



ROCKET Mortgage Classic

2021 Rocket Mortgage Classic

(The 40th of 50 events in the 2020-21 PGA TOUR Season)

Detroit, Michigan
Detroit Golf Club

July 1-4, 2021
Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,370

FedExCup Points: 500
Purse: \$7,500,000/\$1,350,000

First-Round Notes – Friday, July 2, 2021

Weather: Thursday: Partly cloudy with showers. High of 80. Wind NNE 8-14 mph, with gusts to 20 mph. Due to inclement weather, play was suspended from 12:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. ET (suspension of 3 hours, 15 minutes). Due to darkness, the first round was suspended at 9:02 p.m. with 27 players left on the golf course. Preferred lies were in effect during the first round. **Friday:** The first round resumed at 7:15 a.m. Friday and was completed at 8:15 a.m. The second round began as scheduled at 6:45 a.m.

First-Round Leaderboard

Davis Thompson	63 (-9)
Brandon Hagy	65 (-7)
Tom Lewis	65 (-7)
Joaquin Niemann	65 (-7)
Roger Sloan	65 (-7)

Things to Know

- In his seventh career start on the PGA TOUR and third as a professional, Davis Thompson ties the tournament 18-hole scoring record and takes a two-stroke 18-hole lead
- Thompson has made two cuts in his career on TOUR, including a T35 in his professional debut at the Palmetto Championship at Congaree in June
- Willie Mack III, a native of Flint, Michigan, cards a 4-under 68, his first score in the 60s on the PGA TOUR in his third start
- Defending champion Bryson DeChambeau opens with an even-par 72, leads the field in Strokes Gained: Off the Tee
- In his debut at the Rocket Mortgage Classic, 45-time PGA TOUR winner Phil Mickelson begins with 3-under 69

First-Round Lead Notes

- 1 First-round leader/co-leader at the Rocket Mortgage Classic to win (Nate Lashley/2019)
- 5 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win on PGA TOUR in 2020-21 (most recent: Matt Jones/The Honda Classic)

Davis Thompson (1st/-9)

Category	Entering the week
Age	22 (6/5/1999)
FedExCup	Non-member
OWGR	1150
Starts at Rocket Mortgage Classic	0
Wins at Rocket Mortgage Classic	0
Top-10s at Rocket Mortgage Classic	0
Career PGA TOUR starts	6
Career PGA TOUR wins	0
Career PGA TOUR top-10s	0
PGA TOUR starts in 2020-21	4
PGA TOUR wins in 2020-21	0
PGA TOUR top-10s in 2020-21	0

- Ties the tournament 18-hole scoring record with a 9-under 63 (previous 63s all came in 2019: Nate Lashley/R1, J.T. Poston/R2, Lashley/R3)
- Previous-low score in 16 prior rounds on TOUR was a 4-under 66 as an amateur in the final round of 2019 The RSM Classic (T23/PGA TOUR debut)
- Making seventh career start on the PGA TOUR and third since turning professional in June (professional results: T35/Palmetto Championship at Congaree, MC/Travelers Championship)
- Two made cuts to date on TOUR: T23/2019 The RSM Classic, T35/Palmetto Championship at Congaree
- Holds his first career lead/co-lead after any round on the PGA TOUR
- Previous-best 18-hole position on TOUR: T14/2020 U.S. Open (went on to miss the cut)
- Competing on a sponsor exemption
- Named 2021 SEC Player of the Year at the University of Georgia and finished No. 2 in the inaugural PGA TOUR University ranking

Additional Player Notes

- **Brandon Hagy's** 7-under 65 is his first par-or-better first-round score in his last eight individual stroke-play events on TOUR; Hagy (T2) finished T39 in his only prior start at the Rocket Mortgage Classic (2020) and has one made cut in his last four starts on TOUR
- **Tom Lewis** (T2/-7) is making his 45th career start on the PGA TOUR; best finish to date: T2, 2020 World Golf Championships-FedEx St. Jude Invitational (career-low 61 in R3)
- In his only prior start at the Rocket Mortgage Classic, **Joaquin Niemann** (T2/-7) finished T5 in 2019; Niemann entered the week in the top 30 of the FedExCup standings (25) and Official World Golf Ranking (30)
- 2020 Rocket Mortgage Classic runner-up **Matthew Wolff** (T8) records a 5-under 67, highlighted by an eagle at the par-5 17th
- Coming off a T10 at last week's Travelers Championship, **Jason Day** (T8) ties his lowest first-round score of the season with a 67 (other first-round 67: Vivint Houston Open, finished T7); Day is making his second start at the Rocket Mortgage Classic (MC/2020)
- **Willie Mack III**, a native of Flint, Michigan, cards a 4-under 68, his first career score in the 60s on TOUR; Mack (T21), competing on a sponsor exemption, is making his third career PGA TOUR start, missing the cut earlier in the season at the Farmers Insurance Open and The Genesis Invitational
- In his debut at the Rocket Mortgage Classic, 45-time PGA TOUR winner **Phil Mickelson** (T38) records 3-under 69; Mickelson is fifth in the field in Strokes Gained: Approach the Green (2.961)
- Defending champion **Bryson DeChambeau** (T109) opens with an even-par 72; DeChambeau leads the field in Strokes Gained: Off the Tee (2.146)
- **Kevin Chappell** withdrew before his round with a back injury and was replaced in the field by **Josh Teater** (T56)

Hole statistics

	Toughest hole	Easiest hole
R1	Par-4 18 th (4.212)	Par-5 17 th (4.551)

Scoring Averages

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1	35.045	35.340	70.385	--

Bogey-free rounds

R1 (17): Davis Thompson (63), Brandon Hagy (65), Tom Lewis (65), Joaquin Niemann (65), Roger Sloan (65), Seamus Power (66), Chris Kirk (67), Kevin Kisner (67), Robert Streb (67), Garrick Higgo (68), Chez Reavie (68), Scott Stallings (68), Brendon Todd (68), Charles Howell III (69), Sebastian Munoz (69), Curtis Thompson (69), Rickie Fowler (70)