



2021 PGA Championship

(34th of 50 events in the 2020-21 PGA TOUR Season)

Kiawah Island, South Carolina
Ocean Course at Kiawah

May 20-23, 2021
Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,876

FedExCup Points: 600 (winner)
Purse: TBD

First-Round Notes – Thursday, May 20, 2021

Weather: Mostly sunny. High of 77. Wind E 14-17 mph, with gusts to 20 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

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| Corey Conners | 67 (-5) |
| Keegan Bradley | 69 (-3) |
| Viktor Hovland | 69 (-3) |
| Brooks Koepka | 69 (-3) |
| Aaron Wise | 69 (-3) |
| Sam Horsfield | 69 (-3) |
| Cam Davis | 69 (-3) |

Things to Know

- Corey Conners holds the third 18-hole lead/co-lead of his PGA TOUR career and second of the season (0-for-2 to date converting to victory)
- Conners' best position after any round in a major championship entering the week: solo-sixth after the third round of the 2021 Masters Tournament
- Brooks Koepka opens the PGA Championship with a score in the 60s for the sixth consecutive year, the longest such streak at any major championship in the modern era (since 1934)
- Defending champion Collin Morikawa stands T8; seven different players have won back-to-back at the PGA Championship
- World No. 1 and reigning FedExCup champion Dustin Johnson opens with a 4-over 76, snapping the longest active streak of rounds in the 60s at the PGA Championship (9)
- Rory McIlroy, winner of the 2012 PGA Championship at the Ocean Course at Kiawah, cards a 3-over 75

First-Round Lead Notes

- 4 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win the PGA Championship since 2000 (Tiger Woods/2000, Phil Mickelson/2005, Jimmy Walker/2016, Brooks Koepka/2019)
- 5 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win during the 2020-21 PGA TOUR Season (most recent: Matt Jones/The Honda Classic)

Corey Conners (1st/-5)

| Category | Entering the week |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| Age | 29 (January 6, 1992) |
| FedExCup | 22 |
| OWGR | 39 |
| PGA Championship starts | 2 |
| PGA Championship wins | 0 |
| PGA Championship top-10s | 0 |
| Career PGA TOUR starts | 108 |
| Career PGA TOUR wins | 1 |
| Career PGA TOUR top-10s | 13 |
| PGA TOUR starts in 2020-21 | 20 |
| PGA TOUR wins in 2020-21 | 0 |
| PGA TOUR top-10s in 2020-21 | 7 |

- Third career 18-hole lead/co-lead on the PGA TOUR and second of the season; 0-for-2 to date converting to victory (2018 Valspar Championship/T16, 2021 Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard/3rd)
- Led outright after the second round in each of the previous two events at which he held 18-hole lead/co-lead
- Best position after any round in a major championship entering the week: solo-sixth after the third round of the 2021 Masters Tournament (finished T8)
- Last Canadian to lead/co-lead after any round in a men's major championship: Mike Weir (R1/2009 U.S. Open)
- 20-under in his last eight rounds in major championships; 44-over in the previous 19
- One PGA TOUR victory: 2019 Valero Texas Open (Monday qualifier)
- Seven top-10s in 20 starts on the PGA TOUR this season (best result: 3rd/Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard)

Brooks Koepka (T2/-3)

- Opens the PGA Championship with a score in the 60s for the sixth consecutive year, the longest such streak at any major championship in the modern era (since 1934); previous record of five was held by Jack Nicklaus, who recorded five consecutive first-round scores in the 60s at the Masters Tournament from 1972-1976
- Last six first-round scores at the PGA Championship:
 - 2021: 69 (currently T2)
 - 2020: 66 (finished T29)
 - 2019: 63 (Won)
 - 2018: 69 (Won)
 - 2017: 68 (T13)
 - 2016: 68 (T4)
- Strokes Gained: Approach the Green mark of 3.789 is his highest of the season (previous: 2.209, R4/WGC-Workday Championship at The Concession) and third in the field (leader: Patrick Cantlay, 4.004)
- Four major championship victories, including two at the PGA Championship: 2017 U.S. Open, 2018 U.S. Open, 2018 PGA Championship, 2019 PGA Championship
- Earned eighth PGA TOUR title earlier this season at the Waste Management Phoenix Open; four total top-10s in 11 starts on the season
- Entered the week with missed cuts in each of his last two starts on TOUR (Masters Tournament, AT&T Byron Nelson), his only starts since March 1 (right knee injury)

Additional Player Notes

- Playing in his second PGA Championship (T33/2020) and sixth major championship, **Viktor Hovland** opens with a 3-under 69 to stand T2; Hovland, a two-time PGA TOUR winner at age 23, entered the week at No. 3 in the FedExCup standings with T3s in each of his last two starts (Valspar Championship, Wells Fargo Championship) and a win earlier in the season at the Mayakoba Golf Classic presented by UNIFIN
- Defending champion **Collin Morikawa** records a 2-under 70 to stand T8; Morikawa hit 13 of 14 fairways, most of any player in the field
- 2005 PGA Championship winner and 44-time PGA TOUR champion **Phil Mickelson** (T8) records a 2-under 70, his third under-par first-round score in his last 15 appearances at the PGA Championship; Mickelson does not have a top-10 on the PGA TOUR since the 2020 World Golf Championships-FedEx St. Jude Invitational (T2), a span of 16 starts
- Entering the week with top-10s in each of his last four starts on the PGA TOUR, **Jordan Spieth** (T41) cards a 1-over 73; Spieth can become the sixth player to complete the Career Grand Slam with a win this week (major championship titles: 2015 Masters Tournament, 2015 U.S. Open, 2017 The Open Championship)
- **Patrick Cantlay** (T41/+1) makes two eagles (Nos. 2, 7) for the second time in a major championship round (first: R4/2012 Masters Tournament); Cantlay leads the field in Strokes Gained: Approach the Green (4.004) and is 140th in SG: Putting (-2.448)
- World No. 1 and reigning FedExCup champion **Dustin Johnson** (T97) records a 4-over 76, snapping the longest active streak of rounds in the 60s at the PGA Championship (9)
- Making his first start since winning his 19th PGA TOUR title at the Wells Fargo Championship, **Rory McIlroy** (T77) opens with a 3-over 75 at the site of his eight-stroke victory at the 2012 PGA Championship; McIlroy made three bogeys on par 5s (Nos. 16, 2, 7) for the first time in a major championship round
- Making his major championship debut, **John Catlin** (T77/+3) was assessed a one-stroke penalty for a breach of the PGA Championship Pace of Play Policy, which was adopted under Rule 5.6b(3); Catlin was assessed the penalty on the par-4 3rd (bogey)
- Coming off his first PGA TOUR win (Valspar Championship) and a runner-up (AT&T Byron Nelson) in his last two starts on the PGA TOUR, **Sam Burns** withdrew during the first round due to a back injury

Course Statistics

Toughest Hole
R1: Par-3 17th (3.503)

Easiest Hole
Par-5 7th (4.406)

Scoring Averages

| | Front 9 | Back 9 | Total | Cumulative |
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| R1: | 36.858 | 37.923 | 74.781 | - |

Bogey-free rounds

R1 (0): None