



## 2021 Sony Open in Hawaii

(14th of 50 events in the 2020-21 PGA TOUR Season)

Honolulu, HI  
Waialae Country Club

January 14-17, 2021  
Par/Yards: 35-35—70/7,044

Purse: \$6,600,000 (\$1,188,000)  
500 FedExCup points to winner

### Second-Round Notes – Friday, January 15, 2021

Weather: Partly cloudy. High of 82. Wind E 6-12 mph.

36-hole cut: 73 players at 4-under 136 from a field of 143 professionals and one amateur

### Second-Round Leaderboard

Nick Taylor	66-62 – 128 (-12)
Stewart Cink	67-63 – 130 (-10)
Webb Simpson	65-65 – 130 (-10)
Russell Henley	66-64 – 130 (-10)
Vaughn Taylor	64-66 – 130 (-10)
Chris Kirk	65-65 – 130 (-10)

### Things to Know

- **Nick Taylor** (-12/1st) shoots a career-best 62 and is the 36-hole leader/co-leader for the second time in his PGA TOUR career; converted his other second-round lead into a win (2020 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am)
- **Chris Kirk** (-10/T2) is making his last start under his Major Medical Exemption; needs to earn 148.934 points to remain in that category for the rest of the season
- **Hideki Matsuyama** (-9/T7) shoots 28 on the front nine, his career-best nine-hole score and the third front-nine 28 in tournament history (since 1983)
- **Billy Horschel** (-9/T7) is the only player bogey-free through 36 holes
- **Charles Howell III** (-5/T46) is 20-for-20 in making the cut at the Sony Open in Hawaii

### Second-Round Lead Notes

- 7 Second-round leaders/co-leaders at Sony Open in Hawaii to win (since 2000)  
Most recent: Matt Kuchar/2019
- 5 Second-round leaders/co-leaders to win this season  
Most recent: Harris English/Sentry Tournament of Champions

### Nick Taylor (-12/1st)

Age: 32 (April 14, 1988)

Turned Professional: 2010

FedExCup	141
OWGR	135
Starts at Sony Open	5
Top-10s at Sony Open	0
Career PGA TOUR starts	175
Career PGA TOUR wins	2
Career PGA TOUR top-10s	11
PGA TOUR starts in 2020-21	7
PGA TOUR top-10s in 2020-21	0

- Cards 8-under 62, his career-best score on the PGA TOUR (Previous: 63, four times)
- Posts 12-under 128, his best 36-hole start on TOUR (Previous: 14-under 129/2020 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am; 11-under 129/2019 RBC Canadian Open)

- Converted his only other 36-hole lead when he won wire-to-wire at the 2020 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am
- Seeking to become the tournament's second consecutive international winner; the last back-to-back international winners were Vijay Singh (2005) and Ernie Els (2003, 2004)
- Seeking his first top-25 finish since winning the 2020 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am

#### Additional Player Notes

- **Chris Kirk** (-10/T2) is making his last start under his Major Medical Exemption; needs to earn 148.934 points to remain in that category for the rest of the season
- **Stewart Cink** (-10/T2) shot 7-under 63, his 126th bogey-free round on TOUR. Since the start of the 1996 PGA TOUR season, he has the fourth most bogey-free rounds of any player.
- Cink has the longest active streak of par or better rounds (26) at the Sony Open in Hawaii; his last over-par score was a second-round 71 in 2013
- **Webb Simpson** (-10/T2) has the longest active streak of top-20 finishes at the Sony Open in Hawaii entering 2021 (6)
- **Russell Henley** (-10/T2) is seeking to add to his 2013 title and become the tournament's sixth repeat winner
- **Vaughn Taylor** (-10/T2) was bogey-free through his first 32 holes, the third-longest streak to start a tournament in his PGA TOUR career
- **Hideki Matsuyama** (-9/T7) shot his career-low nine-hole score (28). He is the third player to shoot 28 on the front nine at the Sony Open in Hawaii since 1983. Matsuyama joins Webb Simpson (2015/R1) and Toshinori Muto (2012/R2) as the only players to shoot 28 on the front nine at this event since 1983.
- **Billy Horschel** (-9/T7) is the only player bogey-free through 36 holes. It is the third time he has played the first two rounds bogey-free (2015 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, 2019 RBC Heritage).
- First-round co-leader **Peter Malnati** (-9/T7) was 5-over through seven holes, but rallied to shoot 1-under 69
- The two other first-round co-leaders: **Joaquin Niemann** (-9/T7), **Jason Kokrak** (-7/T19)
- Making his 20th consecutive start at the Sony Open in Hawaii, **Charles Howell III** (-5/T46) has made the cut in each of his 20 starts at the tournament
- Monday Qualifier **Nick Hardy** is T15 at 8-under
- Defending champion **Cameron Smith** is T19 at 7-under
- This is the third year with at least five rounds of 62 or better in the first two rounds at the Sony Open in Hawaii (since 1983); 2015 and 2017 both had five scores of 62 or better before the weekend

#### Bogey-free rounds:

R1 (12): Jason Kokrak (62), Vaughn Taylor (64), Jim Herman (64), Si Woo Kim (64), Billy Horschel (65), Nick Taylor (66), Emiliano Grillo (66), Cameron Smith (67), Charles Howell III (67), Grayson Murray (67), Sungjae Im (68), Sam Ryder (68)

R2 (15): Stewart Cink (63), Nick Hardy (63), Harris English (64), Adam Scott (64), Marc Leishman (65), K.J. Choi (65), James Hahn (65), Pat Perez (65), Lanto Griffin (65), Billy Horschel (66), Sergio Garcia (66), Bronson Burgoon (66), Chris Baker (67), Troy Merritt (67), Matt Jones (67)

#### Course Statistics

Toughest Hole	Easiest Hole
R1: Par-4 13 <sup>th</sup> (4.153)	Par-5 9 <sup>th</sup> (4.264)
R2: Par-4 13 <sup>th</sup> (4.236)	Par-5 9 <sup>th</sup> (4.177)

#### Scoring Averages at Waialae Country Club:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1	34.028	34.292	68.319	-
R2	34.361	34.194	68.558	68.438