



2021 World Golf Championships-FedEx St. Jude Invitational
 (The 45th of 50 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Memphis, Tennessee
TPC Southwind

August 5-8, 2021
Par/Yards: 35-35—70/7,233

Purse: \$10,500,000 (\$1,890,000)
FedExCup: 550 (winner)

First-Round Notes – Thursday, August 5, 2021

Weather: Mostly sunny, with a high of 89. Wind NW 4-8 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

Harris English	62 (-8)
Jim Herman	64 (-6)
Carlos Ortiz	64 (-6)
Matthew Wolff	64 (-6)
Ian Poulter	64 (-6)

Things to Know

- In his first WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational since 2016 (Firestone CC), Harris English ties career-low score; with birdies on seven of his first nine holes, also ties TPC Southwind’s lowest 9-hole score of 28
- English’s first of four career PGA TOUR titles was the 2013 FedEx St. Jude Classic at TPC Southwind
- With his 6-under 64, Jim Herman extends his streak of par-or-better rounds on the PGA TOUR this season to 13
- Mexico’s Carlos Ortiz opens his first WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational with a bogey-free 6-under 64
- Coming off top-10 finishes in two of his last three starts in the event, Ian Poulter opens with 6-under 64
- Defending champion Justin Thomas sits T13 at 3-under 67

First-Round Lead Notes

- 5 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win the WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational (Stewart Cink/2004, Tiger Woods/1999, 2000, 2005, Adam Scott/2011)
- 5 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win in 2020-21 (most recent: Matt Jones/The Honda Classic)

Harris English (entering the week)

Category	Statistic
Age	32 (7/23/1989)
Country	United States
FedExCup	5
OWGR	14
PGA TOUR starts	265
WGC-FESJI starts	3
WGC-FESJI wins	0
WGC-FESJI top-10s	0
PGA TOUR wins	4
PGA TOUR top-10s	37
Starts in 2020-21	22
Wins in 2020-21	2
Top-10s in 2020-21	7

- With seven birdies on his first nine holes, tied the low 9-hole score of 28 at TPC Southwind (Joel Edwards/front nine/R2/2002 FedEx St. Jude Classic)

- Finished his round with birdies on three of his last four holes en route to tying his career-low score on TOUR (most recent: R4/2020 The RSM Classic/T6)
- Needed 25 putts to sink a total of 135'1" of putts; finished the round leading Strokes Gained: Putting (3.256)
- When holding at least a share of the 18-hole lead on TOUR, has converted on two of four occasions (2013 FedEx St. Jude Classic, 2021 Sentry Tournament of Champions)
- Only player to win a World Golf Championships stroke-play event after opening with a 62 or better was Adam Scott (2011 WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational)
- Making his fourth start in the event, but first since moving to TPC Southwind
- Has finished inside the top three in two of his last three TOUR starts (3rd/U.S. Open, P1/Travelers Championship); most recently finished T46 at The Open Championship
- With wins this season at the Sentry Tournament of Champions and Travelers Championship (both via playoffs), a victory this week would make him the season's first three-time winner

Miscellaneous Notes

- In his second WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational start and first since 2016, **Jim Herman** (T2/-6) offset a lone bogey at No. 14 with seven birdies, marking his 13th consecutive round of par-or-better this season; the 64 ties his low score of the season (R1/Sony Open in Hawaii/T32); in three starts at the FedEx St. Jude Classic at TPC Southwind, mixed two missed cuts with a T47 in 2013
- In his WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational debut, **Carlos Ortiz** (T2/-6) looks to become the season's seventh multiple winner (Vivint Houston Open)
- In his third consecutive start in the WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational, **Matthew Wolff** (T2/-6) birdied his first three holes and three of his last four en route to his lowest score on TOUR since a 10-under 61 in round three of the 2020 Shriners Children's Open (P2); seeks his third top-10 finish of the season and first since and first since a playoff loss at the 2020 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open
- Following top-10 finishes in two of his last three starts in the WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational (T10/2018, 8th/2019), **Ian Poulter** opened with a 6-under 64
- Making his fifth consecutive start in the WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational, **Bryson DeChambeau** (T6/-5) offset a lone bogey at No. 5 with six birdies; best of four previous starts was 30th in 2018; with a win this week, would become the season's first three-time winner (2020 U.S. Open, 2021 Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard)
- **Scottie Scheffler** (T6/-5) birdied six of his first nine holes before posting an even-par 35 on his inward nine in his second start at the WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational (2020/T15); comes into the week after finishing inside the top 10 in three of his last five starts (3rd/the Memorial Tournament presented by Workday, T7/U.S. Open, T8/The Open Championship)
- **Daniel Berger**, who claimed his first two career PGA TOUR titles at the 2016 and 2017 FedEx St. Jude Classic, sank a 76'11" birdie putt at No. 15 on his way to a 4-under 66 (T9)
- Players of note: Defending champion **Justin Thomas** (67), **Collin Morikawa** (67), **Phil Mickelson** (69), **Dustin Johnson** (69), **Xander Schauffele** (69), **Brooks Koepka** (70), **Jordan Spieth** (71), **Rory McIlroy** (72)

Course Statistics

	Toughest Hole	Easiest Hole
R1:	Par-3 14 th (3.227)	Par-5 16 th (4.182)

Scoring Averages

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	34.076	34.318	68.394	---

Bogey-free rounds

R1 (2): Carlos Ortiz (64), Ian Poulter (64)