



2021 Hewlett Packard Enterprise Houston Open
(8th of 50 events in the 2021-22 PGA TOUR Season)

Houston, Texas
Memorial Park Golf Course

November 11-14, 2021
Par/Yards: 35-35—70/7,412

FedExCup Points: 500 (winner)
Purse: \$7,500,000/\$1,350,000

COMPLETED First-Round Notes – Friday, November 12, 2021

Weather: Partly cloudy. High of 79. Wind NW 8-16 mph. Due to inclement weather, the start to the first round was delayed 2 hours, 30 minutes and began at 9:10 a.m. CT. The first round was suspended due to darkness at 5:36 p.m. and resumed at 6:59 a.m. Friday. The second round began at 8:40 a.m.

First-Round Leaderboard

Russell Henley	65 (-5)
Talor Gooch	65 (-5)
Marc Leishman	65 (-5)
Luke List	65 (-5)
Martin Trainer	65 (-5)

Things to Know

- Five players tied for the 18-hole lead is the most on TOUR since the 2019 Travelers Championship (6)
- 2017 Hewlett Packard Enterprise Houston Open champion Russell Henley seeks to become the first repeat event winner since Vijay Singh in 2005
- Seeking a fifth consecutive top-15 finish in as many starts this season, Talor Gooch recorded seven birdies to open with a 5-under 65
- In his first start at the event since 2013, Marc Leishman opens with his lowest score in 15 rounds in Houston
- Luke List looks to become the eighth player to earn his maiden PGA TOUR win at the event since 2000
- Martin Trainer holds his first career lead/co-lead after any round on the PGA TOUR

First-Round Lead Notes

- 5 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win the Hewlett Packard Enterprise Houston Open since 2000 (most recent: D.A. Points/2013)
- 0 No first-round leader/co-leader has converted for the win this season

Co-leaders entering the week

Category	Russell Henley	Talor Gooch	Marc Leishman	Luke List	Martin Trainer
Age	32 (4/12/1989)	29 (11/14/1991)	38 (10/24/1983)	36 (1/14/1985)	30 (4/15/1991)
FedExCup	82	12	17	50	-
OWGR	60	51	35	166	-
Starts at Hewlett Packard Enterprise Houston Open	8	3	4	6	2
Wins at Hewlett Packard Enterprise Houston Open	1	0	0	0	0
Top-10s at Hewlett Packard Enterprise Houston Open	5	2	0	1	0
Career PGA TOUR starts	277	102	315	202	81
Career PGA TOUR wins	3	0	6	0	1
Career PGA TOUR top-10s	32	9	54	21	1
PGA TOUR starts in 2021-22	3	4	3	5	5
PGA TOUR wins in 2021-22	0	0	0	0	0

PGA TOUR top-10s in 2021-22	0	2	2	1	0
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Russell Henley (T1/-5)

- Holds seventh 18-hole lead/co-lead of his PGA TOUR career (0-for-6 to date)
- Won the Hewlett Packard Enterprise Houston Open in 2017
- Seeks to become the first player to win multiple Hewlett Packard Enterprise Houston Open titles since Vijay Singh in 2005
- Best result in three starts on the season: T21/Shriners Children's Open
- Three-time PGA TOUR winner (2013 Sony Open in Hawaii, 2014 The Honda Classic, 2017 Houston Open)

Talor Gooch (T1/-5)

- Marks second time to hold at least a share of the first-round lead on the PGA TOUR, with his first coming at the 2019 Hewlett Packard Enterprise Houston Open (T4)
- Recorded most birdies of any player through 18 holes (7)
- In four previous starts in Houston, has two top-five finishes (4th/2020, T4/2019, MC/2018)
- In three starts this season, has finished inside the top five on two occasions (T4/Fortinet Championship, T5/THE CJ CUP @ SUMMIT); finished just outside the top-10 at the Shriners Children's Open (T11) and World Wide Technology Championship at Mayakoba (T11)
- A win this week would mark his first on the PGA TOUR and come in his 103d start; career-best finish is T3/2019 Farmers Insurance Open

Marc Leishman (T1/-5)

- Marks sixth career 18-hole lead/co-lead on the PGA TOUR (most recent: 2nd/ 2018 AT&T Byron Nelson)
- 1-for-5 to date converting to victory (2017 BMW Championship)
- Lowest score in 15 rounds at the event (previous: 68, R1/2009)
- In three starts this season, has two top-five finishes (T4/Fortinet Championship, T3/Shriners Children's Open)
- Six-time PGA TOUR winner seeks first victory since the 2021 Zurich Classic of New Orleans with partner Cameron Smith (two-man team event)
- Qualified for the FedExCup Playoffs for the 13th consecutive season and finished at No. 42

Luke List (T1/-5)

- Marks second 18-hole lead/co-lead (T14/2016 RBC Canadian Open)
- Seeks first PGA TOUR victory in his 203rd start; owns two runner-up results (T2/2016 Sanderson Farms Championship, lost playoff to Justin Thomas at 2018 The Honda Classic)
- Looks to become the eighth player to earn his maiden PGA TOUR win at the event since 2000
- Making seventh appearance at Hewlett Packard Enterprise Houston Open (best: T3/2017)
- Owns one top-10 this season in five starts (T7/ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP)

Martin Trainer (T1/-5)

- Was 3-under through 11 holes when play was suspended Thursday evening; added three more Friday to offset a lone bogey
- Holds his first career lead/co-lead after any round on the PGA TOUR
- Comes off five consecutive missed cuts to start the season
- Owns one career win on the PGA TOUR (2019 Puerto Rico Open)
- Making his 71st start since the win in Puerto Rico

Additional Player Notes

- **Jason Dufner** opens with a bogey-free 4-under 66, marking his lowest opening-round score in an individual stroke-play event on TOUR since the 2019 Sony Open in Hawaii (66)
- **Wyndham Clark** offset two bogeys with an eagle-birdie-birdie stretch (Nos. 13-15) and sits at 3-under with five holes left to play
- 2019 champion **Lanto Griffin** opened with a 2-under 68
- Making his tournament debut, **Matthew Wolff** made four birdies and two bogeys, good for a 2-under 68
- **Seung-yul Noh** and **Charley Hoffman** withdrew with back injuries prior to the start of round one and were replaced in the field by **Alex Smalley** (-2) and **Jared Wolfe**, respectively

Course Statistics

	<u>Toughest Hole</u>	<u>Easiest Hole</u>
R1:	Par-4 14 th (4.303)	Par-4 13 th (3.636)

Scoring Averages

	<u>Front Nine</u>	<u>Back Nine</u>	<u>Total</u>
R1:	34.909	35.318	70.227

Bogey-Free Rounds

R1 (4): Jason Dufner (66), Brian Harman (67), Kevin Tway (67), Sungjae Im (68)