



2020 Safeway Open

(1st of 50 events in the 2020-21 PGA TOUR Season)

Napa, California
Silverado Resort and Spa (North)

September 10-13, 2020

Purse: \$6,600,000
Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,166

Second-Round Notes – Friday, September 11, 2020

Weather: Partly cloudy, with a high of 70. Wind SW 5-10 mph.

36-hole cut: 73 professionals at 5-under 139 from a field of 155 professionals and one amateur.

Second-Round Leaderboard

Sam Burns	64-65—129 (-15)
Harry Higgs	69-62—131 (-13)
Cameron Percy	64-68—132 (-12)
Russell Knox	63-69—132 (-12)
D.J. Trahan	67-65—132 (-12)

Things to Know

- In his 61st career PGA TOUR start, Sam Burns records his lowest opening 36-hole total with 129
- Burns holds his first lead/co-lead after any round on TOUR
- Harry Higgs cards the first albatross of the 2020-21 PGA TOUR Season for a 10-under 62, his lowest round on TOUR
- Phil Mickelson hit 4 of 14 fairways en route to a 5-under 67 to advance to the weekend
- Notable players to miss the cut: Jordan Spieth, Sergio Garcia, Brandt Snedeker, Shane Lowry
- 5-under 139 is the lowest cut in relation to par at the Safeway Open (previous low: 3-under 141 in 2016 and 2018)
- Rocco Mediate is the only player to convert a 36-hole lead/co-lead into victory at the Safeway Open (2010)

Leaders comparison (entering the week)

Category	Sam Burns	Harry Higgs
Age	24 (7/23/1996)	28 (12/4/1991)
OWGR	171	132
PGA TOUR starts	60	25
PGA TOUR wins	0	0
PGA TOUR top-10s	6	2
Safeway Open starts	1 (MC)	1 (T23)
Safeway Open wins	0	0
Safeway Open top-10s	0	0

Sam Burns (1st/-15)

- Round included nine birdies, which ties for most in his PGA TOUR career (most recent: R4/2020 The American Express)
- With 16 birdies, recorded the most total birdies through 36 holes at the Safeway Open since 2014
- In only previous Safeway Open start, posted scores of 72-74—146 to miss the cut in 2018
- Best of five top-25 finishes last season was a T6 at The American Express in Palm Springs; advanced to the FedExCup Playoffs for a second-consecutive year before ending his season at No. 111 in the FedExCup
- Best of 60 PGA TOUR starts is T3 from the 2018 Sanderson Farms Championship

Harry Higgs (2nd/-13)

- Closed out his round with an albatross on No. 9 with a 4-iron, holing out from 230 yards for the third albatross in tournament history (Morgan Hoffman/No. 18/R1/2016, Nicholas Thompson/No. 11/R3/2009)
- First albatross on TOUR since Johnson Wagner at 2019 The RSM Classic (R1/No. 15)
- Bogey-free 10-under 62 is his career-low round on the PGA TOUR (previous best: 63/R3/2020 The American Express)

- In the second round, led the field in Strokes Gained: Tee to Green (6.194), Strokes Gained: Approach the Green (5.094)
- In his only other start at the Safeway Open, finished T23 in 2019
- Was one of four PGA TOUR rookies to qualify for 2020 BMW Championship, ending the season No. 55 in the FedExCup standings, highlighted by a second-place showing at the Bermuda Championship

Russell Knox (T3/-12)

- Joins Mark Anderson as the only two players in the field without a bogey through 36 holes
- Making his sixth start in the Safeway Open; best showing of T9 came in his 2012, his first start at this event
- Seeks his third career PGA TOUR title and first since the 2016 Travelers Championship

Cameron Percy (T3/-12)

- Recorded his best opening 36-hole total on TOUR since a 131 at the 2018 Barbasol Championship (finished T7)
- Comes off a T7 finish in last year's Safeway Open, his lone top-10 finish of the season
- Best finish on TOUR is a P2 at the 2010 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open in his first season on TOUR
- Winner of the 2014 Price Cutter Charity Championship on the Korn Ferry Tour and five events on PGA TOUR of Australasia

D.J. Trahan (T3/-12)

- Bogey-free round of 7-under 65 was highlighted by three straight birdies on Nos. 16-18
- Playing in his fifth Safeway Open and first since 2012 (best finish: T39/2009)
- Two-time PGA TOUR winner (2006 Sanderson Farms Championship, 2008 The American Express)
- Made seven cuts in 17 starts in the 2019-20 season and finished No. 153 in the FedExCup standings

Miscellaneous Notes

- Two-time PGA TOUR winner **James Hahn** (T6/-11) carded a 7-under 65 for his best round on TOUR since a 62 at the 2018 Sony Open in Hawaii (R4); Led the field in Strokes Gained: Putting (4.66) in the second round
- In his Safeway Open debut, **Doug Ghim** (T6/-11) recorded a 6-under 66 and seeks his first TOUR win in his 30th career start
- In his first TOUR start since winning the Charles Schwab Series at Ozarks National in his PGA TOUR Champions debut, **Phil Mickelson** (T34/-6) hit 4 of 14 fairways, carding a 5-under 67 to make the cut for the fourth time in his sixth tournament start
- **Jordan Spieth** missed the cut with rounds of 73-70, as the 2015 U.S. Open champion heads to Winged Foot GC next week looking for his first victory since The Open Championship in 2017
- In his eighth PGA TOUR start, **Akshay Bhatia** (T34/-6) made the cut for the first time with rounds of 66-72
- Other notables to miss the cut: **Sergio Garcia** (-3), **Shane Lowry** (-3), **Brandt Snedeker** (-1)

Course Statistics

Toughest Hole	Easiest Hole
R1: Par-4 3 rd (4.167)	Par-5 9 th (4.545)
R2: Par-4 12 th (4.141)	Par-5 16 th (4.429)

Scoring Averages

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	35.205	35.417	70.622	--
R2:	34.878	35.192	70.071	70.346

Bogey-free rounds

R1 (17): Russell Knox (63), Cameron Percy (64), Bo Hoag (64), Brendan Steele (65), Pat Perez (65), Andy Zhang (66), Stewart Cink (67), Charley Hoffman (67), Patrick Rodgers (67), Mark Hubbard (68), Austin Cook (68), Mark Anderson (68), Wyndham Clark (69), C.T. Pan (69), Denny McCarthy (69), Brandon Hagy (69), Luke List (70)

R2 (15): Harry Higgs (62), Anirban Lahiri (65), D.J. Trahan (65), Nick Watney (65), Si Woo Kim (65), Rob Oppenheim (66), Troy Merritt (66), Ryan Blaum (67), Phil Mickelson (67), Xinjun Zhang (67), Lucas Glover (67), Michael Gligic (68), Mark Anderson (69), Russell Knox (69), Fabian Gomez (69)