



2021 THE NORTHERN TRUST

(First of three FedExCup Playoffs events)

Jersey City, New Jersey
Liberty National Golf Club

August 19-23, 2021
Par/Yards: 36-35—71/7,410

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

Final-Round Notes – Monday, August 23, 2021

Weather: Mostly cloudy. High of 81. Wind SW 12-16 mph, with gusts to 20 mph. The final round was postponed due to Tropical Storm Henri and began Monday at 11:30 a.m. ET.

Final-Round Leaderboard

Tony Finau	67-64-68-65—264 (-20)*
Cameron Smith	69-68-60-67—264 (-20)
Jon Rahm	63-67-67-69—266 (-18)
Alex Noren	69-64-70-66—269 (-15)
Tom Hoge	69-64-67-69—269 (-15)
Justin Thomas	63-69-67-70—269 (-15)

* defeated Cameron Smith with a par-4 on the first playoff hole (No. 18)

Things to Know

- Tony Finau defeats Cameron Smith in a playoff, earning his second PGA TOUR title
- The win comes in Finau's 143rd start since his first victory on TOUR (2016 Puerto Rico Open)
- World No. 1 Jon Rahm, who held at least a share of the lead after each of the first three rounds, plays the final four holes in 2-over and finishes solo-third
- Keith Mitchell birdies each of the final three holes to move into the top 70 in the FedExCup standings and qualify for the BMW Championship
- Players moving into the top 70 in the FedExCup standings and qualifying for the BMW Championship (6): Alex Noren (T4), Erik van Rooyen (7th), Tom Hoge (T4), Harold Varner III (T11), Mitchell (T8), Harry Higgs (T16)
- Players moving out of the top 70 (6): Matthew Wolff, Matt Fitzpatrick, Tyrrell Hatton, Martin Laird, Troy Merritt, J.T. Poston (all MC)
- Last unscheduled Monday finish on TOUR: 2019 ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP

Tony Finau (Winner/-20)

Category	With the victory
Age	31 (September 14, 1989)
FedExCup	No. 1
OWGR	No. 9
Career PGA TOUR starts	189
Career PGA TOUR wins	2
Career PGA TOUR top-10s	47
PGA TOUR starts in 2020-21	25
PGA TOUR wins in 2020-21	1
PGA TOUR top-10s in 2020-21	8
Starts at THE NORTHERN TRUST	7
Wins at THE NORTHERN TRUST	1
Top-10s at THE NORTHERN TRUST	2
FedExCup Playoffs wins	1

- Earns second PGA TOUR title in his 189th career start at the age of 31 years, 11 months, 9 days
- Win comes 1,975 days and 143 starts since first victory at the 2016 Puerto Rico Open

- In the 142 starts between victories, Finau recorded eight runner-up finishes and 39 top-10s
- Moves to No. 1 in the FedExCup standings for the first time in his career
- Improves to 2-3 in playoffs on TOUR (losses: 2018 World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions, 2020 Waste Management Phoenix Open, 2021 The Genesis Invitational)

Playoff notes

- Third consecutive week on the PGA TOUR schedule with a playoff (first time with three straight since 2019 The RSM Classic, 2020 Sentry Tournament of Champions, 2020 Sony Open in Hawaii)
- 13th playoff of the PGA TOUR season
- Updated playoff records: Finau, 2-3; Smith, 3-1

Tropical Storm Henri notes

- The final round moved to Monday due to Tropical Storm Henri
- Last unscheduled Monday finish on the PGA TOUR: 2019 ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP
- Last time fans were not allowed to attend a tournament round for a reason other than COVID-19 restrictions: Saturday, 2019 ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP

FedExCup Playoffs notes

Players moving into the top 70

Player	Pos.	Rk. (entering)	Rk. (updated)
Alex Noren	T4	91	43
Erik van Rooyen	7 th	76	45
Tom Hoge	T4	108	48
Harold Varner III	T11	72	56
Keith Mitchell	T8	101	63
Harry Higgs	T16	80	69

Players moving out of the top 70

Player	Pos.	Rk. (entering)	Rk. (updated)
Matthew Wolff	MC	59	71
Matt Fitzpatrick	MC	60	73
Tyrrell Hatton	MC	63	74
Martin Laird	MC	65	75
Troy Merritt	MC	69	78
J.T. Poston	MC	70	79

Additional player notes

- 14 consecutive PGA TOUR events have been won by players that trailed after each of the first three rounds; the last player to lead after any round and go on to win was Phil Mickelson at the 2021 PGA Championship (T1/R2, 1st/R3)
- **Cameron Smith**, who carded a career-low and course-record-setting 60 in the third round, falls in a playoff to Tony Finau, earns his second runner-up of the season and first since the 2020 Masters Tournament; Smith enters the BMW Championship at a career-high No. 3 in the FedExCup standings
- World No. 1 **Jon Rahm** (3rd) plays the final four holes in 2-over to miss the playoff by two strokes; Rahm held at least a share of the lead after each of the first three rounds
- **Keith Mitchell**, who entered the week No. 101 in the FedExCup standings, makes birdie on each of the final three holes to finish T8, moving to No. 63 in the FedExCup standings and qualifying for the BMW Championship (only player to birdie 16-17-18 in the final round); this is Mitchell's third appearance at the penultimate FedExCup Playoffs event in four seasons on TOUR
- **Harold Varner III** (72 to 56 in the FedExCup standings) moves inside the cut line for the following FedExCup Playoffs event for the third time at THE NORTHERN TRUST (2017, 2019, 2021); the only other player to do so three or more times is Camilo Villegas (2011, 2013, 2015)

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)
R4:	Par-4 9 th (4.333)	Par-5 6 th (4.320)
Total:	Par-4 10 th (4.248)	Par-5 6 th (4.316)

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
R4:	35.853	34.347	70.200	69.810

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)

R4 (0): None