



### 2020 U.S. Open

(2<sup>nd</sup> of 50 events in the 2020-21 PGA TOUR Season)

**Mamaroneck, New York**  
**Winged Foot Golf Club**

**September 14-20, 2020**  
**Par/Yards: 35-35—70/7,477**

**FedExCup Points: 600**  
**Purse: \$12,500,000/\$2,250,000**

### First-Round Notes – Thursday, September 17, 2020

*Weather: Partly cloudy. High of 78. Wind SW 6-10 mph.*

*Due to darkness, play was suspended at 6:58 p.m. ET with three players – Paul Barjon (+5), Connor Syme (+5) and Marty Jertson (+6) – left to complete their round.*

### First-Round Leaderboard

Justin Thomas	65 (-5)
Patrick Reed	66 (-4)
Thomas Pieters	66 (-4)
Matthew Wolff	66 (-4)
Rory McIlroy	67 (-3)
Lee Westwood	67 (-3)
Louis Oosthuizen	67 (-3)

### Things to Know

- Justin Thomas' 65 is the lowest score recorded in a U.S. Open at Winged Foot
- Rory McIlroy (T5) seeks his fifth major to tie Phil Mickelson for the second-most major titles among active players
- Three players inside top five are in top 10 in the OWGR: Justin Thomas (3), Rory McIlroy (4), Patrick Reed (No. 10)
- 82-time PGA TOUR winner and 15-time major champion Tiger Woods stands T71 after an opening 3-over 73
- Five previous U.S. Opens at Winged Foot saw a total of 17 opening rounds under par; today's first round yields 21
- The U.S. Open is the second event of the 2020-21 PGA TOUR Season and the first of six majors, including two editions each of the U.S. Open and the Masters Tournament; originally scheduled for June 15-21, the tournament is being played in September for the first time since 1913

### First-Round Lead Notes

- 21 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win the U.S. Open (most recent: Martin Kaymer/2014)
- 0 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win in 2020-21

### Leader entering the week

Player	Justin Thomas
Age	27 (4/29/1993)
FedExCup	--
OWGR	No. 3
Starts at U.S. Open	5
Wins at U.S. Open	0
Top-10s at U.S. Open	1
Starts at majors	18
Wins at majors	1
Top-10s at majors	3
PGA TOUR starts	155
PGA TOUR wins	13
Starts in 2020-21	0
Wins in 2020-21	--
Top-10s in 2020-21	--

### **Justin Thomas (1<sup>st</sup>/-5)**

- Winner of the 2017 PGA Championship
- Opening 65 marks his lowest first-round score in a major championship (previous low: 67/twice)
- 65 marks the lowest score recorded in a U.S. Open at Winged Foot (previous low: 66/Fuzzy Zoeller/R2/1984)
- Holds first-round lead/co-lead for the eighth time on the PGA TOUR; has converted four of seven previous to victory (most recent: 2019 BMW Championship); marks first lead/co-lead after any of first three rounds of a major
- Since the start of the 2016-17 season, has opened eight PGA TOUR events with a 65 or better; has gone on to win five times (most recently: 2019 BMW Championship)
- Tied Dustin Johnson for most wins on TOUR in the 2019-20 PGA TOUR Season with three: THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES, Sentry Tournament of Champions and World Golf Championships-FedEx St. Jude Invitational

### **Patrick Reed (T2/-4)**

- Winner of the 2018 Masters Tournament
- Opening 66 ties his low first-round score in a major (2015 U.S. Open, 2016 Open Championship)
- Records second career hole-in-one on the PGA TOUR with an ace at No. 7, a 165-yard par 3; marks 46<sup>th</sup> in history of the U.S. Open and third in a U.S. Open at Winged Foot (1984/Mark McCumber/190-yard 10<sup>th</sup>/R1; 2006/Peter Hedblom/283-yard 3<sup>rd</sup>/R3)

### **Rory McIlroy (T5/-3)**

- Four-time major champion (2011 U.S. Open, 2012 PGA Championship, 2014 The Open Championship, 2014 PGA Championship)
- Opened with 67 or better in each of his four major titles
- Finished T8 at the TOUR Championship in his most recent start, his first top-10 since the season resumed in June

### **Additional Player Notes**

- In his only previous major start, **Matthew Wolff** (T2/66) posted 69-68-68-65 to finish T4 at the 2020 PGA Championship
- **Thomas Pieters** (T2) ties his low career score in a major with an opening 66 (third instance; first two: R2/2018 PGA Championship, R4/2018 PGA Championship)
- **Lee Westwood** (T5) opens with 3-under 67 in his first start on the PGA TOUR since a missed cut at the Arnold Palmer Invitational in March
- Amateur **Davis Thompson** (T14) records a 69 in the opening-round, tying the best score by an amateur in a U.S. Open at Winged Foot Golf Club (69/Bobby Jones/R1/1929; 69/Jay Sigel/R1/1984)
- **Will Zalatoris** (T22) records second hole-in-one of the day at No. 7 (first: Patrick Reed) marking the first time there were multiple aces in the same round of the U.S. Open since the final round of the 2002 U.S. Open at Bethpage
- Defending champion **Gary Woodland** opens 1-under on the front nine, and closes with a 5-over 40 to sit T92 (74)
- **Phil Mickelson** (T142), who needs to win the U.S. Open to complete the career Grand Slam, posts a 9-over 79, his highest opening round in a major since the 2017 PGA Championship (MC)

### **Bogey-free rounds**

**R1** (0): None