



2021 The American Express
(15th of 50 events in the 2019-20 PGA TOUR Season)

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

Second-Round Notes – Friday, January 22, 2021

*Weather: Mostly cloudy with a high of 67. Wind SSE 8-12 mph, gusting to 18 mph.
 36-hole cut: 72 players at 4-under 140 from a field of 156 professionals*

Second-Round Leaderboard

Sungjae Im	68-65—133 (-11) NT-SC
Nick Taylor	68-66—134 (-10) NT-SC
Tony Finau	68-66—134 (-10) SC-NT
Abraham Ancer	69-65—134 (-10) SC-NT
Si Woo Kim	66-68—134 (-10) SC-NT
Brandon Hagy	64-70—134 (-10) NT-SC

Things to know

- Sungjae Im, 22, becomes the youngest to hold the 36-hole lead/co-lead at The American Express since 1983
- 2020 The American Express runner-up Abraham Ancer shoots a bogey-free 7-under 65 (NT) in bid for first career PGA TOUR title
- First-round leader Brandon Hagy rebounds from a 1-over start through his first six holes to card a 2-under 70 (SC)
- 36-hole leader at last week’s Sony Open in Hawaii Nick Taylor is back in contention after a 6-under 66 (SC) in round two
- Tony Finau birdies two of his final three holes for a 6-under 66 (NT)
- Tournament host Phil Mickelson records 18 pars in a round for the first time in his PGA TOUR career (2,201 rounds); misses the cut for the fifth time in 18 career starts at The American Express
- Brooks Koepka makes triple bogey at the par-3 13th on the Stadium Course and misses the cut by three strokes

Second-round lead notes

- 9 Second-round leaders/co-leaders to win The American Express (since 2000); most recent - Hudson Swafford/2017
- 5 Second-round leaders/co-leaders to win on TOUR in 2020-21; most recent – Harris English/Sentry Tournament of Champions

(Entering the week)

Category	Sungjae Im
Age	22 (3/30/1998)
Country	Korea
FedExCup	19
OWGR	18
Starts at The American Express	2
PGA TOUR starts	73
PGA TOUR wins	1
Starts in 2020-21	10
Top-10s in 2020-21	2

Sungjae Im (-11/1st)

- Bogey-free 7-under 65 marks his third round of 65 or better in 10 career rounds at The American Express
- Youngest to hold the 36-hole lead/co-lead at The American Express since 1983 (22 years old); becomes the third player under the age of 25 to hole the 36-hole lead/co-lead at this event since 1983 (Patrick Reed/23 yrs old/2014, Scottie Scheffler/23 yrs old/2020)

- Marks his third career 36-hole lead/co-lead on the PGA TOUR; failed to convert the previous two leads
- Owns two top-5 finishes in 10 starts during the 2020-21 season, with his best finish coming at the Masters Tournament (T2); has made nine of 10 cuts
- In search of his second career PGA TOUR title (2020 The Honda Classic)
- Making his third start in The American Express (T12/2019, T10/2020)

Miscellaneous notes

- **Nick Taylor** (-10/T2) held the 36-hole lead at last week's Sony Open in Hawaii before closing with 68-67 to finish T11; two-time PGA TOUR winner is in search of his first top-10 on TOUR since his victory at the 2020 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am
- **Tony Finau** (-10/T2) holed out from a greenside bunker on the par-5 fourth hole for one of seven birdies on the Nicklaus Tournament Course that led to a 6-under 66; entered the week with two top-10s in six starts this season
- 2020 runner-up **Abraham Ancer** (-10/T2) fired a bogey-free 7-under 65 (NT); sat T18 through two rounds in 2020 before shooting 66-63 on the Stadium Course on the weekend
- **Si Woo Kim** (-10/T2) used four birdies over a six-hole span on the back to post a 4-under 68 (NT); owns one top-10 in eight starts this season after only recording one top-10 in 24 starts during the 2019-20 season
- First-round leader **Brandon Hagy** (-10/T2) rebounded from a 1-over start through six holes to card a 2-under 70 (SC); California native was admitted to the field following Jon Rahm's withdrawal on Monday
- Sitting T103 after round one, **Paul Casey** (-7/T18) carded a 6-under 30 on the front nine of the Stadium Course and finished with a 7-under 65 that tied the low round of the day
- World No. 10 **Patrick Cantlay** (-4/T56), who entered the week as the top-ranked player in the field, made the cut on the number with a 1-under 71 (SC)
- **Brooks Koepka** (-1/MC) birdied four of his first five holes before a triple bogey on the par-3 13th left him with a 1-under 71 (SC) and three strokes off the cutline
- Tournament host and 2002, 2004 The American Express winner **Phil Mickelson** (+2/MC) recorded 18 pars for the first time in his PGA TOUR career (2,201 rounds) during round two on the Stadium Course; missed the cut for the fifth time in 18 tournament starts
- Defending champion **Andrew Landry** (-5/T37) carded a 3-under 69 (NT) to move inside the cutline after two rounds

Matthew Wolff assessed one-stroke penalty

On Friday, **Matthew Wolff** (-5/T37) was assessed a one-stroke penalty from Thursday's opening round of The American Express for violation of Rule 9.4b (Ball Lifted or Moved by You – Penalty for Lifting or Deliberately Touching Your Ball or Causing it to Move). The situation – occurring on No. 1 at The Stadium Course at PGA WEST -- was originally addressed by Wolff with the PGA TOUR's Rules Committee on Thursday, with the decision subsequently reversed on Friday after the Rules Committee gained access to video evidence not available at the time of the ruling. With the one-stroke penalty, Wolff's first-round score is now 72 with his 36-hole total being 139 after a second-round 67.

"The incident was filmed on PGA TOUR Live and was not brought to our attention until Matthew was well into his second round today," said PGA TOUR Tournament Director Steve Rintoul. "Once we realized there was video evidence, we had to look at it. Matthew was extremely professional and initially thought he was in a disqualification situation. But, fortunately for him, it was not. He was acting under the jurisdiction of an official yesterday and understood how the penalty applies when a ball is moved by the player. Matthew said he didn't feel like he caused the ball to move, but certainly understood that he could have. He was extremely professional about the entire situation."

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)

R2 (15): Sungjae Im (65/SC), Nick Taylor (66/SC), Abraham Ancer (65/NT), Emiliano Grillo (66/SC), Doug Ghim (68/NT), Brendan Steele (68/SC), Paul Casey (65/NT), Richy Werenski (68/SC), Matt Jones (68/NT), Adam Hadwin (66/NT), Jimmy Walker (70/NT), Brian Stuard (65/NT), Chase Seiffert (67/NT), Scott Stallings (67/SC), Phil Mickelson (72/SC)

Scoring averages

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
SC/R1	35.538	35.513	71.051	-
NT/R1	35.513	34.872	70.385	-

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
SC/R2	35.667	35.333	71.000	71.032
NT/R2	35.936	35.577	71.513	70.949