

#### **Chesson Hadley (T1/63)**

- Making his fifth start in the John Deere Classic, opened with a bogey-free 8-under 63, his lowest score since a career-low 11-under 61 in round two of the 2017 Fortinet Championship (T3)
- Takes an 18-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR for a second time (2018 THE PLAYERS Championship/T11)
- Best finish in four previous John Deere Classic starts was T25 in 2017
- Lone top-10 finish this season on the PGA TOUR was T2 at the Palmetto Championship at Congaree in June

#### **Miscellaneous Notes**

- Coming off top-5 finishes in his last two TOUR starts this season (T5/Travelers Championship, T4/Rocket Mortgage Championship), **Hank Lebioda** is T3 after a 7-under 64
- In his ninth John Deere Classic start, **Chez Reavie** sits T3 after a bogey-free 7-under 64; lone top-10 finish in 24 starts this season was a T5 at the Fortinet Championship last September; seeks his third career PGA TOUR victory (2008 RBC Canadian Open, 2019 Travelers Championship)
- Following an eagle-3 at No. 2, **Camilo Villegas** made five birdies to open with a bogey-free 7-under 64, tying his low score in 31 John Deere Classic rounds (R1/2013/71<sup>st</sup>)
- 2016 John Deere Classic champion **Ryan Moore** sits alone in sixth place after a bogey-free 6-under 65; hit 13 of 14 fairways and, for the fifth time in his career, was a perfect 18-for-18 in greens in regulation; needed 31 putts for 115'4" of putts
- Coming off his first career PGA TOUR victory at last week's Rocket Mortgage Classic, **Cam Davis** (T12/-4) mixed an eagle-3 at No. 2 with four birdies; with a win this week, would become the first player to win in back-to-back weeks since Brendon Todd (2019 Bermuda Championship, Mayakoba Golf Classic presented by UNIFIN)
- Making his 19<sup>th</sup> consecutive start in the John Deere Classic, 2012 champion and John Deere Classic Board member **Zach Johnson** (T29/-3) posted his 60<sup>th</sup> round of par-or-better in the event (67 total rounds)
- **Daniel Berger**, the highest-ranked player in the field at No. 16 in the Official World Golf Ranking, opened his third John Deere Classic with a 2-under 69 (T52); finished T5 in 2017 and T33 in 2019
- 2009-11 John Deere Classic winner **Steve Stricker** is T75 after a 1-under 70 in his 18<sup>th</sup> John Deere Classic start; in most recent PGA TOUR Champions start, won the Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship two weeks ago
- There are 13 players competing this week also scheduled to compete in next week's Open Championship at Royal St. George's Golf Club: **Byeong Hun An** (71), **Daniel Berger** (69), **Rafa Cabrera Bello** (70), **Lucas Glover** (68), **Brian Harman** (70), **Russell Henley** (67), **Zach Johnson** (68), **Danny Lee** (69), **Keith Mitchell** (68), **Sebastian Munoz** (63), **Alex Noren** (70), **C.T. Pan** (68), **Chez Reavie** (64)
- The John Deere Classic is the final event of The Open Qualifying Series USA, offering one spot to the leading player (not otherwise exempt) who finishes among the top five and ties
- **Hunter Mahan** withdrew before round one with a lower back injury and was replaced by **Parker McLachlin** (T149/+5). **Grayson Murray** and **Si Woo Kim** (back) withdrew during round one

#### **Course Statistics**

##### **Toughest Hole**

**R1:** Par-4 9<sup>th</sup> (4.240)

##### **Easiest Hole**

Par-5 2<sup>nd</sup> (4.487), Par-4 14<sup>th</sup> (3.487)

#### **Scoring Averages**

	<b>Front 9</b>	<b>Back 9</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Cumulative</b>
<b>R1:</b>	34.636	35.240	69.877	---

#### **Bogey-free rounds**

**R1 (11):** Chesson Hadley (63), Chez Reavie (64), Camilo Villegas (64), Ryan Moore (65), Doug Ghim (66), Brandon Hagy (67), Harold Varner III (67), Jason Dufner (68), Sungjae Im (68), Seamus Power (68), Daniel Berger (69)