



# 2020 THE CJ CUP @ SHADOW CREEK

(6<sup>th</sup> of 50 events in the 2020-21 PGA TOUR Season)

Las Vegas, Nevada October 15-18, 2020 FedExCup Points: 500 (winner)
Shadow Creek Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,527 Purse: \$9,750,000/\$1,755,000

First-Round Notes - Thursday, October 15, 2020

Weather: Mostly sunny. High of 93. Wind NNE 10-20 mph.

## **First-Round Leaderboard**

Tyrrell Hatton	65 (-7)
Russell Henley	66 (-6)
Xander Schauffele	66 (-6)
Tyler Duncan	67 (-5)
Jon Rahm	67 (-5)

## Things to Know

- Tyrrell Hatton opens with 65, his career-low opening-round score on the PGA TOUR
- Hatton holds the 18-hole lead/co-lead for the first time on TOUR
- Hatton is coming off a win in last week's BMW PGA Championship on the European Tour
- Xander Schauffele (T2) has not finished outside the top 25 in any of his last nine starts
- Defending champion and two-time winner Justin Thomas stands T32 after an even-par 72
- Si Woo Kim records a first-round 69, the best score among the 11 South Koreans in the field

## **First-Round Lead Notes**

- 1 First-round leader/co-leader to win THE CJ CUP (Justin Thomas/2017)
- First-round leader/co-leader to win in 2020-21 (Hudson Swafford/Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship)

## Tyrrell Hatton (1st/-7)

Category	Entering the week
Age	29 (10/14/1991)
FedExCup	NR
OWGR	10
Starts at THE CJ CUP	2
Wins at THE CJ CUP	0
Top-10s at THE CJ CUP	1
Career PGA TOUR starts	68
Career PGA TOUR wins	1
Career PGA TOUR top-10s	18
PGA TOUR starts in 2020-21	1
PGA TOUR wins in 2020-21	0
PGA TOUR top-10s in 2020-21	0

- Career-low first-round score on the PGA TOUR (65); previous-best: 66 (2019 Waste Management Phoenix Open/T15, 2019 World Golf Championships-FedEx St. Jude Invitational/T43)
- Tied career-low nine-hole score on TOUR with a 30 on the back nine (second instance; first: front/R3/2018 World Golf Championships-Mexico Championship)
- First 18-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR; previous-best 18-hole position: T2/2018 Wells Fargo Championship (finished T42)

- Leads the field in Strokes Gained: Tee to Green (5.808) and SG: Approach the Green (4.612)
- Third start in THE CJ CUP, with top-15s in each of the last two years (T14/2018, T6/2019)
- Second start of the 2020-21 season (first: MC/U.S. Open)
- Earned first PGA TOUR victory at the 2020 Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard
- No. 7 in the 2019-20 FedExCup standings
- Winner of last week's BMW PGA Championship on the European Tour

# Xander Schauffele (T2/-6)

- Third start in THE CJ CUP (T72/2017, T48/2018)
- Nine consecutive top-25s on the PGA TOUR (last result outside the top 25: T64/2020 RBC Heritage)
- Second start of the 2020-21 season (first: 5<sup>th</sup>/U.S. Open)
- Has finished No. 3 or better in the FedExCup standings three times in the last four seasons (No. 3/2016-17, No. 15/2017-18, No. 2/2018-19, No. 2/2019-20)

#### Jon Rahm (T4/-5)

- Leads the field in Strokes Gained: Off the Tee (1.965) and Proximity (26'4")
- Tournament debut
- Second start of the 2020-21 season (first: T23/U.S. Open)
- Won twice on TOUR during the 2019-20 season, the first multi-win season of his career (the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide, BMW Championship)
- No. 4 in the 2019-20 FedExCup standings

## **Additional Player Notes**

- Three-time PGA TOUR winner **Russell Henley** (T2) finished the 2019-20 season No. 56 in the FedExCup standings, qualifying for the FedExCup Playoffs for the eighth consecutive season
- Defending champion and two-time winner of the event **Justin Thomas** stands T32 after an even-par 72; made a double-bogey at the par-5 18<sup>th</sup> (his last hole)
- Making his first start since the Wyndham Championship, **Brooks Koepka** recorded a 2-over 74; Koepka, who won the event in 2018, has missed the last eight weeks as he recuperated from injury
- Among the 11 South Korean players in the field, Si Woo Kim (T9) recorded the lowest opening-round score (69);
   Byeong Hun An tied for sixth in 2019, earning the best result by a South Korean player

#### **Course Statistics**

Toughest Hole Easiest Hole R1: Par-4 15<sup>th</sup> (4.500) Par-5 18<sup>th</sup> (4.538)

## **Scoring Averages**

**Front 9 Back 9 Total Cumulative R1:** 36.231 36.500 72.731 --

# Bogey-free rounds

R1 (0): None