



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)

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, August 21, 2021

Weather: Mostly cloudy. High of 81. Wind SE 7-12 mph. The final round has been postponed to Monday due to Hurricane Henri's impact on Sunday's forecast.

Third-Round Leaderboard

Cameron Smith	69-68-60—197 (-16)
Jon Rahm	63-67-67—197 (-16)
Erik van Rooyen	69-67-62—198 (-15)
Justin Thomas	63-69-67—199 (-14)
Tony Finau	67-64-68—199 (-14)

Things to Know

- Cameron Smith records a career-low 18-hole score and sets the Liberty National course record with a 61, enters the final round tied for the lead with Rahm
- World No. 1 Jon Rahm holds at least a share of the lead for the third consecutive round
- The final round has been postponed to Monday due to Hurricane Henri's impact on Sunday's forecast
- Players currently projected to move inside the top 70 (5): Erik van Rooyen, Harold Varner III, Tom Hoge, Keith Mitchell, Joel Dahmen
- Players currently projected to fall out of the top 70 (5): Matt Fitzpatrick, Tyrrell Hatton, Martin Laird, Troy Merritt, J.T. Poston

Third-Round Lead Notes

- 5 Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win THE NORTHERN TRUST in the FedExCup era (2007-present)
(most recent: Dustin Johnson/2020; does not include rain-shortened 2011 event)
- 15 Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win in 2020-21
(most recent: Phil Mickelson/PGA Championship)

Comparing the co-leaders (entering the week)

Category	Cameron Smith	Jon Rahm
Age	28 (August 18, 1993)	26 (November 10, 1994)
FedExCup	No. 16	No. 5
OWGR	No. 28	No. 1
PGA TOUR starts	150	109
PGA TOUR wins	3	6
PGA TOUR top-10s	25	52
Starts in 2020-21	21	19
Wins in 2020-21	1	1
Top-10s in 2020-21	7	12
Starts at THE NORTHERN TRUST	4	4
Wins at THE NORTHERN TRUST	0	0
Top-10s at THE NORTHERN TRUST	1	3

Cameron Smith (T1/-16)

- Missed a 12-foot, 10-inch birdie putt at No. 18 and cards an 11-under 60; would have been the 13th sub-60 round in

PGA TOUR history

- Career-low round on the PGA TOUR (previous: 62, twice; most recent: R2/2021 WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational)
- Score comes one year to the day after Scottie Scheffler posted a second-round 59 at THE NORTHERN TRUST contested at TPC Boston
- Sets Liberty National Golf Club course record (previous: 62, four times entering the third round, including two in 2021)
- First 54-hole lead/co-lead of his PGA TOUR career in an individual stroke-play event (with partner Jonas Blixt, held the 54-hole lead at the 2017 Zurich Classic of New Orleans and went on to win)
- Previous-best 54-hole position in an individual stroke-play event: solo-second, 2020 Sony Open in Hawaii (Won)
- Career-best 11 birdies (previous: 9, three times; most recent: 2021 RBC Heritage/R1)
- In search of second victory of the season (first: Zurich Classic of New Orleans with partner Marc Leishman)
- Owns one top-10 finish in four career starts at THE NORTHERN TRUST (T3/2018)
- Three-time PGA TOUR winner; in search of his first FedExCup Playoffs victory

Jon Rahm (T1/-16)

- Fifth career 54-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR; 1-for-4 to date converting to victory (2020 the Memorial Tournament presented by Workday; was forced to WD after the third round of the 2021 Memorial Tournament)
- First over-par score of the week came at the par-5 13th, his 49th hole of the tournament
- In search of second victory of the season (first: 2021 U.S. Open)
- 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
- Six-time PGA TOUR winner; one career win in the FedExCup Playoffs (2020 BMW Championship)
- Leads the PGA TOUR in top-10 finishes this season with 12

FedExCup Playoffs notes

Players projected to move into top 70

Player	Position	YTD Rank	Proj. Rank
Erik van Rooyen	3 rd	76	25
Harold Varner III	T9	72	47
Tom Hoge	T6	108	57
Keith Mitchell	T11	101	69
Joel Dahmen	T28	77	70

Players projected to move out of top 70

Player	Position	YTD Rank	Proj. Rank
Matt Fitzpatrick	MC	60	71
Tyrrell Hatton	MC	63	73
Martin Laird	MC	65	74
Troy Merritt	MC	69	78
J.T. Poston	MC	70	79

Miscellaneous Notes

- 2021 Barracuda Championship winner **Erik van Rooyen** (3rd) ties his career-low on TOUR with a 62 (R2, 2020 WGC-Mexico Championship) to reach 15-under 198; van Rooyen, who made 11 starts during the 2019-20 season, is making his FedExCup Playoffs debut this week (No. 76) after moving from No. 139 to No. 78 in the standings with the victory at the Barracuda Championship
- **Tony Finau** (T4) 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
- First-round co-leader and 2017 FedExCup champion **Justin Thomas** (T4) is in search of his third career win in the FedExCup Playoffs (2017 Dell Technologies Championship, 2019 BMW Championship)
- **Harold Varner III** (T9) is making the 165th start of his TOUR career this week and in search of his first victory after recording a career-best T2 finish at the RBC Heritage earlier this year; has twice used his play at THE NORTHERN TRUST to move inside the top 70 and advance to the following FedExCup Playoffs event, one of just five players in the FedExCup era to do so multiple times
- Based on the projected path of Hurricane Henri and the Tropical Storm Warning that has been issued by the National Hurricane Center for the area where THE NORTHERN TRUST is located, there will be no play on Sunday, August 22nd; the

final round will be played on Monday, August 23rd; Tee times and groupings for the final round will be published on Sunday afternoon, with play on Monday slated to begin no earlier than 7:30 a.m.; marks the first scheduled Monday finish on the PGA TOUR since the 2019 ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP

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)
R3:	Par-4 10 th (4.267)	Par-5 6 th (4.400)

Scoring Averages

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	36.195	35.089	71.285	-
R2:	34.385	34.631	69.016	70.150
R3:	34.453	33.840	68.293	69.719

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)

R3 (3): Cam Smith (60), Joel Dahmen (67), K.H. Lee (69)