



2021 Zurich Classic of New Orleans

(The 30th of 50 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Avondale, Louisiana
TPC Louisiana

April 22-25, 2021
Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,425

Purse: \$7,400,000/\$1,069,300 each winner
FedExCup points: 400 each winner

Second-Round Notes – Friday, April 23, 2021

Weather: Cloudy. High of 77. SE wind 10-20 mph.

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Final group (entering the week)

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Age	25 (6/15/1995)	31 (9/14/1989)	23 (9/18/1997)	26 (2/24/1995)
FedExCup	125	11	6	129
OWGR	87	12	15	248
PGA TOUR starts	67	178	43	37
PGA TOUR wins	2	1	2	0
PGA TOUR top-10s	6	45	8	2
Zurich Classic starts	1	4	0	0
Zurich Classic wins	0	0	0	0
Zurich Classic top-10s	0	1	0	0

Player Notes

Cameron Champ/Tony Finau (T1/-13)

- Paired together for the first time, Finau (fifth appearance) and Champ (second appearance) follow an opening-round 9-under 63 with 4-under 68 in Foursomes, tying the low round of the day
- Finau seeks a second career TOUR title (2016 Puerto Rico Open), while Champ seeks his third (2018 Sanderson Farms Championship, 2019 Fortinet Championship)

- Finau owns eight runner-up finishes on TOUR since claiming his first and only TOUR title (2016 Puerto Rico Open); makes fifth appearance at this event, notching a sixth-place finish with Daniel Summerhays as partner in 2018, while Champ makes second start (2019/MC/Sam Burns)
- Both Champ (318.3) and Finau (305.1) average more than 300 yards in Driving Distance this season

Viktor Hovland/Kris Ventura (T1/-13)

- Both making their first start in the Zurich Classic of New Orleans, the Norwegian natives produced a homeward nine (front nine) of 4-under for a 3-under 69; lone blemish on their card was a double bogey at No. 16
- Hovland and Ventura are the only Norway natives on the PGA TOUR and seek to join nine players from outside the United States to have won the Zurich Classic since 2000
- Former Oklahoma State University teammates and members of the 2018 NCAA Championship winning team
- Hovland is the winner of the 2020 Puerto Rico Open and 2020 Mayakoba Golf Classic; earlier this season, posted three consecutive top-five finishes (Farmers Insurance Open/T2, The Genesis Invitational/T5, WGC-Workday Championship at The Concession/T2)
- Ventura has collected two top-10s on TOUR this season: T7/2020 Fortinet Championship (Napa, California), T6/2020 Sanderson Farms Championship

Henrik Stenson/Justin Rose (T3/-11)

- Duo post seven birdies and three bogeys en route to 4-under 68, tying the low score of the day
- Rose and Stenson partner for the third time (2017/MC, 2018/T19) in Rose's 14th tournament appearance and Stenson's fourth; Rose did not play in 2019, while Stenson teamed up with Graeme McDowell (T18)
- Rose, a Zurich ambassador, won the 2015 Zurich Classic of New Orleans
- Both are FedExCup Champions (Rose/2018, Stenson/2013)
- Both are major champions (Rose/2013 U.S. Open, Stenson/2016 The Open Championship); one of two teams with both players major champions (Oosthuizen/Schwartzel)
- Both medaled at the 2016 Olympic Games (Rose/Gold, Stenson/Silver)
- Duo paired together for multiple wins as Ryder Cup teammates in 2014, 2016 and 2018, including going undefeated in the Foursomes format during that period (four matches)

Bubba Watson/Scottie Scheffler (T3/-11)

- Two-time major champion and 2011 Zurich Classic winner Watson and 2019-20 PGA TOUR Rookie of The Year Scheffler birdie the final hole for 3-under 69 and sit T3 at 11-under, two strokes back
- Scheffler making Zurich Classic debut; runner-up to Billy Horschel at 2021 WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play marks best result on TOUR; became the 11th man to shoot 59 on the PGA TOUR (R2/2020 THE NORTHERN TRUST)
- Watson making 13th appearance and fourth in the team format with third different partner (2017/T5/J.B. Holmes, 2018/T28/Matt Kuchar, 2019/T34/J.B. Holmes); in 2018, Watson/Kuchar shot 5-under 67 in round two (Foursomes), a score lower than both of their Four-ball scores in rounds one (68) and three (68)

Miscellaneous Notes

- Massachusetts natives and Jupiter, Florida residents **Peter Uihlein/Richy Werenski** post 3-under 69 to sit T5 at 10-under; Uihlein claimed his second Korn Ferry Tour title last week at the MGM Resorts Championship at Paiute; Werenski became a first-time PGA TOUR winner at the 2020 Barracuda Championship
- South African's **Louis Oosthuizen/Charl Schwartzel** (T5/-10), one of two teams featuring a pair of major champions, mixed three birdies with back-to-back bogeys (Nos. 14 and 15) to post 1-under 71; Schwartzel makes third start at this event, each time with Oosthuizen (3rd/2018, MC/2019); Oosthuizen made an additional start with Branden Grace (2017/T24)
- Beginning their round at No. 10, the Australian duo of **Marc Leishman/Cameron Smith** (T7/-9) reeled off three consecutive birdies and seven pars to close out an even-par 72 after Leishman's tee shot at No. 17 found the penalty area en route to a double bogey
- **Jason Kokrak/Pat Perez** (T7/-9) team up for the first time; Perez partnered with 2012 Zurich Classic champion Jason Dufner en route to a runner-up finish at this event in 2018, while Kokrak finished T22 with Chris Stroud in 2019
- First-round co-leaders **Brice Garnett/Scott Stallings** (T16/-7) reached 13-under through 25 holes before dropping six shots in six holes (Nos. 9-14) en route to 3-over 75
- **Nick Watney** used a 6-iron to ace the 224-yard 14th hole, the fourth hole-in-one at the Zurich Classic since the team format was introduced in 2017; **Graeme McDowell** holed a 4-iron from 216 yards at No. 17 for the fifth; the aces were the first on TOUR for both players, however, aces at the Zurich Classic are not officially recognized in PGA TOUR statistics due to the team format
- Zurich Ambassadors (**bold**): **Billy Horschel**/Sam Burns (T9/-8), **Justin Rose**/Henrik Stenson (T3/-11), **Collin Morikawa**/Matthew Wolff (MC/+3)

Scoring Averages:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Format
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