



## 2021 QBE Shootout

Naples, Fla.

Tiburón Golf Club (Gold)

December 10-12, 2021

Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,382

Purse: \$3,600,00 (\$895,000)

### First-Round Notes – Friday, December 10, 2021

*Weather: Partly cloudy. High of 84. Wind SSW 4-8 mph.*

**Format:** R1/Scramble, R2/Modified Alternate Shot, R3/Four-Ball

#### First-Round Leaderboard

Jason Day/Marc Leishman	56 (-16)
Corey Connors/Graeme McDowell	57 (-15)
Harris English/Matt Kuchar	57 (-15)
Jason Kokrak/Kevin Na	59 (-13)
Lexi Thompson/Bubba Watson	59 (-13)
Brian Harman/Hudson Swafford	60 (-12)
Matt Jones/Ryan Palmer	61 (-11)
Max Homa/Kevin Kisner	61 (-11)
Charles Howell III/Ian Poulter	61 (-11)
Sam Burns/Billy Horschel	61 (-11)
Sean O'Hair/Will Zalatoris	62 (-10)
K.H. Lee/Brandt Snedeker	62 (-10)

#### **Jason Day/Marc Leishman (-16/1<sup>st</sup>)**

- Australian duo carded 12 birdies and two eagles (par-5 sixth, par-4 10<sup>th</sup>) to open with a 16-under 56, one stroke shy of the tournament Scramble record of 55; Day and Cameron Tringale (2014/won) are among five teams to post a 55 in the Scramble format
- Leishman holed his approach shot at the par-4 10<sup>th</sup> from 54 yards for the team's second eagle of the day
- The first-round leader/co-leader of the QBE Shootout has converted for the win 16 times, most recently by Brian Harman and Patton Kizzire in 2018
- Day is making his third start in the QBE Shootout; 2010/T5/Rory Sabbatini and 2014/1<sup>st</sup>/Cameron Tringale
- In one previous QBE Shootout start, Leishman finished T8 with Cameron Smith in 2020

#### Miscellaneous Notes

- **Corey Connors** and **Graeme McDowell** combined for 13 birdies and one eagle (par-5 17<sup>th</sup>) to open with a 15-under 57; McDowell is making his ninth appearance at the QBE Shootout, highlighted by three runner-up finishes; in his only previous start in the event, Connors finished T6 in 2019 with Andrew Putnam
- With a win this week, defending champions **Harris English** and **Matt Kuchar** (-15/T2) would become the third team to successfully defend their QBE Shootout title; Brad Faxon/Scott McCarron (2000-01) and Jeff Sluman/Hank Kuehne (2003-04)
- With 23 combined wins between them, the most of any team, **Lexi Thompson** (11 LPGA wins) and **Bubba Watson** (12 PGA TOUR wins) opened with a 13-under 59

- Six first-time QBE Shootout participants; **Sam Burns, Max Homa, Matt Jones, K.H. Lee, Hudson Swafford** and **Will Zalatoris**.
- **Charles Howell III** (with Ian Poulter) is making his 12<sup>th</sup> start in the QBE Shootout, tying him with Steve Stricker for most starts in the event
- Founded by World Golf Hall of Fame Member Greg Norman in 1989, this week's QBE Shootout marks the 33<sup>rd</sup> edition of the event. Tiburon Golf Club at The Ritz-Carlton Resort in Naples, FL is hosting for a 21<sup>st</sup> consecutive year