



SANDERSON FARMS  
CHAMPIONSHIP

**2021 Sanderson Farms Championship**  
*(2<sup>nd</sup> of 48 events in the 2021-22 PGA TOUR Season)*

Jackson, Mississippi  
Country Club of Jackson

September 30 - October 3, 2021

Purse: \$7,000,000/\$1,260,000  
Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,461

**Third-Round Notes – Saturday, October 2, 2021**

*Weather: Mostly cloudy, with scattered showers. High of 81. Wind SSE 7-12 mph.*

**Third-Round Leaderboard**

|                  |                    |
|------------------|--------------------|
| Sahith Theegala  | 64-67-67—198 (-18) |
| Cameron Tringale | 71-66-62—199 (-17) |
| Denny McCarthy   | 69-65-65—199 (-17) |
| Sam Burns        | 68-66-65—199 (-17) |
| Cameron Young    | 67-65-67—199 (-17) |

**Things to Know**

- PGA TOUR rookie Sahith Theegala posts a bogey-free 5-under 67 to maintain his position at the top of the leaderboard for a third straight round; has made 17 birdies, one eagle and one bogey through 54 holes
- Seeking his first career PGA TOUR title in his 311<sup>th</sup> start, Cameron Tringale ties career-low score with a 10-under 62
- In search of his first career PGA TOUR title after a T6 in last year’s Sanderson Farms Championship, Denny McCarthy posts a second-consecutive 7-under 65
- Second-year TOUR member (2018-19) Seth Reeves makes eight birdies and an eagle to post a career-low 9-under 63
- The Sanderson Farms Championship has produced a first-time winner six of the last seven seasons (Sergio Garcia/2020)
- Sam Burns, the highest-ranked player in the field (No. 25 OWGR), ties his career record with five consecutive birdies en route to a 7-under 65
- The Sanderson Farms Championship is the only event on the PGA TOUR where each of the last four 54-hole leaders/co-leader have converted for the win

**Third-Round Lead Notes**

- 4 Third-round leader/co-leader to win Sanderson Farms Championship since the event moved to the Country Club of Jackson in 2014 (Ryan Armour/2017, Cameron Champ/2018, Sebastian Munoz/2019, Sergio Garcia/2020)
- 0 Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win on TOUR since this season

**Entering the week**

| Player                  | Sahith Theegala |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Age                     | 23 (12/4/1997)  |
| FedExCup                | T46             |
| OWGR                    | 454             |
| Sanderson Farms starts  | 1               |
| Sanderson Farms top-10s | 0               |
| PGA TOUR starts         | 14              |
| PGA TOUR wins           | 0               |
| PGA TOUR top-10s        | 0               |
| Starts in 2020-21       | 1               |

**Sahith Theegala (1<sup>st</sup>/-18)**

- Made five birdies, including three-straight on Nos. 10-12 to post a second-consecutive 5-under 67 and remain at the top of the leaderboard for the third-consecutive round; lone bogey thru 54 holes came on the par-5 fifth in round two
- With a win Sunday, would become the first first-time winner on the PGA TOUR since Erik van Rooyen at the 2021 Barracuda Championship

- PGA TOUR rookie earned his TOUR card following top-6 finishes in his last two starts in the 2021 Korn Ferry Tour Finals (T4/Nationwide Children’s Hospital Championship, 6<sup>th</sup>/Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance)
- Prior to this week, his best position after any round on TOUR was T8/2017 The Genesis Invitational (finished T49)
- California native is making his 15<sup>th</sup> start on TOUR and comes off a T47 at the Fortinet Championship two weeks ago
- In only previous start at the Sanderson Farms Championship, missed the cut in 2020 (71-72—143)
- Named National Player of the Year his final season at Pepperdine University (2020 graduate)

### Sam Burns (T2/-17)

- Highest ranked player in the field (No. 25 OWGR) tied his career-best with five consecutive birdies (Nos. 10-14) en route to a bogey-free 7-under 65
- Making his first start of the season, hit 10-of-14 fairways and 17-of-18 greens in regulation in round three; leads the field in Strokes Gained: Approach the Green (7.241)
- Making his fifth Sanderson Farms Championship start; MC/2020, T45/2019, T3/2018, T43/2017
- Highlight of eight top-10 finishes last season was his first career PGA TOUR victory at the Valspar Championship; in his first start after the win outside Tampa, finished second at the AT&T Byron Nelson
- At No. 10 in the FedExCup after the BMW Championship, advanced to the season-ending TOUR Championship for the first time; finished T18 at East Lake to end his season at No. 18 in the FedExCup

### Miscellaneous Notes

- In search of his first career PGA TOUR title in his 311<sup>th</sup> start this week, **Cameron Tringale** (T2/-17) made six birdies and two eagles (par-5 5<sup>th</sup>, par-5 14<sup>th</sup>) to post a 10-under 62, tying his career-low score from round four of The RSM Classic in 2020 (3<sup>rd</sup>); needed 23 putts to sink at total of 129’ 4” of total putts; best of five previous starts at the Sanderson Farms Championship was T11 in his first start of 2010 (Annandale Golf Club)
- Coming off a T6 in the 2020 Sanderson Farms Championship, **Denny McCarthy** (T2/-17) made seven birdies and no bogeys, good for a second-consecutive 7-under 65; has now posted 16 consecutive sub-par scores at the Country Club of Jackson; also finished inside the top-10 in the 2018 event (T7)
- PGA TOUR rookie **Cameron Young** (T2/-17) offset two early bogeys with seven birdies to post a 5-under 67; this week’s Sanderson Farms Championship marks his first made cut in five career starts on TOUR; two-time winner on the Korn Ferry TOUR (2020 AdventHealth Championship, 2020 Evans Scholars Invitational presented by First Midwest Bank)
- Second-year PGA TOUR member (2018-19) **Seth Reeves** (T6/-16) followed birdies on four of his first five holes with an eagle at the par-5 11<sup>th</sup> and additional birdies at Nos. 12, 13, 15 and 18 to post a career-low 9-under 63; needed just 23 strokes with the putter to sink 127’ 5” of total putts; lone top-10 finish in 27 TOUR starts before this week was a T7 at the 2018 Sanderson Farms Championship
- Highlighted by six birdies and an eagle at the par-5 fifth, Alabama native **Trey Mullinax** posted a bogey-free 8-under 64 to move to T6 at 16-under 200; best finish in 83 previous TOUR starts was T2/2018 Valero Texas Open
- Using a one-time career earnings exemption for the 2021-22 season (top 50), 36-hole co-leader **Nick Watney** (T10/-14) posted a 1-under 71 in his bid for a fifth career TOUR title and first since THE NORTHERN TRUST in 2012
- One round removed from posting a career-low 11-under 61 and tying the Sanderson Farms Championship 18-hole scoring record, 2020-21 PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year **Will Zalatoris** could manage no better than an even-par 72; in only previous start at the Sanderson Farms Championship, missed the cut in 2020 (73-71—144)

### Scoring Averages at the par-72 Country Club of Jackson:

|     | Front 9 | Back 9 | Total  | Cumulative |
|-----|---------|--------|--------|------------|
| R1: | 35.576  | 35.028 | 70.604 | ---        |
| R2: | 34.757  | 34.951 | 69.708 | 70.156     |
| R3: | 34.956  | 34.147 | 69.103 | 69.955     |

### Course Statistics

|     | Toughest Hole   | Easiest Hole                   |
|-----|---|--------------------------------|
| R1: | Par-4 6 <sup>th</sup> (4.194)                                 | Par-5 3 <sup>rd</sup> (4.618)  |
| R2: | Par-4 16 <sup>th</sup> (4.201)                                | Par-4 15 <sup>th</sup> (3.493) |
| R3: | Par-3 7 <sup>th</sup> (3.132), Par-4 16 <sup>th</sup> (4.132) | Par-5 3 <sup>rd</sup> (4.471)  |

**Bogey-free rounds:**

**R1 (8):** Sahith Theegala (64), Kurt Kitayama (66), Patton Kizzire (67), Adam Hadwin (67), Austin Cook (68), Matthew Wolff (68), Doc Redman (69), Sergio Garcia (70)

**R2 (16):** Will Zalatoris (61), Alex Smalley (63), Paul Barjon (66), Sam Burns (66), Brandon Hagy (66), Russell Knox (66), Nate Lashley (66), Henrik Norlander (66), Jimmy Walker (66), Grant Hirschman (67), John Huh (67), Peter Malnati (67), C.T. Pan (67), Mito Pereira (67), Adam Svensson (69), Dylan Wu (71)

**R3 (13):** Cameron Tringale (62), Trey Mullinax (64), Sam Burns (65), Denny McCarthy (65), Taylor Moore (66), Andrew Landry (66), Sahith Theegala (67), Harold Varner III (67), Chesson Hadley (67), Luke List (68), William McGirt (68), Kevin Streelman (68), Roger Sloan (68)