



## 2021 World Golf Championships-FedEx St. Jude Invitational

(The 45<sup>th</sup> of 50 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

 Memphis, Tennessee
 August 5-8, 2021
 Purse: \$10,500,000 (\$1,820,000)

 TPC Southwind
 Par/Yards: 35-35—70/7,233
 FedExCup: 550 (winner)

Final-Round Notes - Sunday, August 8, 2021

Weather: Partly cloudy. High of 93. Wind SW 10-15 mph.

## **Final-Round Leaderboard**

\*Abraham Ancer 67-62-67-68—264 (-16) Sam Burns 66-64-70-64—264 (-16) Hideki Matsuyama 68-69-64-63—264 (-16) Harris English 62-65-65-73—265 (-15)

### Things to Know

- Abraham Ancer overcomes a 4-stroke deficit in the final round to become the fourth player from Mexico to win on the PGA TOUR; wins his first event in his first playoff on TOUR
- Ancer becomes the seventh player to make a World Golf Championships his first career PGA TOUR victory
- With a win, Hideki Matsuyama would have overcome a 9-shot deficit, the largest come-from-behind win on the final day since 2004
- Sam Burns uses eight final-round birdies in bid to become the season's seventh multiple winner, settles for second with Hideki Matsuyama
- After holding a two-stroke lead after each of the first three rounds, Harris English cards 5-over 40 on the inward nine
- Playing in the final pairing, Bryson DeChambeau records three bogeys and a double bogey on the back nine to close in 6-over 41

Category	Abraham Ancer	
Age	30 (2/27/1991)	
Country	U.S./Mexico	
FedExCup	6	
OWGR	10 <sup>th</sup> (projected)	
WGC-FESJI starts	2	
WGC-FESJI wins	1	
WGC-FESJI top-10s	1	
PGA TOUR starts	121	
PGA TOUR wins	1	
PGA TOUR top-10s	20	
Starts in 2020-21	24	
Wins in 2020-21	1	
Top-10s in 2020-21	7	

- Beginning the final round four strokes off the lead at 14-under 196, Mexico's Abraham Ancer used a 2-under 68 to earn a spot in his first TOUR playoff
- Birdie on the second hole of sudden death, the par-4 18<sup>th</sup>, secured his victory over Sam Burns and Hideki Matsuyama
- Claims his first career PGA TOUR title at the age of 30 years, 5 months, 12 days in his 121st start
- With the win, collects 550 FedExCup points and moves to No. 6 in the standings
- With the win, is projected to move from No. 20 to inside the top 10 in the Official World Golf Ranking

<sup>\*</sup>won with a birdie on the second hole of sudden death

- From Guadalajara, becomes the fourth player from Mexico to win on TOUR (Victor Regalado/1974 Pleasant Valley Classic, 1978 John Deere Classic; Cesar Sanudo/1970 Azalea Open Invitational; Carlos Ortiz/2020 Vivint Houston Open)
- With the win, becomes the eighth player to earn his first victory at a World Golf Championships event and first since Russell Knox at the 2015 WGC-HSBC Champions
- Win marks his seventh top-10 finish of the season; has amassed four top-5 finishes in his last eight starts on TOUR
- With the win, earns a spot in the 2022 Sentry Tournament of Champions
- Was one of 19 players in this week's field who competed in the Olympics; finished T14 at Kasumigaseki Country Club

### **Additional Player Notes**

- In his first start at the WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational, **Sam Burns** (P2/-16) offset a double bogey at the par-4 16<sup>th</sup> with eight birdies to close with a 6-under 64; claimed his first career PGA TOUR victory earlier this season at the Valspar Championship
- 2017 WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational winner (Firestone Country Club) **Hideki Matsuyama** (P2/-16) followed a 6-under 64 in round three with a bogey-free 7-under 63 in the final round, highlighted by birdies on four of his last seven holes
- After holding two-stroke leads through each of the first three rounds, **Harris English** (4<sup>th</sup>/-15) recorded double bogeys on Nos. 11 and 14 both par-3s en route to a 3-over 73; with a win, the 2013 FedEx St. Jude Classic winner at TPC Southwind would have become the season's first three-time winner
- Daniel Berger (T5/-14), who claimed his first two (of four) career TOUR titles at the 2016 and 2017 FedEx St. Jude Classic at TPC Southwind, birdied his last two holes to close with a 4-under 66
- Seeking his fourth career PGA TOUR title and second of the season (Zurich Classic of New Orleans partnering with Marc Leishman), Cam Smith (T5/-14) closed with a 2-over 72 after making a double-bogey-six on the 72<sup>nd</sup> hole to lose a spot in the playoff; prior to this week, his best career finish in a WGC stroke-play event was T6/2019 WGC-Workday Championship; finished the week with 93 total putts, one shy of the all-time PGA TOUR record of 92 (David Frost, 2005 RBC Heritage); was one of 19 players in the field this week who competed in the Olympics; finished T10 at Kasumigaseki Country Club
- In search of his first top-10 finish since the Wells Fargo Championship in May (T9), **Bryson DeChambeau** (T8/-12) posted a 6-over 41 on his inward nine that included a triple bogey at the par-3 11<sup>th</sup>; with a victory, would have become the season's first three-time winner
- Following an opening-round 2-over 72, Rory McIlroy posted three scores of 4-under 66 to finish T12 at 10-under 270
- **Webb Simpson** (T15/-8) birdied his first three holes en route to a 6-under 64, tying his low score of the season; in last two starts in the event, followed a runner-up in 2019 with a T12 in 2020
- After hitting four balls in the water, **Si Woo Kim** (65<sup>th</sup>/+13) took a 13 on the 155-yard par-3 11<sup>th</sup>, marking the highest score recorded at TPC Southwind; it marks the highest score on TOUR in a non-major since 2012 when Charlie Wi made a 13 on the fifth hole in the final round of the 2012 Valspar Championship; marks the highest score on a par-3 on TOUR (non-majors) since 1983
- **Garrick Higgo** withdrew before the final round (illness)

## **Course Statistics**

	Toughest Hole	<b>Easiest Hole</b>
R1:	Par-3 14 <sup>th</sup> (3.227)	Par-5 16 <sup>th</sup> (4.182)
R2:	Par-4 5 <sup>th</sup> (4.348)	Par-5 16 <sup>th</sup> (4.439)
R3:	Par-4 5 <sup>th</sup> /Par-4 18 <sup>th</sup> (4.227)	Par-5 16 <sup>th</sup> (4.167)
R4:	Par-3 11 <sup>th</sup> (3.600)	Par-5 3 <sup>rd</sup> (4.677)
Week:	Par-4 5 <sup>th</sup> (4.217)	Par-5 16 <sup>th</sup> (4.392)

#### **Scoring Averages**

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	34.076	34.318	68.394	
R2:	34.167	34.030	68.197	68.295
R3:	34.773	33.924	68.697	68.429
R4:	34.723	36.200	70.923	69.053

# **Bogey-free rounds**

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

R2 (5): Cam Smith (62), Abraham Ancer (62), Sam Burns (64), Louis Oosthuizen (64), Adam Scott (66)

R3 (4): Harris English (65), Paul Casey (65), Daniel Berger (67), Martin Laird (69)

R4 (2): Hideki Matsuyama (63), Collin Morikawa (69)