



2021 Valspar Championship

(31st of 50 events in the 2020-21 PGA TOUR Season)

Palm Harbor, Florida
Innisbrook Resort (Copperhead)

April 29-May 2, 2021
Par/Yards: 36-35—71/7,340

FedExCup Points: 500 (winner)
Purse: \$6,900,000 (\$1,242,000 winner)

First-Round Notes – Thursday, April 29, 2021

Weather: Mostly sunny. High of 86. Wind SSE 6-12 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

Keegan Bradley	64 (-7)
Emiliano Grillo	66 (-5)
Ryan Moore	66 (-5)
Hank Lebioda	66 (-5)
Max Homa	66 (-5)
Patton Kizzire	66 (-5)

Things to Know

- Keegan Bradley holds a two-stroke lead, the eighth 18-hole lead/co-lead of his PGA TOUR career and second at the Valspar Championship (T1/2016; MC)
- Lead marks Bradley's fifth straight 18-hole position of T6 or better at the event; he has not finished better than T31 in the previous four instances
- Two-time defending champion Paul Casey opens with 3-under 68; last player to earn a third consecutive title at a PGA TOUR event: Steve Stricker, 2011 John Deere Classic
- After receiving widespread attention ahead of his PGA TOUR debut, Monday qualifier Michael Visacki made birdie on No. 1 before carding a 3-over 74

First-Round Lead Notes

- 1 First-round leader/co-leader to win the Valspar Championship (K.J. Choi, 2002)
- 5 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win during the 2020-21 PGA TOUR Season (most recent: Matt Jones/The Honda Classic)

Keegan Bradley (1st/-7)

Category	Entering the week
Age	34 (June 7, 1986)
FedExCup	66
OWGR	135
Starts at Valspar Championship	5
Wins at Valspar Championship	0
Top-10s at Valspar Championship	0
Career PGA TOUR starts	272
Career PGA TOUR wins	4
Career PGA TOUR top-10s	43
PGA TOUR starts in 2020-21	17
PGA TOUR wins in 2020-21	0
PGA TOUR top-10s in 2020-21	3

- Eighth career 18-hole lead/co-lead on the PGA TOUR; 0-for-7 to date converting to victory (most recent: T16/2020 Farmers Insurance Open)
- Held a share of the 18-hole lead at the 2016 Valspar Championship before going on to miss the cut with a second-round 79; only three 18-hole leaders/co-leaders in individual stroke-play events on TOUR have missed the cut

since (Andrew Loupe/2016 Travelers Championship, Vaughn Taylor/2018 THE NORTHERN TRUST, Matt Every/2020 Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard)

- Fifth straight 18-hole position of T6 or better at the Valspar Championship; has not finished better than T31 in the previous four instances:

Year	18-hole pos.	Finish
2021	1 st	TBD
2019	T6	MC
2018	T5	T31
2017	T6	T58
2016	T1	MC

- Lowest score in 15 rounds at the Valspar Championship (previous: 67, R1/2016 and R1/2017)
- Hit 17 of 18 greens in regulation, his most in a round since the 2019 RBC Canadian Open (17/R1)
- Leads the field in Strokes Gained: Approach the Green (4.020)

Additional Player Notes

- **Emiliano Grillo** (T2/-5) hit 12 of 13 fairways, tied with Tom Lewis for the most of any player in the field
- **Ryan Moore** (T2/-5) entered the week No. 189 in the FedExCup standings; Moore is one of nine players to qualify for the FedExCup Playoffs in each of the 14 seasons in the FedExCup era
- **Hank Lebioda** (T2/-5) leads the field in Strokes Gained: Around the Green (2.771); Lebioda entered the week No. 206 on TOUR in that category (-0.508 per round)
- Two players have won multiple PGA TOUR events during the 2020-21 season: Bryson DeChambeau (U.S. Open, Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard) and Stewart Cink (Fortinet Championship, RBC Heritage); 2021 The Genesis Invitational champion **Max Homa** (T2/-5) can join them with a win
- **Patton Kizzire** (T2/-5) made a 73-foot, 2-inch birdie putt at No. 5, the second-longest made putt of his PGA TOUR career (longest: 73'8", 2016 The Honda Classic)
- Two-time defending champion **Paul Casey** cards a 3-under 68, two strokes better than his opening score in his two wins at the event (70 in 2018 and 2019); last player to record three straight wins at the same PGA TOUR event: Steve Stricker, John Deere Classic (2009, 2010, 2011)
- World No. 1 and reigning FedExCup champion **Dustin Johnson** (T66) opens with even-par 71; Johnson has one top-10 in three starts at the event (T6/2019; played in the final pairing with Casey)
- World No. 2 **Justin Thomas** (T28) began his round eagle-birdie en route to a 2-under 69, his first sub-70 first-round score in his last six stroke-play events on TOUR
- Making his first start at the Valspar Championship since 2004, **Phil Mickelson** (T110) opens with a 2-over 73
- After receiving widespread attention ahead of his PGA TOUR debut, Monday qualifier **Michael Visacki** (T129) made birdie on No. 1 before carding a 3-over 74

Course Statistics

	Toughest Hole	Easiest Hole
R1:	Par-3 13 th (3.295)	Par-5 1 st (4.423)

Scoring Averages

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	35.974	35.160	71.135	--

Bogey-free rounds

R1 (9): Keegan Bradley (64), Emiliano Grillo (66), Hank Lebioda (66), Beau Hossler (68), Lucas Glover (69), K.H. Lee (69), Ian Poulter (69), Cameron Tringale (69), Charles Howell III (70)