

**2021 U.S. Open** (38<sup>th</sup> of 50 events in the 2020-21 PGA TOUR Season)



San Diego, California Torrey Pines Golf Course (South) June 17-20, 2021 Par/Yards: 35-36-71/7,652 FedExCup Points: 600 (winner) Purse: TBD

### Second-Round Notes - Friday, June 18, 2021

Weather: Partly cloudy. High of 71. Wind SW 4-8 mph.

36-hole cut: 71 players at 4-over 146 from a field of 147 professionals and nine amateurs

#### Second-Round Leaderboard

Russell Henley	67-70—137 (-5)
Richard Bland	70-67—137 (-5)
Louis Oosthuizen	67-71—138 (-4)
Matthew Wolff	70-68—138 (-4)

#### Things to Know

- A month after his first European Tour win in his 478<sup>th</sup> start, 48-year-old Richard Bland becomes the oldest player to take a 36-hole lead/co-lead in the U.S. Open
- Russell Henley takes the outright lead with birdie at his 17<sup>th</sup> hole, drops back into a tie after his only bogey of the day at the last
- Following his runner-up finish at the 2020 U.S. Open, Matthew Wolff enters the weekend one stroke back
- Following a 2-over 73, Brooks Koepka's tournament-record streak of rounds in the 60s ends at six
- Notables to miss the cut: Matt Kuchar (+6), Tony Finau (+8), Webb Simpson (+10), Justin Rose (+13)

#### Second-Round Lead Notes

- 41 Second-round leaders/co-leaders to win the U.S. Open (most recent: Gary Woodland/2019)
- 8 Second-round leaders/co-leaders to win during the 2020-21 PGA TOUR Season (most recent: Phil Mickelson/PGA Championship)

Category	<b>Russell Henley</b>	Richard Bland
Age	32 (April 12, 1989)	48 (February 3, 1973)
FedExCup	53	N/A
OWGR	63	115
Starts at U.S. Open	7	1
Wins at U.S. Open	0	0
Top-10s at U.S. Open	0	0
Career PGA TOUR starts	217	4
Career PGA TOUR wins	3	0
Career PGA TOUR top-10s	31	0
PGA TOUR starts in 2020-21	18	0
PGA TOUR wins in 2020-21	0	0
PGA TOUR top-10s in 2020-21	4	0

# Comparing the leaders (entering the week)

# Russell Henley (T1/-5)

- Took the outright lead with a birdie at his 17<sup>th</sup> hole of the day, No. 8, but dropped back into a tie following a bogey at the par-5 ninth
- Fifth career 36-hole lead/co-lead on the PGA TOUR; only resulting victory was 2013 Sony Open in Hawaii
- Best 36-hole position in a major championship before this week was T9/2018 U.S. Open (T25)

- Eighth start in the U.S. Open and first since 2018; two prior top-25s (T16/2010 as an amateur, T25/2018)
- Best result in 26 previous major championship appearances: T11/2017 Masters Tournament
- Three top-fives in 18 starts during the 2020-21 season (T3/THE CJ CUP @ SHADOW CREEK, T3/The Honda Classic, T4/ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP @ SHERWOOD)
- Seeks a fourth career PGA TOUR title and first since the 2017 Vivint Houston Open
- Qualified for the tournament via the top 60 in the Official World Golf Ranking as of May 24, 2021

# Richard Bland (T1/-5)

- Making his second start in the U.S. Open and first since 2009 (MC), birdied three of his first and last six holes to follow a 1-under 70 in round one with a 4-under 67 in round two
- Major championship history: 1998 The Open Championship/MC, 2009 U.S. Open/MC, 2017 The Open Championship/T22
- With last month's win at the British Masters at the age of 48, made history by becoming the oldest first-time winner in European Tour history; win came in his 478<sup>th</sup> European Tour start
- Comes into the week 115<sup>th</sup> in the Official World Golf Ranking

# Jon Rahm (T5/-3)

- Birdied his last hole of the day, the par-5 18<sup>th</sup>, to follow a 2-under 69 with a 1-under 70 in round two
- Hit just five fairways in round two; his 1-under 70 marks the lowest score to par in a major championship round when hitting five-or-fewer fairways
- One top-10 in five prior starts at the U.S. Open (T3/2019)
- Seeks his first major championship title in 19<sup>th</sup> attempt
- Earned first of five career PGA TOUR titles at the 2017 Farmers Insurance Open at Torrey Pines
- World No. 3 comes into the week with 10 top-10 finishes in 17 starts on TOUR this season

#### **Additional Player Notes**

- Coming off last year's runner-up finish in his first U.S. Open start, **Matthew Wolff** (T3/-4) overcame an early bogey at No. 2 with four birdies to post a 3-under 68; seeks his third top-10 finish of the season and first since a playoff loss at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open in 2020
- Looking for a third consecutive top-10 finish in the U.S. Open (2019/T7, 2020/3<sup>rd</sup>), Louis Oosthuizen (T3/-4) posted an even-par 71 as he looks to break a winless drought of 10 years, 11 months, 2 days since his lone TOUR victory at the 2010 The Open Championship; best of four top-10 finishes in 11 previous U.S. Open starts was T2 in 2015
- Making his 15<sup>th</sup> U.S. Open start, **Bubba Watson** (T5/-3) made five birdies in a six-hole stretch on his outgoing nine before producing a 4-under 67; lone top-10 finish, a T5, came in his second start in the event in 2007; missed the cut at the 2008 U.S. Open at Torrey Pines after opening with back-to-back 77s
- San Diego native **Xander Schauffele** (T7/-2) followed a 2-under 69 in round one with an even-par 71; has finished inside the top-10 in each previous U.S. Open start (T5/2017, T6/2018, T3/2019, 5<sup>th</sup>/2020)
- Following a bogey at his first hole of the day, **Collin Morikawa** (T13/E) reeled off five outgoing nine birdies, including four straight on Nos. 6-9, before finishing with a 4-under 67; making his first PGA TOUR start since a playoff loss to Patrick Cantlay at the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide two weeks ago
- With a 2-over 73, **Brooks Koepka's** (T13/E) tournament-record streak of rounds in the 60s ends at six; 2017, 2018 U.S. Open champion looks to become the seventh player to win the event more than twice
- Reigning PGA Championship winner, **Phil Mickelson**, is T30 at 2-over 144 in his 30<sup>th</sup> U.S. Open; with his 2-under 69 in round two, moves to solo-second for most rounds in the 60s in U.S. Open history with 22; Jack Nicklaus leads the category with 29 and Tiger Woods now trails Mickelson with 21
- Defending champion **Bryson DeChambeau** opens with 73-69—142/E to sit T13
- Viktor Hovland withdrew during round two with an eye injury

# **Course Statistics**

Toughest Hole		Easiest Hole	
R1:	Par-3 11 <sup>th</sup> (3.429)	Par-5 18 <sup>th</sup> (4.641)	
R2:	Par-3 11 <sup>th</sup> (3.490)	Par-5 18 <sup>th</sup> (4.593)	

#### **Scoring Averages**

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	36.456	37.262	73.718	-
R2:	35.543	38.138	73.681	73.705