



2021 World Golf Championships-Workday Championship at The Concession
(20th of 50 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Bradenton, Florida
The Concession Golf Club

February 25-28, 2021
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FedExCup Points: 550 (winner)

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