



## 2021 TOUR Championship

(Finale of the FedExCup Playoffs)

Atlanta, Georgia  
East Lake Golf Club

September 2-5, 2021  
Par/Yards: 70/7,346

FedExCup Bonus Pool: \$60 million  
Winner receives \$15 million

### First-Round Notes – Thursday, September 2, 2021

Weather: Partly cloudy with a high of 85. Wind NE 5-10 mph.

#### First-Round Leaderboard

Position	Player	Start	Round 1	Total
1	Patrick Cantlay	-10	67 (-3)	-13
2	Jon Rahm	-6	65 (-5)	-11
T3	Harris English	-4	66 (-4)	-8
T3	Bryson DeChambeau	-7	69 (-1)	-8

#### Things To Know

- For the third season, the TOUR Championship is weighted by FedExCup Starting Strokes, with the format crowning a single champion; at the conclusion of the TOUR Championship, the player with the lowest score in relation to par combined with his FedExCup Starting Strokes will win the TOUR Championship and the FedExCup
- FedExCup leader Patrick Cantlay (-13) began at 10-under with a two-stroke advantage and maintained that advantage
- Jon Rahm opens with 5-under 65 for a second consecutive year
- Harris English scores the first hole-in-one at No. 15 at East Lake during the TOUR Championship
- Bryson DeChambeau birdies the final three holes to shoot 1-under 69

#### First-Round Lead Notes

- 14 First-round leaders/co-leaders at the TOUR Championship to go on to win (most recent: Dustin Johnson, 2020)
- 5 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win on TOUR in 2020-21 (most recent: Matt Jones/The Honda Classic)

Entering this week	Patrick Cantlay
Age	29 (March 17, 1992)
Country	United States
FedExCup	1
OWGR	4
PGA TOUR starts	120
PGA TOUR wins	5
PGA TOUR top-10s	31
Starts in 2020-21	23
Wins in 2020-21	3
Top-10s in 2020-21	6
TOUR Championship starts	3
TOUR Championship Top-10s	0

#### Patrick Cantlay (1<sup>st</sup>/-13)

- FedExCup leader began at 10-under with a two-stroke advantage and maintains that advantage with 3-under 67
- Before Thursday's 67, was 9-over in his previous three rounds at East Lake (73-75-71)
- Making fourth appearance at TOUR Championship (T21/2019, T21/2018, T20/2017)
- Seeks fourth title this season, his first season with more than one victory
- Won last week's BMW Championship following T11 at THE NORTHERN TRUST, the first FedExCup Playoffs event

#### Jon Rahm (2<sup>nd</sup>/-11)

- 2021 U.S. Open champion fires 5-under 65 to sit 11-under and two strokes back after starting four strokes behind

- Makes seven birdies, the most of any player in the field
- Opens with 65 for the second consecutive year; opening rounds at East Lake since 2017: 67-68-68-65-65
- Making fifth appearance at the TOUR Championship (4<sup>th</sup>/2020, T12/2019, T11/2018, T7/2017)
- Notched top-10 results at first two FedExCup Playoffs events (T3/THE NORTHERN TRUST, T9/BMW Championship)

#### Harris English (T3/-8)

- Seeks third title this season, his first season with more than one victory
- Holes a 5-iron for the first hole-in-one at the 224-yard 15<sup>th</sup> hole at the TOUR Championship en route to a 5-under 65; marks his second ace on TOUR (No. 17/R2/2018 Corales Puntacana Championship)
- With ace-birdie-birdie on holes 15-17, becomes the first player to play that stretch of holes in 4-under in a round at East Lake during the TOUR Championship
- Ranks No. 1 in Strokes gained: Tee To Green (4.659) and Strokes Gained: Approach The Green (4.271) after round one

#### Bryson DeChambeau (T3/-8)

- After being defeated on the sixth hole of a sudden-death playoff at last week's BMW Championship, birdies final three holes for 1-under 69 but falls five strokes back after starting three behind at 7-under
- Ranks No. 1 in Strokes Gained: Off the Tee (1.709) and No. 1 in Driving Distance (317); also ranks T1 in Driving Accuracy, hitting 11 of 14 fairways in the opening round
- Seeks his first top-10 in fourth appearance at the TOUR Championship (22/2020, T12/2019, 19/2018)

#### Additional Player Notes

- **Viktor Hovland** (T5/-7) ranks No. 1 in Proximity (22' 11") after hitting 15 of 18 greens; finished T20 in 2020 in his only previous start at the TOUR Championship (69-69-68-70)
- 2017 FedExCup champion **Justin Thomas** (T5/-7) shoots 4-under 31 on back nine en route to 3-under 67, marking the sixth time in six starts at this event with a par-or-better opening round
- **Kevin Na** (T8/-6) hit 11 of 14 fairways to rank T1 in Driving Accuracy while equaling his low score at the TOUR Championship in 28 rounds at East Lake (66/R2/2014)
- **Billy Horschel** (T10/-5), one of five players in the field who have a win at East Lake, hit 15 of 18 greens en route to a bogey-free 5-under 65 (the lone bogey-free round of the day), matching his low score in 17 rounds at this event (65/R2/2018)
- 2020 FedExCup champion **Dustin Johnson** (T10/-5) birdies his final two holes to sit eight strokes back after starting seven back
- **Sergio Garcia** (T23/-2) holes an 8-iron from 160 yards for eagle at the par-4 first hole to become the second player to make eagle on the opening hole of the TOUR Championship since 2007 (Jim Furyk/2008); marks the fourth time since 2003 that Garcia has made an eagle at the opening hole of a PGA TOUR event

#### Miscellaneous Notes

- Two first-time participants in field: Sam Burns (T21), Erik van Rooyen (25<sup>th</sup>)
- Five FedExCup champions in the field: Dustin Johnson (T10), Rory McIlroy (T17), Justin Thomas (T5), Jordan Spieth (T10), Billy Horschel (T10)
- Five past winners at East Lake Golf Club in the field: Dustin Johnson (T10), Xander Schauffele (T17), Rory McIlroy (T17), Jordan Spieth (T10), Billy Horschel (T10)
- Six players in the field seeking their first PGA TOUR win this season: Louis Oosthuizen (T10), Xander Schauffele (T17), Corey Connors (T17), Scottie Scheffler (T17), Sungjae Im (T23), Joaquin Niemann (T26)

#### Course Statistics

	<b>Toughest Hole</b>	<b>Easiest Hole</b>
<b>R1:</b>	Par-3 9 <sup>th</sup> (3.200)	Par-5 6 <sup>th</sup> (4.467)

#### Scoring Averages

	<b>Front 9</b>	<b>Back 9</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Cumulative</b>
<b>R1:</b>	34.633	34.133	68.767	--

#### Bogey-free rounds

**R1 (1):** Billy Horschel (65)