



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

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, September 4, 2021

Weather: Mostly sunny with a high of 84. Wind SE 4-8 mph.

Third-Round Leaderboard

Position	Player	Start	Rounds	Total
1	Patrick Cantlay	-10	67-66-67 (-10)	-20
2	Jon Rahm	-6	65-65-68 (-12)	-18
3	Justin Thomas	-4	67-67-65 (-11)	-15
4	Kevin Na	-2	66-67-66 (-11)	-13

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 (-20) takes his third career 54-hole lead/co-lead with a third-round 67
- Jon Rahm seeks to become the second consecutive FedExCup champion to win while ranked No. 1 in the world
- Sungjae Im reaches 493 total birdies for the 2020-21 PGA TOUR Season, tying the all-time record since 1980
- Brooks Koepka withdrew after 12 holes with a left wrist injury
- Rahm and Cantlay will be paired together for the 21st time in their careers

Third-Round Lead Notes

- 21 Third-round leaders/co-leaders at the TOUR Championship to go on to win (most recent: Dustin Johnson, 2020)
- 16 Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win on TOUR in 2020-21 (most recent: Patrick Cantlay/BMW Championship)

Entering this week	Patrick Cantlay
Age	29 (3/17/1992)
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 (1st/-20)

- FedExCup leader records six birdies for a third-round 67 to reach 20-under, good for a two-shot lead entering Sunday's final round
- Reached 21-under for the week with a birdie on the par-4 10th to assume a four-shot lead before bogeys on 11, 14 and 16 cut it to one shot; birdied the 18th hole to finish at 20-under
- Third career 54-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR; 1-for-2 to date converting to victory (2021 BMW Championship); held a share of the 54-hole lead with Bryson DeChambeau at last week's BMW Championship before winning with a birdie-3 on the sixth playoff hole

- Looks to become the second player in the Starting Strokes era to enter and finish the week at No. 1 in the FedExCup (2020, Dustin Johnson); Justin Thomas started the week at No. 1 in 2019, but finished T3 while Rory McIlroy began the tournament in fifth place and won
- Entered the TOUR Championship with a cumulative 10-over total at East Lake in three previous appearances
- 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

Jon Rahm (2nd/-18)

- Marks just the fourth time in his TOUR career in which he's sat in second place entering the final round of a tournament (best finish: T2/2020 ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP)
- Held a share of the 54-hole lead two weeks ago at THE NORTHERN TRUST; bogeyed two of his final four holes in the final round to fall two shots shy of a Tony Finau/Cameron Smith playoff (won by Finau)
- Seeks to become the second consecutive FedExCup champion to win while ranked No. 1 in the world
- Leads the field in Strokes Gained: Around The Green (4.214), Strokes Gained: Total (8.605) and is T1 in birdies (16, tied with Rory McIlroy)
- Making fifth appearance at the TOUR Championship (4th/2020, T12/2019, T11/2018, T7/2017)
- Notched top-10 results at first two FedExCup Playoffs events (T3/THE NORTHERN TRUST, T9/BMW Championship)

Justin Thomas (3rd/-15)

- Records his only bogey of the day with a three-putt on the par-5 18th for a third-round 65, matching Saturday's low round
- Earned six of his 14 TOUR titles after trailing through 54 holes, most recently winning the 2021 PLAYERS Championship after entering the final round three shots back of Lee Westwood, T3
- Entered the third round at the TOUR Championship trailing Cantlay by seven shots; has twice come from seven back through 36 holes to win on TOUR (2021 PLAYERS; 2020 WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational)
- Has finished no lower than T7 in five previous TOUR Championship appearances, including a runner-up finish in 2020

Additional Player Notes

- Making his eighth career TOUR Championship appearance, **Kevin Na** (4th/-13) records a second consecutive bogey-free round with a third-round 66; has completed 54 holes at East Lake with just one bogey (R1/No. 15), fewest of any player in the field; has yet to finish better than 24th in the FedExCup (2014)
- **Abraham Ancer** (T5/-10) ties the day's low round with a bogey-free 65; entered the week with six top-10s in his last 10 official starts, including his first victory at the WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational, where he overcame a five-shot deficit entering the final round
- 2020 FedExCup champion **Dustin Johnson** (T9/-8) leads the field in Strokes Gained: Putting (5.655) through three rounds
- **Xander Schauffele** (T9/-8) records his 19th consecutive round of even par or better at East Lake Golf Club with a third-round 67
- **Sungjae Im** (T22/-2) records two birdies on Saturday to reach 493 total for the 2021-22 PGA TOUR Season, tying the record for most birdies in a season since 1980 (Steve Flesch/2000)
- **Brooks Koepka** withdrew after 12 holes with a left wrist injury and will finish 30th in the FedExCup

Miscellaneous Notes

- Two first-time participants in field: Sam Burns (T17), Erik van Rooyen (T26)
- Five FedExCup champions in the field: Dustin Johnson (T9), Rory McIlroy (T17), Justin Thomas (3rd), Jordan Spieth (T9), Billy Horschel (T5)
- Five past winners at East Lake Golf Club in the field: Dustin Johnson (T9), Xander Schauffele (T9), Rory McIlroy (T17), Jordan Spieth (T9), Billy Horschel (T5)
- Six players in the field seeking their first PGA TOUR win this season: Xander Schauffele (T9), Louis Oosthuizen (12th), Scottie Scheffler (T17), Corey Connors (T22), Sungjae Im (T22), Joaquin Niemann (29th)
- Largest final-round comeback in TOUR Championship came from Camilo Villegas in 2008; trailed Sergio Garcia by five shots and posted a final-round 66, defeating Garcia in a sudden-death playoff
- Most players 10-under or better through 54 holes in the Starting Strokes era: 7 (2020), 6 (2021), 5 (2019)

Course Statistics

	Toughest Hole	Easiest Hole
R1:	Par-3 9 th (3.200)	Par-5 6 th (4.467)
R2:	Par-4 1 st (4.400)	Par-5 18 th (4.367)
R3:	Par-4 14 th (4.345)	Par-5 6 th (4.379)

Scoring Averages

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	34.633	34.133	68.767	--
R2:	34.900	33.800	68.700	68.733
R3:	34.517	34.621	69.138	68.865

Bogey-free rounds

R1 (1): Billy Horschel (65)

R2 (3): Patrick Cantlay (66), Kevin Na (67), Viktor Hovland (68)

R3 (3): Abraham Ancer (65), Kevin Na (66), Billy Horschel (67)