



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

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, April 24, 2021

Weather: Cloudy. High of 85. SE wind 15-25 mph.

Third-Round Leaderboard

Louis Oosthuizen/Charl Schwartzel	63-71-63—197 (-19)
Marc Leishman/Cameron Smith	63-72-63—198 (-18)
Cameron Champ/Tony Finau	63-68-67—198 (-18)
Bubba Watson/Scottie Scheffler	64-69-66—199 (-17)
Viktor Hovland/Kris Ventura	62-69-68—199 (-17)

Things to Know

- Format: Four-ball in first and third rounds, Foursomes in second and fourth rounds
- Six teams shot 63 for low round of the day, including leaders Louis Oosthuizen/Charl Schwartzel
- South African team Oosthuizen/Schwartzel seek to join nine players from outside the United States to win the Zurich Classic since 2000
- Defending champions Jon Rahm and Ryan Palmer sit T9 and four back at 15-under
- Sam Ryder makes the second albatross at the Zurich Classic since the introduction of the team format in 2017
- The Zurich Classic of New Orleans switched from individual stroke play to the two-man team format in 2017; is the only official FedExCup team event on the PGA TOUR
- Since team format was introduced, the 54-hole leaders/co-leaders have gone on to win twice (2017/Cameron Smith/Jonas Blixt, 2019/Jon Rahm/Ryan Palmer)

Leaders (entering the week)

Category	Louis Oosthuizen	Charl Schwartzel
Age	38 (10/19/1982)	36 (8/31/1984)
FedExCup	49	137
OWGR	33	190
PGA TOUR starts	195	221
PGA TOUR wins	1	2
PGA TOUR top-10s	36	35
Zurich Classic starts	3	2
Zurich Classic wins	0	0
Zurich Classic top-10s	1	1

Player Notes

Louis Oosthuizen/Charl Schwartzel (1st/-19)

- One of two teams featuring a pair of major champions, the South African's birdied their final three holes to post a 9-under 63; marks the team's second 63 in Four-ball this week
- The duo seeks to become the second international team to win the event (2017/Cameron Smith/Australia and Jonas Blixt/Sweden) and join nine players from outside the United States to have won the Zurich Classic since 2000
- Of five previous 54-hole lead/co-leads, Oosthuizen has converted for the win once (2010 The Open Championship)
- Schwartzel's lone previous 54-hole lead on the PGA TOUR came at the 2010 World Golf Championships-Mexico Championship (Doral) where he finished second after closing in 2-under 70
- Schwartzel is making third start at this event with Oosthuizen (3rd/2018, MC/2019); Oosthuizen made an additional start with Branden Grace (2017/T4)

- Oosthuizen is in search of his second career TOUR victory (2010 Open Championship), while Schwartzel seeks his third career TOUR win (2016 Valspar Championship, 2011 Masters Tournament)

Marc Leishman/Cameron Smith (T2/-18)

- Partnering together for the first time, the Australian natives combined for six birdies in first nine holes en route to a 9-under 63
- Leishman is a five-time winner on the PGA TOUR (most recent: 2020 Farmers Insurance Open) and has collected two top-10s this season
- Smith has five top-10 finishes this season (most recent: T9/RBC Heritage); most recent of two career TOUR wins came at the 2020 Sony Open in Hawaii
- Leishman is making his first start in team format after three previous appearances at the Zurich Classic (2009/MC, 2015/T28, 2016/T20)
- Smith won the Zurich Classic in its first year as a team event (2017) with Jonas Blixt; making fifth appearance (2015/T43, 2017/Won, 2018/MC, 2019/MC)

Cameron Champ/Tony Finau (T2/-18)

- Playing together for the first time, Finau (fifth appearance) and Champ (second appearance) birdied final hole for 5-under 67
- Champ seeks third career TOUR victory (2018 Sanderson Farms Championship, 2019 Fortinet Championship), while Finau seeks his second (2016 Puerto Rico Open)
- Finau is making his fifth appearance at this event, notching a sixth-place finish with Daniel Summerhays as partner in 2018, while Champ making second start (2019/MC/Sam Burns)

Miscellaneous Notes

- Two-time major champion and 2011 Zurich Classic winner **Bubba Watson** and 2019-20 PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year **Scottie Scheffler** birdied two of the final three holes (Nos. 16 and 18) for a 6-under 66 and sit T4 at 17-under, two strokes back; Scheffler making Zurich Classic debut; Watson making 13th appearance and fourth in team format with third different partner (2017/T5/J.B. Holmes, 2018/T28/Matt Kuchar, 2019/T34/J.B. Holmes)
- In their first start in the Zurich Classic of New Orleans, Norway natives **Viktor Hovland** and **Kris Ventura** (T4/-17), recorded five birdies against lone bogey (No. 9) for a 4-under 68; the duo are former Oklahoma State University teammates and members of the 2018 NCAA Championship winning team
- **Tyler Duncan** and **Adam Schenk** recorded three consecutive birdies (Nos. 5-7) en route to a 9-under 63 (T6/-16); in two previous starts together, the duo finished T7 in 2018 and missed the cut in 2019
- First time playing together, **Thomas Pieters** and **Tom Lewis** combined for nine birdies for a 9-under 63 (T6/-16); Lewis making event debut, while Pieters making second appearance (2017/MC/Daniel Berger); both players are in search of their first career wins on the PGA TOUR
- Defending champions **Jon Rahm** and **Ryan Palmer** sit T9 and four back at 15-under
- **Sam Ryder** (teamed with **Doc Redman**) holed a 5-iron from 206 yards for an albatross at No. 2; marks the second albatross at this event since the introduction of the team format in 2017 (Rob Oppenheim/R1/No. 7/2018)
- Since 1990, 17 players have made the Zurich Classic their maiden victory on the PGA TOUR, including nine in the last 14 years; Cameron Smith (2017), Brian Stuard (2016), Seung-Yui Noh (2014), Billy Horschel (2013), Jason Dufner (2012), Andres Romero (2008), Nick Watney (2007), Chris Couch (2006) and Tim Petrovic (2005)
- Zurich Ambassadors (**bold**): **Billy Horschel**/Sam Burns (T9/-15), **Justin Rose**/Henrik Stenson (T19/-13)

Scoring Averages:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Format
R1	33.150	33.513	66.663	Four-ball
R2	36.125	37.100	73.225	Foursomes
R3	32.515	33.303	65.818	Four-ball