



**2021 PNC Championship**

**The Ritz-Carlton Golf Club Orlando, Grande Lakes**

**Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,126**

**December 18-19, 2021**

**Purse: \$1,085,000 (\$200,000/1<sup>st</sup>)**

**First-Round Notes – Saturday, December 18, 2021**

*Weather: Mostly cloudy with a high of 84. Wind SSE 10-15 mph.*

<b>PNC Championship First-Round Leaderboard</b>			
1	Team Cink	-13	30-29-59
2	Team Daly	-12	29-31-60
	Team Thomas	-12	29-31-60
4	Team Singh	-11	32-29-61

**Things to know**

- Team Cink play a 12-hole stretch (Nos. 4-15) in 12-under en route to a 13-under 59 and a 1-stroke lead
- Defending champions Team Thomas sit one back, tied with Team Daly
- Team Singh make 15<sup>th</sup> appearance seeking to improve on three runner-up finishes at PNC Championship
- Team Woods sit T5 after third consecutive 62 at Ritz Carlton Golf Club
- The scramble format allows both members of the team to play a tee shot and then select the preferred shot, from where they play the next shot. This procedure continues until the hole is completed
- A member of each of the 20 teams holds at least one major championship or PLAYERS Championship title

**First-Round Lead Notes**

- 14 of 22 first-round leaders/co-leaders at PNC Championship, including 10 of last 13, have gone on to win
- 2015, 2018 and 2020 are the only years since 2004 the winners did not lead after the first round (Team Wadkins/two strokes back in 2015, Team Love/three strokes back in 2018, Team Thomas/four strokes back in 2020)
- Largest first-round lead at PNC Championship is two strokes (eight times/most recent; 2020)

**Stewart Cink (Reagan/Son) 1<sup>st</sup>/-13**

- Team Cink eagle the par-5 fifth hole and make 11 birdies, including seven in-a-row (Nos. 9-15), en route to posting a 13-under 59 for a 1-stroke lead over Team Daly and Team Thomas
- Won the 2013 PNC Championship in his first appearance with younger son, Connor, who is caddying for him this week; his partner, Reagan, has wife, Olivia, on the bag
- Finished inside the top 10 in all six PNC Championship appearances (Win, T8, T9, T2, T6, T2)
- 48-year-old won twice in the 2020-21 PGA TOUR season (2020 Fortinet Championship, 2021 RBC Heritage) and advanced to the season-ending TOUR Championship for the first time since 2009, the same year he won The Open Championship at Turnberry

**Tiger Woods (Charlie/Son) T5/-10**

- After a pair of 62s en route to seventh-place finish at 2020 PNC Championship, Team Woods keep a clean card to post a third consecutive 62 Saturday
- Following his February car accident, Tiger Woods plays his first competition round since the final round of the 2020 PNC Championship

- Woods is the winner of 82 PGA TOUR titles, including 15 major championship victories; most recent TOUR victory came at the 2019 ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP

#### Miscellaneous Notes

- Defending champions **Team Thomas** (T2/-12) post 29-31—60 to sit one back of leaders Team Cink
- **Team Daly** (T2/-12) eagle the 18<sup>th</sup> hole while making their sixth appearance at PNC Championship; the Daly duo own five top-10s in previous five starts, including T2 in 2018
- Dating to 2003, **Team Singh** (4<sup>th</sup>/-11) has finished inside the top 10 in 12 of 14 starts at the PNC Championship, including three runner-up results (2006, 2013, 2020)
- **Team Stenson** (T5/-10) make nine birdies, one eagle and one bogey in their first PNC Championship appearance; 11-year-old son, Karl, is the youngest competitor in PNC Championship history (Karl is one month younger than Charlie Woods was when he competed in 2020); Team Stenson are seeking to become the fifth team to win in their first start at the PNC Championship
- World Golf Hall of Fame member **Lee Trevino** (14<sup>th</sup>/-10) is the only player to have competed in all 24 PNC Championships
- **Matt Kuchar** (T5/-10) makes his third start in the PNC Championship, and second with son, Cameron; the pair were 18-hole leaders in 2020 and seek to improve on T5 result; finished T9 with his father, Peter in 2018
- **Team Korda** (T11/-9) began with a par at the opening hole before reeling off five birdies in a row to post 9-under 63 in their PNC Championship debut; Petr Korda's caddie on the front nine was LPGA Tour winner Caroline Masson, the fiancée of Jason McDede, who caddies for Nelly Korda; son Sebastian, a tennis professional on the ATP Tour, took over caddie duties on the back nine