



2020 The RSM Classic

(11th of 50 events in the 2020-21 PGA TOUR Season)

St. Simons Island, GA
Seaside Course (Host)
Plantation Course

November 19-22, 2020

Par/Yards: 35-35—70/7,005

Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,060

Purse: \$6,600,000 (\$1,188,000)

FedExCup Points: 500 (winner)

First-Round Notes – Thursday, November 19, 2020

Weather: Partly cloudy, with a high of 68. Wind NE 10-15 mph, with gusts to 20 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

Matt Wallace (SS) 64 (-6)
Camilo Villegas (SS) 64 (-6)
Eight players -5

Things to Know

- Making his The RSM Classic debut, England's Matt Wallace makes eight birdies to post career-low 64 on TOUR
- Camilo Villegas posts a bogey-free 64 in bid for first PGA TOUR win in six years
- Seeking a third top-5 finish in a four-start stretch, Peter Malnati opens with 5-under 65
- A win for Rory Sabbatini this week would come in his 244th TOUR start since his last title (2011 The Honda Classic)
- Making his 600th career PGA TOUR start as a professional, Stewart Cink opens with a 4-over 74 (SS)
- Defending champion Tyler Duncan begins his week with a 4-over 76 (PL)

First-Round Lead Notes

- 2 First-round leaders/co-leaders at The RSM Classic to win: Kevin Kisner (2015), Mackenzie Hughes (2016)
- 2 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win this season: Hudson Swafford (Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship), Dustin Johnson (Masters Tournament)
- 2 Charles Howell III's two-stroke lead from 2018 is the largest first-round lead in tournament history

Comparing the co-leaders (entering the week)

| Category | Matt Wallace | Camilo Villegas |
|-----------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Age | 30 (4/12/1990) | 38 (1/7/1982) |
| FedExCup | 176 | 151 |
| OWGR | 53 | 866 |
| Starts at The RSM Classic | 0 | 6 |
| Top-10s at The RSM Classic | 0 | 1 |
| Career PGA TOUR starts | 31 | 329 |
| Career PGA TOUR wins | 0 | 4 |
| Career PGA TOUR top-10s | 3 | 38 |
| PGA TOUR starts in 2020-21 | 2 | 5 |
| PGA TOUR top-10s in 2020-21 | 0 | 0 |

Matt Wallace (64/-6/SS)

- Making his first start in The RSM Classic and 32nd on the PGA TOUR, England native offset two bogeys with eight birdies
- After a penalty shot, sank a 30'2" putt to save par at No. 18 and shoot 64, his career-low on the PGA TOUR
- Needed 25 putts to sink 138'3" of putts
- Before this week, his best position after any round on the PGA TOUR was T3 after 54 holes at the 2019 Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard (finished T6)
- Is playing on the PGA TOUR out of the Top 125 non-member 2018-19 category (through 2020-21)
- Best PGA TOUR finish is T3 from the 2019 PGA Championship
- Two previous starts this season: T43/U.S. Open, T46/Masters Tournament
- Winner of four events on the European Tour

Camilo Villegas (64/-6/SS)

- In his seventh start at The RSM Classic, posted a bogey-free 6-under 64, his best opening-round score on the PGA TOUR since a 7-under 64 at the 2016 Mayakoba Golf Classic (T28)
- Finished T2 at The RSM Classic in 2016
- Marks the 12th occasion to hold at least a share of the lead on the PGA TOUR; converted for the win at the 2008 BMW Championship and 2014 Wyndham Championship
- In five starts on TOUR this season, has missed three cuts; best finish is T23 (Sanderson Farms Championship)
- In six starts on the Korn Ferry Tour in 2020, collected one top-10 finish (T4/Country Club de Bogota Championship)
- This week marks just his 21st TOUR start since the 2017-18 season
- Most recent of four TOUR victories came at the 2014 Wyndham Championship
- In late July, he and wife, Maria, lost their 22-month-old daughter, Mia, to cancer

Miscellaneous Notes

- Making his seventh start in The RSM Classic and 551st on the PGA TOUR, **Rory Sabbatini** birdied his first four holes en route to a bogey-free 5-under 65 (SS); is now a collective 22-under par in round one at The RSM Classic, as opposed to just 3-under between rounds 2-4
- **Cameron Tringale** (67/-5/PL) was one shot off last year's 18-hole lead at The RSM Classic following a 6-under 64; finished T20
- Seeking a third top-5 finish in a four-start stretch, **Peter Malnati** opened with a 5-under 65 (SS); a week after a solo-second at the Sanderson Farms Championship, finished T5 at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open. Most recently, finished T21 at the Bermuda Championship
- Highlighted by an eagle-3 at No. 8 on the Plantation Course (his 17th hole), **Keegan Bradley** opened with a 5-under 67 in his first start at The RSM Classic
- St. Simons Island resident **Zach Johnson** opened with a 4-under 66 (SS) in his 11th The RSM Classic start, marking the third occasion to open the event with a sub-70 score; claimed top-10 finishes in 2017 (T8) and 2018 (T7)
- After one made cut in his last 12 starts before this week, **Aaron Baddeley** opened with a 4-under 68 (PL)
- Making his 600th career professional PGA TOUR start, **Stewart Cink** opened with a 4-over 74 (SS) in his 10th The RSM Classic start; lone top-10 finish in the event, T10, came in 2016
- In his bid to become the first player to win The RSM Classic more than once, defending champion **Tyler Duncan** is T132 following a 4-over 76 on the Plantation Course
- Sponsor exemption **Davis Thompson**, the No. 1 player in the World Amateur Golf Ranking and son of Tournament Director Todd Thompson, opened with a 5-over 77 (PL) a year after finishing T23 in The RSM Classic
- **Michael Kim** withdrew during round one with a back injury

Bogey-free rounds:

R1 Plantation (2): Doug Ghim (67), Kevin Kisner (68)

R1 Seaside (3): Camilo Villegas (64), Rory Sabbatini (65), Nate Lashley (68)

First-round Scoring Averages

| | Front 9 | Back 9 | Total | Cumulative |
|------------|---------|--------|--------|------------|
| Seaside | 34.974 | 34.909 | 69.883 | --- |
| Plantation | 36.487 | 36.103 | 72.590 | --- |

RSM Birdies Fore Love

For the third consecutive season, The RSM Classic is featuring the on-course competition over the first 11 events of the 2020-21 PGA TOUR Season. The top three players who accumulate the most birdies (or better) will earn \$300,000, \$150,000 and \$50,000, respectively, for children- or family-based charitable organizations of each player's choice. Here's a look at the leaderboard after round one:

| In the field | Player | # of Birdies/Eagles |
|--------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Y | Sungjae Im | 129 |
| Y | Sebastian Munoz | 114 |
| Y | Corey Connors | 113 |
| Y | Tom Hoge | 111 |
| Y | Sepp Straka | 111 |