



**2021 The American Express**  
*(15<sup>th</sup> of 50 events in the 2019-20 PGA TOUR Season)*

<b>La Quinta, California</b>	<b>January 18-24, 2021</b>	<b>FedExCup points: 500 (winner)</b>
<b>PGA WEST PETE DYE STADIUM COURSE</b>	<b>Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,147</b>	<b>Purse: \$6,700,000</b>
<b>PGA WEST NICKLAUS TOURNAMENT COURSE</b>	<b>Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,181</b>	

**First-Round Notes – Thursday, January 21, 2021**

*Weather: Mostly cloudy with a high of 75. Wind SE 5-10 mph.*

**First-Round Leaderboard**

Brandon Hagy	64 (-8)	NT
Byeong Hun An	65 (-7)	NT
Si Woo Kim	66 (-6)	SC
Martin Laird	66 (-6)	NT
Max Homa	66 (-6)	NT

**Things to know**

- Brandon Hagy’s 64 (NT) falls a stroke shy of career-low, posted in round two of last season’s The American Express
- Following five missed cuts in seven starts this season, Byeong Hun An opens with a bogey-free 7-under 65 (NT)
- Making his first start in The American Express, Brooks Koepka posts an even-par 72 (NT)
- Tournament host Phil Mickelson sits T132 after a 2-over 74 (NT)
- Following last week’s win at the Sony Open in Hawaii, Kevin Na opens with a 3-over 75 (SC)
- Making his professional debut, John Augenstein opens with an even-par 72 (SC)
- Defending champion Andrew Landry posts a 2-under 70 (SC)

**First-round lead notes**

- 4 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win The American Express (since 2000); most recent - Jon Rahm/2018
- 3 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win on TOUR in 2020-21; most recent – Harris English/Sentry Tournament of Champions

**(Entering the week)**

Category	Brandon Hagy
Age	29 (3/21/1991)
Country	United States
FedExCup	195
OWGR	398
Starts at The American Express	4
PGA TOUR starts	76
PGA TOUR wins	0
Starts in 2020-21	7
Top-10s in 2020-21	0

**Brandon Hagy (64/-8/NT)**

- Made a string of three consecutive birdies on three occasions en route to his lowest score since posting his career-low of 9-under 63 at La Quinta Country Club in round two of last season’s The American Express (T48)
- Ten birdies in round one marks his career-most for a round on the PGA TOUR
- Marks his second time to hold at least a share of the first-round lead on the PGA TOUR (2017 RBC Canadian Open/T5)
- Is making his fifth start in The American Express (T48/2020, T58/2017, MC/2015 and 2019)
- Has made two cuts in seven starts on TOUR this season, with a T40 at the Mayakoba Golf Classic presented by UNIFIN his best
- Seeks a second top-10 finish in his 77<sup>th</sup> career PGA TOUR start (T5/2017 RBC Canadian Open)

### Byeong Hun An (65/-7/NT)

- Made seven birdies and no bogeys en route to his lowest score on the PGA TOUR since a 6-under 64 in the final round of the 2020 PGA Championship last August (T22)
- Making his second start in The American Express (MC/2020)
- In seven previous starts this season, has made two cuts (T42/THE CJ CUP @ SHADOW CREEK, T35/ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP @ SHERWOOD)
- Seeks his first career TOUR title in his 126<sup>th</sup> start

### Miscellaneous notes

- **Si Woo Kim** (T3) made four birdies and an eagle (par-5 fifth) on the Stadium Course, good for a bogey-free 6-under 66; withdrew from last year's The American Express after the first round (15-over 87) with a back injury
- Making his 14<sup>th</sup> consecutive start in The American Express, **Martin Laird** (T3) opened with a 6-under 66 (NT), marking his 49<sup>th</sup> round of par-or-better in the event (53 rounds); has missed the cut in his last three starts at The American Express
- **Max Homa** (T3) offset one bogey with seven birdies, including four straight on the Nicklaus Tournament Course (Nos. 10-13) to post a 6-under 66; in four previous starts at The American Express, has three missed cuts and a T48 (2020)
- **Maverick McNealy** (T6/67) joined Dean Wilson (2009/final round) as players on record to eagle the par-4 sixth hole of the Nicklaus Tournament Course during the event
- **Jimmy Walker** (T39) holed his second shot on the par-4 18th hole of the Stadium Course from 158 yards, his last hole of the day, to shoot 3-under 69
- In his first round as a professional, sponsor invite **John Augenstein** (T103) made two birdies and two bogeys to open with an even-par 72 on the Stadium Course
- World No. 12 **Brooks Koepka** (T103) opened with an even-par 72 (NT) in his first start at The American Express; marks his first start on the PGA TOUR since missing the cut at the Mayakoba Golf Classic presented by UNIFIN in December
- Tournament host and 2002, 2004 The American Express winner **Phil Mickelson** (T132) opened with a 2-over 74 (NT) in his 18<sup>th</sup> start in the event; marks his seventh over-par score in 74 tournament rounds
- Fresh off his fifth career PGA TOUR title last week at the Sony Open in Hawaii, **Kevin Na** (T143) posted a 3-over 75 (SC); with a win, would become the first player to win in back-to-back weeks on TOUR since Brendon Todd at the 2019 Bermuda Championship and Mayakoba Golf Classic presented by UNIFIN
- In his bid to become the first player to successfully defend his The American Express title since Johnny Miller in 1976, **Andrew Landry** (T61) opened with a 2-under 70 (SC); was T6 after an opening-round 6-under 66 in this event last season
- **Mark Wilson** withdrew before round one and was replaced in the field by **Matt Every** (84/156<sup>th</sup>)

### Bogey-free rounds

**R1 (9):** Byeong Hun An (65/NT), Si Woo Kim (66/SC), Sam Ryder (67/NT), Ben Martin (67/SC), Michael Thompson (67/NT), Adam Schenk (68/NT), Richy Werenski (69/NT), Joel Dahmen (69/SC), C.T. Pan (70/SC)

### First-round scoring averages

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
SC	35.538	35.513	71.051	-
NT	35.513	34.872	70.385	-