



2022 Travelers Championship

(The 36th of 47 events in the 2021-22 PGA TOUR Season)

Cromwell, Connecticut
TPC River Highlands

June 23-26, 2022
Par/Yardage: 35-35—70/6,852

FedExCup Points: 500 to the winner
Purse: \$8,300,000 (\$1,494,000)

First-Round Notes – Thursday, June 23, 2022

Weather: Mostly cloudy. High of 76. Wind SE 7-14 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

Rory McIlroy	62 (-8)
J.T. Poston	62 (-8)
Xander Schauffele	63 (-7)
Martin Laird	63 (-7)

Things to Know

- Rory McIlroy holds 18-hole lead/co-lead for third time this season and 20th since joining the TOUR as a member in 2010
- J.T. Poston fires first sub-30 nine-hole score of his PGA TOUR career
- McIlroy (2022 RBC Canadian Open) and Poston (2019 Wyndham Championship) won the last time they shot 62 on TOUR
- Xander Schauffele hits 18 of 18 greens in regulation in a single round on TOUR for the first time in his career
- Defending champion Harris English sits T10 after an opening-round 66
- FedExCup leader and World No. 1 Scottie Scheffler (T30/-2) seeks his fifth victory this season

First-Round Lead Notes

- 6 First-round leaders/co-leaders at Travelers Championship to win since 2000: Jordan Spieth/2017, Bubba Watson/2015, Kenny Perry/2009, Hunter Mahan/2007, Peter Jacobsen/2003, Notah Begay III/2000
- 5 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win individual stroke-play events on TOUR this season (most recent: Jon Rahm/Mexico Open at Vidanta)

Comparing the leaders (entering the week)

Category	Rory McIlroy	J.T. Poston
Age	33 (May 4, 1989)	29 (June 1, 1993)
FedExCup	3	112
OWGR	2	162
Country	Northern Ireland	U.S.A.
Starts-wins-top-10s (career)	215-21-102	153-1-12
Starts-wins-top-10s (season)	11-2-7	22-0-2
Starts-wins-top-10s (Travelers)	3-0-0	4-0-0

Rory McIlroy (T1/-8)

- Posts bogey-free 8-under 62, tying his low opening-round on TOUR (2018 BMW Championship/5th)
- Ties his low 18-hole score this season; previous times he shot 62 this season he went on to win (R3/THE CJ CUP @ SUMMIT, R4/RBC Canadian Open); most rounds of 62 or better on PGA TOUR by any player this season
- Marks his third 18-hole lead/co-lead this season and 20th since joining the PGA TOUR as a member in 2010 – both TOUR-bests
- Of previous 19 first-round leads/co-leads, converted three into victory (2011 U.S. Open, 2012 BMW Championship, 2014 Open Championship)
- Fourth appearance at Travelers Championship (T17/2017, T12/2018, T11/2020)
- Opening-round scores in his four starts at TPC River Highlands: 67-64-63-62
- Owns seven top-10s this season, including five in his last six starts; his most top-10s in a season is 14 (2019)

J.T. Poston (T1/-8)

- Fires 29 on his outward nine (started on No. 10) for his first sub-30 nine-hole score on the PGA TOUR (475th round)
- Ties his lowest 18-hole score on TOUR, his third 62 in his 154th career start (R1/2019 Barbasol Championship/T29, R4/2019 Wyndham Championship/Won)
- Seeks to advance to the weekend for the first time in his fifth appearance at the Travelers Championship; missed the cut in 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020
- Notched two top-10s in 22 starts this season (T3/RBC Heritage, T9/Wells Fargo Championship)

Additional Notes

- **Xander Schauffele** (T3/-7) hit 18 of 18 greens in regulation for the first time in his 459th round on TOUR; last player to hit 18 of 18 greens in regulation in a single round at Travelers Championship: Scott Stallings (R1/2020); also opened with 63 in 2020 Travelers Championship, eventually finishing T20
- **Martin Laird** (T3/-7) posts his lowest score on TOUR since a second-round 63 of the 2020 Shriners Children's Open, his most recent of four PGA TOUR victories; best finish in eight prior appearances at Travelers Championship: T15/2015
- Reigning FedExCup Champion **Patrick Cantlay** (T5/-6) is making his eighth appearance at the Travelers Championship, the most of any event he has played on TOUR (The Genesis Invitational/7, U.S. Open/7)
- **Morgan Hoffmann** (T30/-2) makes his final start on a Major Medical Extension and requires a solo-fourth finish or better to retain status
- In his third PGA TOUR start, 20-year-old amateur **Michael Thorbjornsen** (T30/-2), from Wellesley, Massachusetts is playing on a sponsor exemption; Stanford standout had the honor of hitting the opening tee shot at last week's U.S. Open Championship (MC); finished 79th at the 2019 U.S. Open
- In his 504th round on TOUR, **Anirban Lahiri** (T69/E) posts 18 straight pars in a round for the second time in his career (R4/2015 Masters Tournament); other players to post 18 pars in a round at TPC River Highlands since 2016: Kevin Kisner/R1/2021, David Toms/R3/2016
- 2017 Travelers Championship winner **Jordan Spieth** (T148/+5) posts his high score in 15 rounds at TPC River Highlands
- **Danny Lee** withdrew during the first round with a hip injury