



## 2021 The Honda Classic

(The 24<sup>th</sup> of 50 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Palm Beach Gardens, Florida

March 18-21, 2021

Purse: \$7,000,000 (\$1,260,000/winner)

PGA National (Champion Course)

Par/Yards: 35-35—70/7,125

### Third-Round Notes – Saturday, March 20, 2021

Weather: Partly cloudy with a high of 78. Wind NW 6-12 mph.

### Third-Round Leaderboard

Matt Jones	61-70-69—200 (-10)
J.B. Holmes	69-67-67—203 (-7)
Aaron Wise	64-64-75—203 (-7)
C.T. Pan	67-72-65—204 (-6)
Cameron Tringale	67-68-69—204 (-6)
Sam Ryder	69-63-72—204 (-6)

### Things to Know

- For the second time this week, Matt Jones holds an overnight lead of three strokes
- 36-hole leader Aaron Wise falls three shots behind as he bids for second PGA TOUR win
- J.B Holmes started the third round eight-shots off the lead in T16 position
- 10-under is the highest 54-hole score (in relation to par) since The Honda Classic moved to PGA National in 2007 (6-under in 2007 and 2008)
- After beginning the third round T42, C.T. Pan cards low round of the day 5-under 65
- In bid to join Jack Nicklaus as players to successfully defend at The Honda Classic, Sungjae Im sits T7, five strokes back

### Third-Round Lead Notes

- 7 Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win since the event moved to PGA National in 2007  
Most recent: Rickie Fowler/2017
- 8 Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win on TOUR in 2020-21  
Most recent: Collin Morikawa/World Golf Championships-Workday Championship at The Concession

### Matt Jones (1<sup>st</sup>/-10)

Statistic	Entering the Week
Age	40 (4/19/1980)
FedExCup	60
OWGR	83
Starts at The Honda Classic	7
Top-10s at The Honda Classic	1
PGA TOUR starts	329
PGA TOUR wins	1
Starts in 2020-21	15
Top 10s in 2020-21	2
Top-10s PGA TOUR	27

- First-round leader regains a three-stroke lead heading into Sunday; also led by three strokes after round one
- Ranks No. 1 in Strokes Gained: Tee to Green (12.289) and second in the field in Strokes Gained Around the Green (5.716)
- Finished T47 at last year's The Honda Classic
- In 15 starts on the PGA TOUR this season, has collected two top-10 finishes (T4/Bermuda Championship, T8/The Genesis Invitational)

- Winner of the 2014 Vivint Houston Open on the PGA TOUR

#### J.B. Holmes (T2/-7)

- Making his seventh appearance at The Honda Classic, the Campbellsville, Kentucky native started the third round eight-shots off the lead and posted a 3-under 67 for the day
- Best finish at this event in six previous starts at The Honda Classic T12 in 2010
- Best result in seven starts on the PGA TOUR this season is T46/Safeway Open
- Seeks his sixth career PGA TOUR title and first since 2019 The Genesis Invitational

#### Aaron Wise (T2/-7)

- 36-hole leader falls three shots behind in bid for his second PGA TOUR win (2018 AT&T Byron Nelson)
- With his 2018 win in Texas, became second player to win Mackenzie Tour-PGA TOUR Canada, Korn Ferry Tour and PGA TOUR (Mackenzie Hughes)
- Marks his third start in The Honda Classic with his best finish (T33) in 2018
- Closed with 8-under 63 to finish solo-second at 2020 Mayakoba Golf Classic presented by UNIFIN, his best result in 11 starts this season

#### Miscellaneous Notes

- After beginning the third round T42, **C.T. Pan** cards low round of the day 5-under 65, matching his season-low round; (Rd1/2021 Sony Open in Hawaii); searching for second PGA TOUR win in 123rd career start (2019 RBC Heritage); with a win Sunday, would become the tournament's 11<sup>th</sup> international player to have won the event since 2005
- Making his second start at The Honda Classic (T53/2020), Winter Park, Florida., native **Sam Ryder** (T4/-6) is in contention to claim his first career PGA TOUR victory in his 90th start
- **Cameron Tringale** (T4/-6) offset a lone bogey with two birdies to post 1-under 69
- Ryder and Tringale mark two of the 12 players at 5-under or better through 54 holes in the field to seek their first PGA TOUR win
- Last year's The Honda Classic champion **Sungjae Im** sits T7 and five strokes back in his bid to join Jack Nicklaus (1977-78) as players to successfully defend their title in the event
- Following a shoulder injury, The Honda Classic marks the final event remaining for **Camilo Villegas** (T13/-4) to earn 136 FedExCup points (3-way T3 or better) and remain in the Major Medical category or 24 FedExCup points (2-way T32 or better) to play the remainder of the season out of the 126-150 category; should he fail to reach either of these goals he will move to No. 2 in the reorder category

#### Bogey-free rounds:

**R1 (1):** Matt Jones (61)

**R2 (5):** Brandon Hagy (62), Sam Ryder (63), Brice Garnett (64), Adam Hadwin (65), Brendan Steele (65)

**R3 (2):** C.T. Pan (65), Chris Kirk (67)

#### Course Statistics

	<b>Toughest Hole</b>	<b>Easiest Hole</b>
<b>R1:</b>	Par-3 17 <sup>th</sup> (3.573)	Par-5 18 <sup>th</sup> (4.301)
<b>R2:</b>	Par-4 14 <sup>th</sup> (4.408)	Par-5 18 <sup>th</sup> (4.331)
<b>R3:</b>	Par-3 17 <sup>th</sup> (3.426)	Par-5 3 <sup>rd</sup> (4.412)

#### Scoring Averages at PGA National:

	<b>Front 9</b>	<b>Back 9</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Cumulative</b>
<b>R1:</b>	35.308	36.182	71.490	---
<b>R2:</b>	35.218	35.451	70.669	71.081
<b>R3:</b>	35.147	36.279	71.426	71.147

#### "Bear Trap" averages

**R1:** No. 15 (3.238/5<sup>th</sup>-toughest), No. 16 (3.986/15<sup>th</sup>-toughest), No. 17 (3.573/toughest)

**R2:** No. 15 (3.162/6<sup>th</sup>-toughest), No. 16 (4.275/T4<sup>th</sup>-toughest), No. 17 (2.845/16<sup>th</sup> toughest)

**R3:** No. 15 (3.324/3<sup>rd</sup>-toughest), No. 16 (4.309/4<sup>th</sup>-toughest), No. 17 (3.426/1<sup>st</sup> toughest)

Through two rounds there were a total of 38 birdies at No. 15, 43 on No. 17 and 48 on No. 17

Round 3: 8 birdies at No. 15, 0 on No. 16 and 1 at No. 17