



2021 The Open Championship

(42nd of 50 events in the 2020-21 PGA TOUR Season)

Sandwich, Kent, England
Royal St. George's Golf Club

July 15-18, 2021
Par/Yards: 35-35—70/7,189

FedExCup Points: 600 (winner)
Purse: \$11.5 million (\$2,070,000/winner)

First-Round Notes – Thursday, July 15, 2021

Weather: Partly cloudy. High of 72. Wind NNE 12-16 mph, with gusts to 26 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

Louis Oosthuizen	64 (-6)
Jordan Spieth	65 (-5)
Brian Harman	65 (-5)
Mackenzie Hughes	66 (-4)
Dylan Frittelli	66 (-4)
Stewart Cink	66 (-4)
Benjamin Hebert	66 (-4)
Webb Simpson	66 (-4)

Things to Know

- 2010 Open Championship winner Louis Oosthuizen opens with 64, his career-low score in a major and the lowest score by any player in a major during the 2020-21 season
- Oosthuizen, who co-lead after the first round of the 2021 U.S. Open, becomes first player to hold at least a share of the 18-hole lead in consecutive majors since Brooks Koepka in 2019 (Masters Tournament, PGA Championship)
- Oosthuizen becomes the 10th player to record a first-round score of 64 or better at The Open Championship and first since Phil Mickelson in 2016
- Jordan Spieth records his third career first-round score of 65 or better in a major championship; Spieth won both of the previous instances (2015 Masters Tournament, 2017 Open Championship)
- The first round was completed 1 year, 360 days since the final round in 2019 (tournament canceled in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic)

First-Round Lead Notes

- 26 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win The Open Championship (since 1892)
(most recent: Jordan Spieth/2017)
- 5 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win during the 2020-21 PGA TOUR Season
(most recent: Matt Jones/The Honda Classic)

Louis Oosthuizen (1st/-6)

Winner of the 2010 Open Championship

Category	Entering the week
Age	38 (October 19, 1982)
FedExCup	13
OWGR	13
Starts at The Open Championship	13
Wins at The Open Championship	1
Top-10s at The Open Championship	2
Career PGA TOUR starts	200
Career PGA TOUR wins	1
Career PGA TOUR top-10s	40
PGA TOUR starts in 2020-21	16
PGA TOUR wins in 2020-21	0
PGA TOUR top-10s in 2020-21	6

- Opens with 64, his career-low score in a major championship (51st major start)
- Previous-low score in a major: 65, twice (R1/2010 Open Championship/Won, R2/2016 U.S. Open/T23)
- Lowest score by any player in a major during the 2020-21 season
- Last time a player shot 64 or better in a major: R4, 2020 PGA Championship (Ryan Palmer, Byeong Hun An, Collin Morikawa)
- One player recorded a score of 64 or better at The Open in 2019: Shane Lowry (63/R3; went on to win)
- 10th player to record a first-round score of 64 or better at The Open and first since Phil Mickelson in 2016; none of the previous nine players went on to win

Year	Player	Score	Finish
2021	Louis Oosthuizen	64	TBD
2016	Phil Mickelson	63	2 nd
2012	Adam Scott	64	2 nd
2010	Rory McIlroy	63	T3
2009	Miguel Angel Jimenez	64	T13
1992	Steve Pate	64	4 th
1992	Raymond Floyd	64	T12
1987	Rodger Davis	64	T2
1985	Christy O'Connor	64	T3
1983	Craig Stadler	64	T12

- Held a share of the 18-hole lead at the U.S. Open in June before finishing solo-second to Jon Rahm
- Becomes the first player to hold the 18-hole lead/co-lead at consecutive majors since Brooks Koepka, 2019 Masters Tournament (T2) and 2019 PGA Championship (Won)
- Third career 18-hole lead/co-lead on the PGA TOUR and second of the season; 0-for-2 to date converting to victory (T30/2018 WGC-Workday Championship in Mexico, T2/2021 U.S. Open)
- Finished runner-up at each of the last two majors (T2/PGA Championship, 2nd/U.S. Open) and has six runner-up finishes in 50 majors in his career (T9 all-time)
- Winner of the 2010 Open Championship, his lone PGA TOUR title; also lost in a playoff in 2015
- Six top-10s in 16 starts during the 2020-21 season, including three runner-up results (P2/Zurich Classic of New Orleans with partner Charl Schwartzel, T2/PGA Championship, 2nd/U.S. Open)

Jordan Spieth (T2/-5)

Three-time major champion and 2017 Open Championship winner

- Opens with 65, his third career first-round score of 65 or better in a major championship; went on to win each of the previous two instances (64/2015 Masters Tournament, 65/2017 Open Championship)
- Last score of 65 or better in a major: 65, 2018 Open Championship (R3)
- Last 18-hole position of T2 or better in a major: solo-leader, 2018 Masters Tournament (finished 3rd)
- Won the 2017 Open Championship, his third of three career major championship titles (2015 Masters Tournament, 2015 U.S. Open, 2017 The Open)
- Earned 12th career PGA TOUR title at the 2021 Valero Texas Open; has eight total top-10s on the season and entered the week No. 5 in the FedExCup standings

Additional player notes

- In tournament debut, four-time TOUR winner and 2020 PGA Championship winner **Collin Morikawa** stands T9 (-3); other notable players competing in The Open for the first time: **Scottie Scheffler** (T9/-3), **Viktor Hovland** (T19/-2)
- Six-time major champion and 45-time PGA TOUR winner **Phil Mickelson** (T155) records a 10-over 80, failing to break 80 in the first round of a PGA TOUR event for the third time in his career and first since the 2003 Valspar Championship (80); highest first-round score of his TOUR career: 83, 2000 THE PLAYERS Championship
- Defending champion **Shane Lowry** stands T74 after an opening 1-over 71; Lowry won The Open at Royal Portrush Golf Club in 2019 and the tournament was canceled in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic

Course Statistics

	Toughest Hole	Easiest Hole
R1:	Par-4 15 th (4.365)	Par-5 14 th (4.577)

Scoring Averages

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	35.686	35.269	70.955	-

Bogey-free rounds

R1 (6): Louis Oosthuizen (64), Stewart Cink (66), Benjamin Hebert (66), Jack Senior (67), Justin Rose (67), Paul Casey (68)