



2021 Palmetto Championship at Congaree
(37th of 50 events in the 2020-21 PGA TOUR Season)

Ridgeland, South Carolina
Congaree Golf Club

June 10-13, 2021
Par/Yards: 36-35—71/7,655

FedExCup Points: 500 (winner)
Purse: \$7,300,000 (\$1,314,000 winner)

First-Round Notes – Thursday, June 10, 2021

Weather: Partly cloudy. High of 92. Wind SW 7-14 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

Wes Roach	64 (-7)
Doc Redman	65 (-6)
Dustin Johnson	65 (-6)
Chesson Hadley	65 (-6)
Erik van Rooyen	65 (-6)
Jhonattan Vegas	66 (-5)

Things to Know

- Wes Roach opens with 7-under 64, holds his first career lead/co-lead after any round on the PGA TOUR
- Roach leads the field in Strokes Gained: Putting, setting a career-best in that category (4.775)
- Dustin Johnson cards bogey-free 65, his lowest first-round score since winning the 2020 Masters Tournament (first-round 65)
- In his first round on TOUR since a T2 at the PGA Championship, Brooks Koepka records 1-over 72

First-Round Lead Notes

5 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win during the 2020-21 PGA TOUR Season
 (most recent: Matt Jones/The Honda Classic)

Wes Roach (1st/-7)

Category	Entering the week
Age	32 (December 10, 1988)
FedExCup	No. 197
OWGR	No. 433
Career PGA TOUR starts	87
Career PGA TOUR wins	0
Career PGA TOUR top-10s	5
PGA TOUR starts in 2020-21	8
PGA TOUR wins in 2020-21	0
PGA TOUR top-10s in 2020-21	0

- First lead/co-lead after any round on TOUR; previous-best 18-hole position: 2nd/2019 Bermuda Championship (finished T8)
- Leads the field in Strokes Gained: Putting at 4.775, his career-best performance in that category (previous: 4.031, R1/2014 John Deere Classic)
- Also sets career-best mark in Strokes Gained: Total at 7.859 (previous: 7.698, R2/2014 Valero Texas Open)
- 88th career start on the PGA TOUR (best result to date: T3/2019 Rocket Mortgage Classic)
- Winner of the 2015 El Bosque Mexico Championship on the Korn Ferry Tour

Dustin Johnson (T2/-6)

- Lowest opening-round score since winning the 2020 Masters Tournament (opened with 65)

- 17th first-round score of 65 or better on the PGA TOUR; went on to win in five of the previous 16 instances (wins: 2009 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am/shortened to 54 holes, 2010 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, 2017 THE NORTHERN TRUST, 2019 WGC-Workday Championship, 2020 Masters Tournament)
- 7-for-7 in Scrambling, tying his best performance of the season in that category (R1/The Genesis Invitational)
- Leads the field in Strokes Gained: Tee to Green at 5.591, his highest mark in that category since the start of the 2018-19 season
- 24-time PGA TOUR winner; has not yet won in his home state of South Carolina
- No top-10s on the PGA TOUR in his last seven starts (most recent top-10: T8/The Genesis Invitational)

Additional Player Notes

- Former Clemson University standout **Doc Redman** (T2/-6) opens with a 65, his fourth career first-round score of 65 or better and second in his last four starts (64/AT&T Byron Nelson); Redman has three top-10s in 20 prior starts this season, highlighted by a T3 at the Fortinet Championship
- **Chesson Hadley** (T2/-6) ties his lowest score of the season with a 65 (R2/The RSM Classic); Hadley has not recorded a top-10 on the PGA TOUR since the 2019 U.S. Open (T9), a span of 42 starts
- **Erik van Rooyen** (T2/-6) entered the week with missed cuts in each of his last four starts on TOUR, most recently carding 72-81 at the PGA Championship; Van Rooyen is a first-year member on the PGA TOUR, earning status through the non-member FedExCup points list in 2019-20
- In his first round on TOUR since a T2 at the PGA Championship, **Brooks Koepka** cards a 1-over 72; the last four times Koepka has failed to record an under-par score in the first round, he has gone on to miss the cut (E/2020 Mayakoba Golf Classic presented by UNIFIN, E/2021 The American Express, E/2021 Farmers Insurance Open, +2/2021 Masters Tournament)
- Monday qualifier **Tain Lee** opens with a 4-under 67; this is Lee's third start on TOUR this season as a Monday qualifier and he made the cut in both prior events (T69/Farmers Insurance Open, T59/Valero Texas Open)
- **Mark Hensby**, **Cameron Percy** and **George McNeill** withdrew following their rounds

Course Statistics

	Toughest Hole	Easiest Hole
R1:	Par-4 13 th (4.378)	Par-5 2 nd (4.712)

Scoring Averages

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	36.378	35.481	71.859	-

Bogey-free rounds

R1 (5): Dustin Johnson (65), Chez Reavie (67), Patrick Rodgers (67), Jonathan Byrd (68), Josh Teater (68)