



2021 Hero World Challenge
(Unofficial PGA TOUR event)

New Providence, Bahamas
Albany

December 2-5, 2021
Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,414

Purse: \$3.5 million
Winner: \$1 million

First-Round Notes – Thursday, December 2, 2021

Weather: Partly cloudy. High of 81. Wind NW 10-15 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

Daniel Berger 66 (-6)
Abraham Ancer 66 (-6)
Rory McIlroy 66 (-6)
Three players 67 (-5)

Things to Know

- Daniel Berger holds a share of the first-round lead in his first individual start since the 2021 TOUR Championship
- Neither Abraham Ancer nor Rory McIlroy (T1) had made a tournament start at Albany prior to this week
- No first-round leader/co-leader has won the Hero World Challenge since it moved to Albany in 2015

Comparing the co-leaders (entering the week)

Category	Daniel Berger	Abraham Ancer	Rory McIlroy
Age	28 (April 7, 1993)	30 (February 27, 1991)	32 (May 4, 1989)
FedExCup	NR	63	9
OWGR	17	12	8
Starts – wins – top-10s in PGA TOUR career	167-4-35	127-1-23	205-20-96
Starts – wins – top-10s on TOUR in 2021-22	0-0-0	3-0-1	1-1-1
Starts – wins – top-10s at Hero World Challenge	1-0-0	0-0-0	2-0-1

Daniel Berger (T1/-6)

- One prior Hero World Challenge start: T14/2017
- Making first start in an individual event since the 2021 TOUR Championship
- Won his fourth career PGA TOUR title at the 2021 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am and finished the 2020-21 season No. 11 in the FedExCup standings
- In official PGA TOUR events, is 0-for-1 converting the 18-hole lead/co-lead to victory (T51/2014 World Wide Technology Championship at Mayakoba)

Abraham Ancer (T1/-6)

- One of eight players in the field making tournament debut (others: Sam Burns, Harris English, Matt Fitzpatrick, Tyrrell Hatton, Viktor Hovland, Collin Morikawa, Scottie Scheffler)
- Two top-15s in three PGA TOUR starts during the fall portion of the 2021-22 season (T7/World Wide Technology Championship at Mayakoba, T14/THE CJ CUP @ SUMMIT)
- Earned first career PGA TOUR victory at the 2021 World Golf Championships-FedEx St. Jude Invitational
- In official PGA TOUR events, is 0-for-2 converting the 18-hole lead/co-lead to victory (T57/2018 Memorial Tournament presented by Workday, T8/2019 Travelers Championship)

Rory McIlroy (T1/-6)

- Two prior Hero World Challenge starts (both at Sherwood Country Club): 4th/2010, T11/2013
- Won THE CJ CUP @ SUMMIT in his only PGA TOUR start during the fall portion of the 2021-22 season, becoming the 39th player in PGA TOUR history to reach 20 career victories
- In official PGA TOUR events, is 3-for-17 converting the 18-hole lead/co-lead to victory; wins: 2011 U.S. Open, 2012 BMW Championship, 2014 Open Championship (no wins in last seven attempts)