



# ROCKET Mortgage Classic

## 2021 Rocket Mortgage Classic

(The 40<sup>th</sup> 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

### Second-Round Notes – Friday, July 2, 2021

**Weather:** Partly cloudy. High of 76. Wind N 10-15, with gusts to 25 mph.

**36-hole cut:** 77 players at 3-under 141 from a field of 156 professionals.

### Second-Round Leaderboard

Joaquin Niemann	65-69—134 (-10)
Tom Lewis	65-69—134 (-10)
Troy Merritt	67-68—135 (-9)
Chris Kirk	67-68—135 (-9)
Max Homa	70-65—135 (-9)

### Things to Know

- Joaquin Niemann and Tom Lewis (-10) share the 36-hole lead at the Rocket Mortgage Classic
- Neither co-leader has made a bogey through 36 holes
- Phil Mickelson plays the final two holes in 1-under to make the cut on the number in his tournament debut
- Defending champion Bryson DeChambeau misses the cut for the second time this season and first since The Genesis Invitational
- 2021 Masters Tournament champion Hideki Matsuyama was forced to withdraw before the start of his round after testing positive for COVID-19

### Second-Round Lead Notes

- 1 Second-round leader/co-leader at the Rocket Mortgage Classic to win (Nate Lashley/2019)
- 8 Second-round leaders/co-leaders to win on PGA TOUR in 2020-21 (most recent: Phil Mickelson/PGA Championship)

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

Category	Joaquin Niemann	Tom Lewis
Age	22 (11/7/1998)	30 (1/5/1991)
FedExCup	25	161
OWGR	30	132
Starts at Rocket Mortgage Classic	1	1
Wins at Rocket Mortgage Classic	0	0
Top-10s at Rocket Mortgage Classic	1	0
Career PGA TOUR starts	87	44
Career PGA TOUR wins	1	0
Career PGA TOUR top-10s	16	2
PGA TOUR starts in 2020-21	21	22
PGA TOUR wins in 2020-21	0	0
PGA TOUR top-10s in 2020-21	4	1

### Joaquin Niemann (T1/-10)

- Third 36-hole lead/co-lead of his PGA TOUR career (1-for-2 to date)

Tournament	Solo/Tied	Finish
2021 Rocket Mortgage Classic	Tied	TBD

2019 A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier	Tied	Won
2018 the Memorial Tournament presented by Workday	Tied	T6

- One of two players in the field with no bogeys through 36 holes (other: Tom Lewis)
- Finished T5 at the 2019 Rocket Mortgage Classic, his only prior start at the event
- Entered the week in the top 30 of the FedExCup standings (25) and Official World Golf Ranking (30)
- Two runner-up finishes this season (P2/Sentry Tournament of Champions, T2/Sony Open in Hawaii)
- Lone career PGA TOUR title came at A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier in 2019

#### Tom Lewis (T1/-10)

- First 36-hole lead/co-lead of his PGA TOUR career
- Previous-best 36-hole position on TOUR: T4/2021 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am
- Ties the lowest 36-hole score of his PGA TOUR career (134)
- Third career 36-hole score of 134, with two coming in his last two starts (134/2020 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open, 134/2021 Travelers Championship, 134/2021 Rocket Mortgage Classic)
- One of two players in the field with no bogeys through 36 holes (other: Joaquin Niemann)
- Best finish on TOUR to date: T2, 2020 World Golf Championships-FedEx St. Jude Invitational (career-low 61 in R3)

#### Additional Player Notes

- **Troy Merritt** (T3/-9) hit all 14 fairways for the second time in a round on the PGA TOUR (first: R2/2017 The RSM Classic)
- **Chris Kirk** is in the top three after the second round of the Rocket Mortgage Classic for the second consecutive year; Kirk held a share of the 36-hole lead in 2020 before finishing T21
- **Max Homa** (T3/-9) closed with four consecutive birdies to record a 7-under 65, tying his lowest score of the season (fourth instance and first since R3/The American Express)
- **Sean O'Hair** (T6/-8) is making last start on his Major Medical Extension
  - 197.519 – 300 points (solo-2nd, 2-way T2, or 3-way T2): remains in the Major Medical category for the remainder of the season
  - 109.972 – 197.518 points (solo-5th to 4-way T2): moves into the 126-150 in previous season's FedExCup standings category
  - Fewer than 109.972 points: Moves to No. 5 in the Reorder category
- 18-hole leader **Davis Thompson** fails to record a birdie in the second round (1-over 73) following a first-round 63; enters the third-round T6 at 8-under in his seventh career PGA TOUR start and third as a professional
- In his debut at the Rocket Mortgage Classic, 45-time PGA TOUR winner **Phil Mickelson** plays the final two holes in 1-under to make the cut on the number; Mickelson was second in the field in the second round in Strokes Gained: Off the Tee (1.551)
- **Willie Mack III**, a native of Flint, Michigan, makes the cut for the first time in his third start on the PGA TOUR; Mack, who made the cut on the number, missed the cut earlier this season at the Farmers Insurance Open and The Genesis Invitational
- Defending champion **Bryson DeChambeau** (72-71/-1) misses the cut for the second time this season and first since The Genesis Invitational; marks the eighth missed cut by a defending champion on TOUR during the 2020-21 season (most recent: Max Homa, Wells Fargo Championship)
- 2021 Masters Tournament champion **Hideki Matsuyama** was forced to withdraw before the start of his round after testing positive for COVID-19; Matsuyama recorded a 2-under 70 in the first round to stand T56

#### Hole statistics

	Toughest hole	Easiest hole
R1	Par-4 18 <sup>th</sup> (4.212)	Par-5 17 <sup>th</sup> (4.551)
R2	Par-3 11 <sup>th</sup> (3.239)	Par-5 17 <sup>th</sup> (4.658)

#### Scoring Averages

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1	35.045	35.340	70.385	--
R2	35.161	36.206	71.368	70.875

#### 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)

**R2 (11):** Keegan Bradley (68), Chesson Hadley (70), Max Homa (65), Beau Hossler (69), Hank Lebioda (70), Tom Lewis (69), Joaquin Niemann (69), Alex Noren (70), Sean O'Hair (66), Nick Taylor (68), Vaughn Taylor (71)