



2021 Valspar Championship

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

Palm Harbor, Florida April 29-May 2, 2021 FedExCup Points: 500 (winner)

Innisbrook Resort (Copperhead) Par/Yards: 36-35—71/7,340 Purse: \$6,900,000 (\$1,242,000 winner)

Third-Round Notes - Saturday, May 1, 2021

Weather: Mostly sunny. High of 85. Wind NNE 4-8 mph.

Third-Round Leaderboard

Keegan Bradley64-66-69—199 (-14)Sam Burns67-63-69—199 (-14)Max Homa66-68-66—200 (-13)Ted Potter, Jr.67-73-63—203 (-10)Abraham Ancer67-70-66—203 (-10)Joaquin Niemann68-68-67—203 (-10)Cameron Tringale69-67-67—203 (-10)

Things to Know

- Keegan Bradley and Sam Burns tie 54-hole tournament scoring record, remain tied for the lead entering the final round
- Bradley and Burns are both 0-for-2 with the 54-hole lead/co-lead on the PGA TOUR
- The last time Burns held the 54-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR (2021 The Genesis Invitational), Max Homa came from behind to win; Homa enters the final round one stroke back of Burns and Bradley
- Homa is looking to become the third player with multiple victories this season (Bryson DeChambeau, Stewart Cink)

Third-Round Lead Notes

Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win the Valspar Championship

(most recent: Paul Casey/2019)

Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win in 2020-21 (individual stroke-play events)

(most recent: Stewart Cink/RBC Heritage)

Comparing Sunday's final pairing (entering the week)

Category	Sam Burns	Keegan Bradley
Age	24 (July 23, 1996)	34 (June 7, 1986)
FedExCup	47	66
OWGR	94	135
Starts at Valspar Championship	2	5
Wins at Valspar Championship	0	0
Top-10s at Valspar Championship	0	0
Career PGA TOUR starts	75	272
Career PGA TOUR wins	0	4
Career PGA TOUR top-10s	10	43
PGA TOUR starts in 2020-21	15	17
PGA TOUR wins in 2020-21	0	0
PGA TOUR top-10s in 2020-21	4	3

Keegan Bradley (T1/-14)

- At 14-under 199, ties 54-hole tournament scoring record (K.J. Choi/2002, Adam Hadwin/2017, Bradley/2021, Sam Burns/2021)
- Holds 54-hole lead/co-lead for third time on TOUR and is 0-for-2 to date converting to victory (P2/2012 The Genesis Invitational, 2nd/2013 AT&T Byron Nelson)

- Leads the field in Strokes Gained: Tee to Green (12.439 total) and SG: Approach the Green (6.944 total)
- Missed the cut in most recent Valspar Championship start (2019); has not finished better than T31 (2018) in the previous four instances
- Seeks first victory since 2018 BMW Championship, one of his four PGA TOUR titles (2011 AT&T Byron Nelson, 2011
 PGA Championship, 2012 World Golf Championships-FedEx St. Jude Invitational)
- In most recent start, finished T4 with teammate Brendan Steele at the Zurich Classic of New Orleans

Sam Burns (T1/-14)

- At 14-under 199, ties 54-hole tournament scoring record (K.J. Choi/2002, Adam Hadwin/2017, Keegan Bradley/2021, Burns/2021)
- Third 54-hole lead/co-lead of the season, tied with Jordan Spieth for most on PGA TOUR (T7/Vivint Houston Open, 3rd/The Genesis Invitational)
- Did not make a bogey from the start of the second round through No. 15 in the third round but made two on the final three holes (Nos. 16 and 18)
- Prior to this season, his best 54-hole position on TOUR was T4/2020 Workday Charity Open (finished T17)
- Seeks his first career PGA TOUR title in his 76th TOUR start; best career PGA TOUR finish: 3rd/2021 The Genesis Invitational
- Making third start at Valspar Championship (T12/2018, T30/2019)

Max Homa (3rd/-13)

- Enters the final round one stroke back of Sam Burns and Keegan Bradley; won The Genesis Invitational earlier this season after trailing Burns by two strokes through three rounds
- Trying to become the third player with multiple titles during the 2020-21 season, joining Bryson DeChambeau (U.S. Open, Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard) and Stewart Cink (Fortinet Championship, RBC Heritage)
- Led the field in Strokes Gained: Approach the Green in the third round (4.017), setting a career-best mark in that category (previous: 3.551/R1/2015 Valero Texas Open)
- Missed the cut in each of his previous three starts at the event (2014, 2015, 2019)

Miscellaneous Notes

- **Ted Potter, Jr.** (T4/-10) cards 8-under 63, his fourth score of 63 or better on TOUR and first since 2020 The American Express (63/R2); Potter set career-bests in Strokes Gained: Putting (5.723) and putts in a round (20)
- There have been 91 hole-outs, the most through three rounds at the Valspar Championship during the ShotLink era (2003-present)

Course Statistics

	Toughest Hole	Easiest Hole
R1:	Par-3 13 th (3.295)	Par-5 1 st (4.423)
R2:	Par-4 3 rd (4.181)	Par-5 11 th (4.658)
R3:	Par-4 16 th (4.319)	Par-5 11 th (4.623)

Scoring Averages

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	35.974	35.160	71.135	
R2:	35.981	34.910	70.890	71.013
R3:	35.638	34.841	70.478	70.916

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)

R2 (12): Sam Burns (63), Lucas Glover (65), Tom Lewis (65), Charley Hoffman (66), Zach Johnson (67), Cameron Tringale (67), Vaughn Taylor (67), Bronson Burgoon (68), Mark Hubbard (68), Denny McCarthy (69), Jhonattan Vegas (69), Chase Koepka (70)

R3 (3): Joaquin Niemann (67), Wyndham Clark (68), Jason Dufner (68)