



2021 Travelers Championship

(The 39th of 50 events in the 2020-21 PGA TOUR Season)

Cromwell, Connecticut
TPC River Highlands

June 24-27, 2021
Par/Yardage: 35-35—70/6,841

FedExCup Points: 500 to the winner
Purse: \$7,400,000 (\$1,332,000)

First-Round Notes – Thursday, June 24, 2021

Weather: *Due to fog, the start to the first round was delayed 15 minutes and began at 7 a.m. Mostly sunny with a high of 79. Wind SW 10-15 mph.*

First-Round Leaderboard

Kramer Hickok	63 (-7)
Satoshi Kodaira	63 (-7)
Talor Gooch	64 (-6)
Five players	65 (-5)

Things to Know

- Satoshi Kodaira makes six birdies, one eagle in bid to become the season’s second Japanese winner (Hideki Matsuyama/2021 Masters Tournament)
- Kramer Hickok offsets a bogey at his first hole with eight birdies, good for a PGA TOUR career-low 7-under 63
- Following missed cuts in both previous Travelers Championship starts, Talor Gooch opens with a bogey-free 6-under 64
- In his first start at the Travelers Championship, Maverick McNealy opens with a bogey-free 5-under 65
- World No. 2 Dustin Johnson birdies his last two holes to open with an even-par 70 in effort to join Phil Mickelson as players to successfully defend a Travelers Championship title
- 2001, 2002 Travelers Championship winner Phil Mickelson sank 156’0” of putts on his way to a 1-under 69

First-Round Lead Notes

- 6 First-round leaders/co-leaders at Travelers Championship to win since 2000: Jordan Spieth/2017, Bubba Watson/2015, Kenny Perry/2009, Hunter Mahan/2007, Peter Jacobsen/2003, Notah Begay III/2000
- 5 First-round leaders/co-leaders to convert for the win on TOUR this season (most recent: Matt Jones/The Honda Classic)

Comparing the leaders (entering the week)

Player	Kramer Hickok	Satoshi Kodaira
Age	29 (4/14/1992)	31 (9/11/1989)
FedExCup	139	149
OWGR	331	294
Travelers starts	1	2
Travelers wins	0	0
Travelers top-10s	0	0
PGA TOUR starts	67	80
PGA TOUR wins	0	1
Starts in 2020-21	19	20
Top-10s 2020-21	1	0

Kramer Hickok (T1/-7)

- Offset a bogey at his first hole of the day (No. 10) with eight birdies to post a PGA TOUR career-low 7-under 63 (previously 64; R1/2018 Mayakoba Golf Classic presented by UNIFIN/T29)
- Hit 10 of 14 fairways and 16 of 18 greens in regulation
- On only other occasion to hold an 18-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR, finished T29 at the 2018 Mayakoba Golf Classic
- In only previous Travelers Championship start, finished T60 in 2019
- Remains in search of his first career TOUR victory in his 68th start; T8 at the 2020 Bermuda Championship earlier this season stands as his best finish

Satoshi Kodaira (T1/-7)

- Beginning on No. 10, Tokyo, Japan native offset one bogey with six birdies and an eagle at the par-4 second hole (from 81 yards)
- The 63 ties his career-low score from round two of the 2018 RBC Heritage (won)
- Has never been higher than T3 after any first, second or third round on TOUR prior to this week
- In two previous Travelers Championship starts, missed the cut in 2018 and 2019 (+17 combined)
- Following four consecutive missed cuts on TOUR this season, finished inside the top 20 in each of his last three starts before this week; remains in search of his first top-10 finish of the season in his 21st start
- Lone PGA TOUR victory in 80 starts came at the 2018 RBC Heritage

Additional Notes

- Following missed cuts in his two previous Travelers Championship starts in 2018 and 2020, **Talor Gooch** is solo-third after a bogey-free 6-under 64; seeks his fourth top-5 finish of the season and first since THE PLAYERS Championship (T5)
- Making his first start in the Travelers Championship, **Maverick McNealy** birdied four of his last eight holes en route to a bogey-free 5-under 65 (T4); most recent of two top-10 finishes this season was T4/RBC Heritage
- Making his eighth start at the Travelers Championship, 2001-02 champion **Phil Mickelson** (T45/-1) sank 156'0" of putts, highlighted by a 63'8" birdie putt at No. 9 and 40'0" par save at No. 10; in two starts at TPC River Highlands since 2003, missed the cut in 2019 and finished T24 in 2020
- **Patrick Cantlay**, whose 10-under 60 in round two of the 2011 event stands as the lowest score by an amateur in PGA TOUR history, opened with 2-under 68 (T25) in his seventh Travelers Championship start; T11 finish in 2020 marks his best showing
- Defending Travelers Championship winner **Dustin Johnson** birdied his last two holes to open with an even-par 70 in his bid to become the second player to successfully defend his title (Phil Mickelson/2001-02)
- Highest-ranked players in the Official World Golf Ranking playing this week: **Dustin Johnson**/No. 2 (T76/E), **Bryson DeChambeau**/No. 6 (T45/-1), **Patrick Cantlay**/No. 7 (T25/-2), **Brooks Koepka**/No. 8 (T45/-1), **Patrick Reed**/No. 9 (T45/-1)
- **Kevin Kisner** (T76/E) made 18 pars in round one

Course Statistics

Toughest Hole

R1: Par-4 4th (4.231)

Easiest Hole

Par-4 15th (3.718)

Scoring Averages

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	35.199	34.891	70.090	--

Bogey-Free Scores

R1 (6): Talor Gooch (64), Maverick McNealy (65), Henrik Norlander (65), Kevin Stadler (66), Ben An (68), Kevin Kisner (70)