



2021 THE NORTHERN TRUST

(First of three FedExCup Playoffs events)

Jersey City, New Jersey
Liberty National Golf Club

August 19-22, 2021
Par/Yards: 71/7,410

FedExCup Points: 2,000 (winner)
Purse: \$9,500,000 (\$1,710,000/winner)

Second-Round Notes – Friday, August 20, 2021

Weather: Mostly cloudy. High of 82. Wind WSW 7-12 mph.

Cut: 75 professionals at 1-under 141 from a field of 123 professionals

Second-Round Leaderboard

Jon Rahm	63-67—130 (-12)
Tony Finau	67-64—131 (-11)
Justin Thomas	63-69—132 (-10)
Keith Mitchell	68-64—132 (-10)
Xander Schauffele	70-62—132 (-10)

Things to Know

- Jon Rahm leads THE NORTHERN TRUST after recording the second-lowest 36-hole total of his PGA TOUR career (130)
- Tony Finau ties his career-best 36-hole total at 131, sits in solo-second
- Xander Schauffele and Jordan Spieth post matching rounds of 9-under 62, tying the course record at Liberty National G.C.
- Defending champion and 2020 FedExCup Champion Dustin Johnson, FedExCup leader Collin Morikawa miss the cut
- Players currently projected to move inside the top 70 (6): Keith Mitchell, Harold Varner III, Alex Noren, Tom Hoge, Erik van Rooyen, Seamus Power
- Players currently projected to fall out of the top 70 (6): Talor Gooch, Matt Fitzpatrick, Tyrrell Hatton, Martin Laird, Troy Merritt, J.T. Poston

Second-Round Lead Notes

- 4 Second-round leaders/co-leaders to win THE NORTHERN TRUST in the FedExCup era (2007-present)
(most recent: Dustin Johnson/2020)
- 8 Second-round leaders/co-leaders to win in 2020-21
(most recent: Phil Mickelson/PGA Championship)

Jon Rahm (1st/-12)

Category	Entering the week
Age	26 (November 10, 1994)
FedExCup	No. 5
OWGR	No. 1
PGA TOUR starts	109
PGA TOUR wins	6
PGA TOUR top-10s	52
Starts in 2020-21	19
Wins in 2020-21	1
Top-10s in 2020-21	12
Starts at THE NORTHERN TRUST	4
Wins at THE NORTHERN TRUST	0
Top-10s at THE NORTHERN TRUST	3

Jon Rahm (1st/-12)

- Fifth career 36-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR; 0-for-4 to date converting to victory, with a T3 at the 2016 Quicken Loans National as his best finish (forced to WD from the 2021 Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide after 54 holes)
- Records 12 birdies against zero bogeys through 36 holes; becomes the 13th player to play the first 36 holes of a FedExCup Playoffs event without a bogey
- Records the second-lowest 36-hole total of his TOUR career at 130 (129/2018 The American Express)
- Entered the week with a stroke average of 68.43 in FedExCup Playoffs events, lowest in FedExCup Playoffs history (min. 50 rounds)
- Last three starts on the PGA TOUR: WD/the Memorial Tournament presented by Workday (led by six strokes after 54 holes and was forced to withdraw), Won/U.S. Open, T3/The Open Championship
- Leads the field in Strokes Gained: Tee to Green (8.558)
- Six-time PGA TOUR winner has one career win in the FedExCup Playoffs (2020 BMW Championship)
- Leads the PGA TOUR in top-10 finishes this season with 12

Tony Finau (2nd/-11)

- Ties his career-best 36-hole total on TOUR at 131; recorded four times prior, the last coming at the 2020 3M Open (T3)
- Owns one career win on the PGA TOUR (2016 Puerto Rico Open) while amassing eight runner-up finishes, including two during the 2020-21 season (Farmers Insurance Open, The Genesis Invitational); making his 143rd start since the win in Puerto Rico
- Entered the week with seven top-10 finishes this season, but none in his last seven starts dating back to a T8 at the PGA Championship in May
- Has one top-10 finish in six career starts at THE NORTHERN TRUST, finishing runner-up to Bryson DeChambeau at the 2018 event (Ridgewood C.C.)
- Has advanced to the TOUR Championship each of the last five seasons, recording a career-best sixth-place finish in the 2018 FedExCup

FedExCup Playoffs notes

Players projected to move into top 70

Player	Position	YTD Rank	Proj. Rank
Keith Mitchell	T3	101	37
Harold Varner III	T6	72	44
Alex Noren	T6	91	52
Tom Hoge	T6	108	62
Erik van Rooyen	T17	76	65
Seamus Power	T25	73	69

Players projected to move out of top 70

Player	Position	YTD Rank	Proj. Rank
Talor Gooch	T57	64	71
Matt Fitzpatrick	MC	60	72
Tyrrell Hatton	MC	63	73
Martin Laird	MC	65	74
Troy Merritt	MC	69	77
J.T. Poston	MC	70	78

Miscellaneous Notes

- Olympic gold medalist **Xander Schauffele** (T3) records two eagles in his first eight holes en route to a course-record-tying 9-under 62 at Liberty National G.C. (Kevin Chappell/2013, Troy Merritt/2019); matches his career-best on TOUR (2019 Sentry Tournament of Champions/R4)
- **Jordan Spieth** (T10) matches course-record 62 playing in the grouping behind Schauffele; records back-to-back eagles on the par-4 fifth and par-5 sixth, marking his first time doing so in 743 career rounds on TOUR, and the second time with multiple eagles in a round (2015 John Deere Classic/R3)
- First-round co-leader **Justin Thomas** (T3) recorded four bogeys in his first eight holes before closing in 5-under 31 for a second-round 69; marks the fourth time he has shot par or better in his TOUR career after playing his first nine holes in 3-over or worse; 2017 FedExCup champion owns two career wins in the FedExCup Playoffs (2017 Dell Technologies Championship, 2019 BMW Championship)
- **Harold Varner III** (T6/-9), currently No. 72 in the FedExCup standings, was one of four players to enter the 2019 THE

NORTHERN TRUST outside the top 70 in the FedExCup standings and go on to qualify for the BMW Championship (T3; moved from No. 102 to 29th); marked the second time in his career in which he moved into the cutoff (2017) at this event, one of just five players in FedExCup Playoffs history to do so multiple times

- **Keith Mitchell** (T3) birdied Nos. 12-17 on his outward nine en route to a second-round 64; Mitchell is the only player on TOUR with multiple birdie streaks of six or more holes this season (3M Open/R3/10-16)
- **C.T. Pan** (MC) recorded a hole-in-one on No. 4 (193 yards, 5-iron), marking the first hole-in-one at THE NORTHERN TRUST since 2018 (J.T. Poston)
- Defending champion and 2020 FedExCup champion **Dustin Johnson** misses the cut with rounds of 70-72—142; marks his fourth missed cut of the season, which is his most since 2013 (4)
- FedExCup leader **Collin Morikawa** misses the cut with rounds of 74-70—144 (+2)

Course Statistics

	Toughest hole	Easiest hole
R1:	Par-4 15 th (4.415)	Par-5 6 th (4.260)
R2:	Par-3 11 th (3.336)	Par-5 6 th (4.320)

Scoring Averages

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	36.195	35.089	71.285	-
R2:	34.385	34.631	69.016	70.150

Bogey-free rounds

R1 (2): Jon Rahm (63), Robert Streb (67)

R2 (5): Tom Hoge (64), Adam Schenk (64), Sungjae Im (65), Kevin Na (66), Jon Rahm (67)