



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

Final-Round Notes – Sunday, July 4, 2021

Weather: Mostly sunny. High of 90. Wind NW 4-8 mph, switching to SE 5-10 mph in the afternoon.

Final-Round Leaderboard

Cam Davis	68-68-67-67—270 (-18)*
Troy Merritt	67-68-67-68—270 (-18)
Joaquin Niemann	65-69-68-68—270 (-18)
Alex Noren	70-70-67-64—271 (-17)
Hank Lebioda	67-70-66-68—271 (-17)

*defeated Troy Merritt with a par-3 on the fifth playoff hole (No. 15); Joaquin Niemann was eliminated after a bogey on the first extra hole (No. 18)

Things to Know

- Cam Davis defeats Troy Merritt and Joaquin Niemann in a five-hole playoff to pick up his first PGA TOUR victory
- Davis becomes the seventh first-time winner of the season
- Playoff records: Davis (1-0), Merritt (0-1), Niemann (0-2)
- Davis wins the ninth playoff of the season and one week following Harris English’s win over Kramer Hickok in an eight-hole playoff at the Travelers Championship; last time the TOUR had back-to-back playoffs was in 2020 at the Sentry Tournament of Champions (won by Justin Thomas) and Sony Open in Hawaii (won by Cameron Smith)
- Marks the first time with back-to-back playoffs of five holes or more on the PGA TOUR
- Last three-man playoff: 2020 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open (Martin Laird def. Austin Cook and Matthew Wolff)
- Niemann becomes the first player without a bogey through 72 holes since Andrew Putnam at the 2021 Waste Management Phoenix Open
- Notable finishes: Jason Day (T14), Rickie Fowler (T32), Willie Mack III (T71), Phil Mickelson (T74)

About Cam Davis (following the week)

Category	Cam Davis
Age	26 (2/21/1995)
FedExCup	34
OWGR	67
Starts at Rocket Mortgage Classic	3
Wins at Rocket Mortgage Classic	1
Top-10s at Rocket Mortgage Classic	1
Career PGA TOUR starts	71
Career PGA TOUR wins	1
Career PGA TOUR top-10s	5
PGA TOUR starts in 2020-21	21
PGA TOUR wins in 2020-21	1
PGA TOUR top-10s in 2020-21	3

Cam Davis (1st/-18)

- Picks up his first PGA TOUR victory in his 71st start at the age of 26 years, 4 months, 13 days
- Collects 500 points and moves from No. 81 to No. 34 in the FedExCup standings
- Entered the final round trailing Troy Merritt and Joaquin Niemann by one stroke; closed with a 5-under 67 to earn a spot in the playoff
- Records the eighth come-from-behind win in the last nine events on TOUR, with Phil Mickelson at the PGA Championship the only 54-hole leader/co-leader to go on to win during that stretch

- Wins in his first playoff appearance on the PGA TOUR; was the ninth playoff of the season on TOUR
- Becomes the seventh first-time winner this season, joining Jason Kokrak, Carlos Ortiz, Joel Dahmen, Sam Burns, K.H. Lee, Garrick Higgo
- Australian becomes the first international winner of the Rocket Mortgage Classic
- Previous-best finish on TOUR was solo-third earlier this season at The American Express
- Becomes the first player to close eagle-birdie on the last two holes of regulation and win since Branden Grace at the 2021 Puerto Rico Open

Troy Merritt (P2/-18)

- Falls to two-for-four with the 54-hole lead/co-lead in stroke-play events on TOUR (2015 RBC Heritage/3rd, 2015 Quicken Loans National/won, 2018 Barbasol Championship/won, 2021 Rocket Mortgage Classic/P2)
- Also held the 54-hole lead after the 2019 and 2020 Barracuda Championship (Modified Stableford format), before finishing runner-up on both occasions
- Has back-to-back top-10 finishes at the Rocket Mortgage Classic: 2019/MC, 2020/T8, 2021/P2
- Was in search of his third PGA TOUR win (2015 Quicken Loans National, 2018 Barbasol Championship)
- Picks up his fourth top-10 finish this season and moves to No. 62 in the FedExCup standings

Joaquin Niemann (P2/-18)

- After playing 72 holes without a bogey, bogeyed the first playoff hole (par-4 No. 18) to fall out of the playoff with Cam Davis and Troy Merritt
- Becomes the first player to go bogey-free for 72 holes since Andrew Putnam (2021 Waste Management Phoenix Open/T7)
- Falls to one-for-two when holding the 54-hole lead/co-lead (won A Military Tribute at the Greenbrier in 2019)
- Has top-five finishes in both starts at the Rocket Mortgage Classic (T5/2019, P2/2021)
- Now has three runner-up finishes this season, with two coming in playoffs (P2/Sentry Tournament of Champions, T2/Sony Open in Hawaii, P2/Rocket Mortgage Classic)
- Becomes the first player to lose two playoffs in a season since Xander Schauffele in 2019-20 (World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions, Sentry Tournament of Champions)

Additional Player Notes

- **Alex Noren** (T4) finished one stroke shy of the playoff and a chance to become the 10th player from Sweden to win on the PGA TOUR
- Of **Hank Lebioda's** four top-10 finishes on TOUR, two have now come in back-to-back weeks (Travelers Championship/T5, Rocket Mortgage Classic/T4)
- **Bubba Watson** (T6) closes with an 8-under 64, his best final-round score since winning the 2018 Travelers Championship with a 63; snaps streak of five-consecutive over-par scores in the final round of individual stroke-play events

Hole statistics

	Toughest hole	Easiest hole
R1:	Par-4 18 th (4.212)	Par-5 17 th (4.551)
R2:	Par-3 11 th (3.239)	Par-5 17 th (4.658)
R3:	Par-4 6 th (4.169)	Par-5 7 th (4.364)
R4:	Par-3 11 th (3.273)	Par-5 14 th (4.442)
Week:	Par-3 11 th (3.183)	Par-5 17 th (4.589)

Scoring Averages

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	35.045	35.340	70.385	--
R2:	35.161	36.206	71.368	70.875
R3:	34.974	35.169	70.143	70.729
R4:	34.831	34.818	69.649	70.551

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)

R3 (9): Jason Kokrak (67), Alex Noren (67), Curtis Thompson (67), Joaquin Niemann (68) ,Chris Baker (68), J.J. Spaun (68), Cameron Tringale (68), Jason Day (69), Seamus Power (69)

R4 (16): Patton Kizzire (64), Bubba Watson (64), Mark Anderson (66), Jason Day (66), Cameron Tringale (66), Fabian Gomez (67), Maverick McNealy (67), Seamus Power (67), Patrick Reed (67), Brandon Hagy (68), Max Homa (68), Hank Lebioda (68), Joaquin Niemann (68), Patrick Rodgers (68), Chris Kirk (69), Matt Jones (71)