



2021 The Honda Classic

(The 24th 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

Final-Round Notes – Sunday, March 21, 2021

Weather: Partly cloudy with a high of 77. Wind W 7-14 mph.

Final-Round Leaderboard

Matt Jones 61-70-69-68—268 (-12)

Brandon Hagy 69-62-76-66—273 (-7)

Five players at (-6)

Things to Know

- Matt Jones wins second PGA TOUR title in his 330th start; becomes fourth winner in his 40s this season
- Jones converts 54-hole lead/co-lead for first time on TOUR
- Jones becomes sixth player this season with a win more than six years after his previous victory
- Jones' five-stroke win ties largest margin of victory in tournament history
- Brandon Hagy earns best career PGA TOUR result on his 30th birthday; moves up 101 spots in the FedExCup
- Sam Ryder plays the Bear Trap in 3-under for the week, best of any player who made the cut
- In bid to join Jack Nicklaus as players to successfully defend at The Honda Classic, Sungjae Im finished T8

Matt Jones (1st/-12)

| Statistic | End of the Week |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Age | 40 (4/19/1980) |
| Country | Australia |
| FedExCup | 11 |
| OWGR | Projected 50 |
| Starts at The Honda Classic | 8 |
| Top-10s at The Honda Classic | 2 |
| PGA TOUR starts | 330 |
| PGA TOUR wins | 2 |
| Starts in 2020-21 | 16 |
| Top 10s in 2020-21 | 3 |
| Top-10s PGA TOUR | 28 |

- First- and third-round leader wins second PGA TOUR title in his 330th start at 40 years, 11 months, 2 days
- Wins 500 FedExCup points and moves from 60th to 11th in the FedExCup standings
- Becomes exempt on TOUR through 2022-23 season, earns exemptions into 2021 Masters Tournament and 2021 PGA Championship, multiple starts in invitational events, 2022 Sentry Tournament of Champions and 2022 THE PLAYERS Championship; also earns a Honda motor vehicle of his choice
- First 54-hole leader/co-leader to win The Honda Classic since Rickie Fowler in 2017 and ninth 54-hole leader/co-leader to win on TOUR this season
- Converts 54-hole lead/co-lead for the first time in his career (2008 The Honda Classic/T4, 2009 John Deere Classic/T5)
- PGA TOUR titles: 2021 The Honda Classic, 2014 Vivint Houston Open
- Period of 6 years, 11 months, 15 days (2,541 days) since his last win on TOUR; joins Stewart Cink, Martin Laird, Brian Gay, Robert Streb and Harris English as winners this season with more than six years between previous victory
- Two-time Australian Open champion (2015, 2019)
- Australian becomes 11th international winner of The Honda Classic since 2005

- Joins Stewart Cink (Safeway Open), Sergio Garcia (Sanderson Farms Championship) and Brian Gay (Bermuda Championship) as winners in their 40s this season
- Five-stroke win ties largest margin of victory at The Honda Classic (2010/Camilo Villegas, 1977/Jack Nicklaus); one shy of largest margin of victory this season (6/Bryson DeChambeau/U.S. Open)
- Low start by a winner this season; becomes sixth player since 2015 to win on TOUR after an opening round of 61 or better (Matt Jones/2021 The Honda Classic, Brandt Snedeker/2018 Wyndham Championship, Justin Thomas/2017 Sony Open in Hawaii, Mackenzie Hughes/2016 The RSM Classic, Rod Pampling/2016 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open, Jason Day/2015 BMW Championship)
- Posts second top-10 in eight starts at The Honda Classic (Won/2021, T4/2008)
- In 16 starts on the PGA TOUR this season, has collected two top-10 finishes (Won/2021 The Honda Classic, T4/Bermuda Championship, T8/The Genesis Invitational)
- Ranks No. 1 in Strokes Gained: Tee to Green (14.301) and second in Strokes Gained: Around the Green (5.563)
- Led all players in the field with most birdies (20)

Miscellaneous Notes

- **Brandon Hagy** (2nd/-7) posts final-round 66 en route to his second career top-10 finish (T5/2017 RBC Canadian Open) on his 30th birthday (Sunday); got into field as second-to-last alternate on Wednesday when Kramer Hickok withdrew; shot a bogey-free 62 on Friday for his career low score on TOUR; moves 101 spots from No. 178 to No. 77 in the FedExCup standings, the largest move of any player this week
- **Chase Seiffert** (T3/-6) closes with 6-under 64, matching his career low (64/R4/2018 Travelers Championship); moves from T41 to T3 and marks his fourth score of 65 or better this season
- **Brendan Steele** (T3/-6) records his second consecutive top-10 result at The Honda Classic (T4/2020); has five top-15 finishes in last six starts at The Honda Classic
- Jupiter, Florida resident **Denny McCarthy** (T3/-6) cards his first ever top-three finish on TOUR in his 91st start
- 2014 The Honda Classic champion **Russell Henley** (T3/-6) ranks No. 1 in Strokes Gained: Putting (8.169) for the week
- **C.T. Pan** (T3/-6) posts best performance in five starts at The Honda Classic and best result in 15 starts this season
- Last year's The Honda Classic champion **Sungjae Im** (T8/-5) comes up short in his bid to join Jack Nicklaus (1977-78) as players to successfully defend their title in the event
- 2010 The Honda Classic champion **Camilo Villegas** (T8/-5) fails to earn 136 FedExCup points (3-way T3 or better) in his final start on a Major Medical Extension and will now play the remainder of the season out of the 126-150 category
- **Sam Ryder** (T8/-5) navigated the Bear Trap in 3-under for the week, best of any player to make the cut this week (2-under/Matt Jones, Stewart Cink, Harry Higgs)
- 36-hole leader **Aaron Wise** (T13/-4) closed with a 6-over 41 on the back nine in bid for his second PGA TOUR win (2018 AT&T Byron Nelson)
- On the heels of last week's T35 at The PLAYERS Championship, **Phil Mickelson** (T25/-2) posts best finish in 10 starts this season
- With 69-69-74-67, marks fifth time in eight career TOUR starts that **Chase Koepka** (T30/-1) posts three of four rounds under par in a single event; made six cuts in those eight starts
- Starting the day T2 and playing in the final pairing, **J.B. Holmes** (T46/+2) begins bogey/double bogey en route to a 9-over 79
- **Brian Gay** (T46/+2) makes eagle on hole No. 3 in the final round for his third eagle of the week (No. 18/R1 and R2) to become first player to make three eagles at PGA National (Champion) in the FedExCup era; marks first TOUR event of his career to make three eagles
- There were 271 balls in the water this week, second most this season (288/TPC Sawgrass/THE PLAYERS Championship)

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)

R4 (4): Chase Seiffert (64), Kevin Chappell (65), Nate Lashley (68), Adam Scott (68)

Course Statistics

| | Toughest Hole | Easiest Hole |
|--------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| R1: | Par-3 17 th (3.573) | Par-5 18 th (4.301) |
| R2: | Par-4 14 th (4.408) | Par-5 18 th (4.331) |
| R3: | Par-3 17 th (3.426) | Par-5 3 rd (4.412) |
| R4: | Par-4 10 th (4.544) | Par-5 3 rd (4.250) |
| Week: | Par-4 14 th (4.318) | Par-5 3 rd (4.432) |

Scoring Averages at PGA National:

| | Front 9 | Back 9 | Total | Cumulative |
|------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|-------------------|
| R1: | 35.308 | 36.182 | 71.490 | --- |
| R2: | 35.218 | 35.451 | 70.669 | 71.081 |
| R3: | 35.147 | 36.279 | 71.426 | 71.147 |
| R4: | 34.971 | 35.897 | 70.868 | 71.102 |

“Bear Trap” averages for the week

No. 15 (3.183/8th-toughest), No. 16 (4.154/T9th-toughest), No. 17 (3.209/5th toughest)