



GENESIS INVITATIONAL

2021 The Genesis Invitational

(19th of 50 events in the 2020-21 PGA TOUR Season)

Pacific Palisades, California
The Riviera Country Club

February 18-21, 2021
Par/Yards: 35-36—71/7,322

FedExCup Points: 550 (winner)
Purse: \$9,300,000 (\$1,674,000 winner)

First-Round Notes – Thursday, February 18, 2021

Weather: Sunny. High of 68. Wind NE 10-15 mph, with gusts to 20 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

Sam Burns	64 (-7)
Matthew Fitzpatrick	66 (-5)
Max Homa	66 (-5)
<i>Eight players</i>	<i>67 (-4)</i>

Things to Know

- Sam Burns holds a two-stroke lead, the first 18-hole lead/co-lead of his PGA TOUR career
- Burns has been inside the top five after the first round in four starts this season, tied for the most on TOUR
- Brooks Koepka records 3-under 68 in first start since winning the Waste Management Phoenix Open
- Reigning FedExCup champion and World No. 1 Dustin Johnson opens with 3-under 68 in search of second title at The Genesis Invitational
- In his PGA TOUR debut, Tae Hoon Kim makes a hole-in-one at No. 16 to receive an all-new 2021 Genesis G80

First-Round Lead Notes

- 4 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win The Genesis Invitational since 2000 (most recent: J.B. Holmes/2019)
- 4 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win in 2020-21 (most recent: Patrick Reed/Farmers Insurance Open)

Sam Burns (1st/-7)

Category	Entering the week
Age	24 (July 23, 1996)
FedExCup	68
OWGR	149
Starts at The Genesis Invitational	2
Wins at The Genesis Invitational	0
Top-10s at The Genesis Invitational	0
Career PGA TOUR starts	69
Career PGA TOUR wins	0
Career PGA TOUR top-10s	8
PGA TOUR starts in 2020-21	9
PGA TOUR wins in 2020-21	0
PGA TOUR top-10s in 2020-21	2

- First career 18-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR
- Fourth time in the top five after 18 holes during the 2020-21 season (and third in last four starts), tied for the most on TOUR (others: Nate Lashley, Peter Malnati, Justin Thomas)

Tournament	18-hole pos.	Finish
The Genesis Invitational	1 st	TBD
Waste Management Phoenix Open	T3	T22

Farmers Insurance Open	T4	T18
Safeway Open	T2	T7

- Leads the field with a career-best 3.817 Strokes Gained: Approach the Green; previous career-best: 3.803 (R4/2020 The American Express)
- Making third start at The Genesis Invitational (MC/2019, T23/2020)
- Best career PGA TOUR finish: T3/2018 Sanderson Farms Championship

Patrick Cantlay (T4/-4)

- Opens with 4-under 67; entered the week tied for second on TOUR in First-Round Scoring Average (67.50; leader: Patrick Reed/67.17)
- 58-under in his last 13 rounds on TOUR, including scores of 61 and 62 (two of the three lowest scores of his PGA TOUR career)
- Sits No. 1 in the FedExCup standings with a win (ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP @ SHERWOOD), a runner-up (The American Express) and a T3 (AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am) on the season
- Native of Long Beach, California, and former member of the UCLA golf team

Tae Hoon Kim (T19/-2)

- Made a hole-in-one at the 168-yard par-3 16th with a 7-iron, earning an all-new 2021 Genesis G80
- Third time he has received a car from Genesis; earned the first, a GV80, for winning the 2020 Genesis Championship on the Korean Tour, and the second, a GV70, for leading the order of merit on the Korean Tour in 2020 (Genesis sponsors the season-long points list)
- Made two eagles in his first seven holes (Nos. 11 and 16); became the fourth player on record (since 1983) to make two eagles on the back nine at The Riviera Country Club in the same round, joining Scott McCarron (1997), Sergio Garcia (2012) and Phil Mickelson (2017)
- Making PGA TOUR debut; earned a sponsor exemption for winning the 2020 Genesis Championship on the Korean Tour

Additional Player Notes

- **Matthew Fitzpatrick** (T2/-5) opens with 66, tying the lowest first-round score of his PGA TOUR career (fourth instance; most recent: 2020 RBC Heritage)
- **Max Homa** (T2/-5) earned his first top-10 of the season at last week's AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am (T7); has now recorded nine consecutive under-par scores and 13 straight of par or better
- Reigning FedExCup champion and World No. 1 **Dustin Johnson** opens with 68 in search of second title at The Genesis Invitational (won in 2017); making his first start on TOUR since the Sentry Tournament of Champions (T11)
- In his first start since winning the Waste Management Phoenix Open, **Brooks Koepka** records a 3-under 68; making third start at The Genesis Invitational (MC/2017, T43/2020)
- Charlie Sifford Memorial Exemption recipient **Willie Mack III** (T34/-1) becomes third player to break par in the first round playing on that exemption (est. 2009), joining Vincent Johnson (70/2009) and Harold Varner III (69/2014)
- **Sepp Straka** (T34/-1) made a 79-foot putt for birdie on No. 8, the longest made putt of his PGA TOUR career and the third-longest made on TOUR during the 2020-21 season

Distance	Player	Tournament	Rd.	Hole
92' 11"	Zach Johnson	U.S. Open	3	4
81' 6"	Xander Schauffele	Sentry Tournament of Champions	2	18
79' 0"	Sepp Straka	The Genesis Invitational	1	8

Course Statistics

Toughest Hole Par-4 2nd and Par-4 12th (4.258) **Easiest Hole** Par-5 1st (4.358)

Scoring Averages

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	35.017	36.192	71.208	-

Bogey-free rounds

R1 (2): Tyler McCumber (67), Jim Furyk (69)