



## 2021 ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP

(5<sup>th</sup> of 47 events in the 2021-22 PGA TOUR Season)

Chiba, Japan  
Accordia Golf Narashino CC

October 21-24, 2021  
Par/Yards: 34-36—72/7,041

FedExCup Points: 500 (winner)  
Purse: \$9,950,000/\$1,791,000

### Third-Round Notes – Saturday, October 23, 2021

Weather: Sunny. High of 63. Wind NNW 10-15 mph.

#### Third-Round Leaderboard

Hideki Matsuyama	64-68-68 – 200 (-10)
Cameron Tringale	67-66-68 – 201 (-9)
Sebastian Munoz	70-66-68 – 204 (-6)
Brendan Steele	66-68-70 – 204 (-6)
Matt Wallace	65-69-70 – 204 (-6)

#### Things to Know

- In search of his seventh PGA TOUR victory, Hideki Matsuyama records a 2-under 68 for a 10-under 200 total to maintain his overnight one-stroke lead
- Matsuyama, the 2021 Masters champion, is bidding to become the first Japanese winner of the ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP
- Cameron Tringale (68) birdies the par-5 18<sup>th</sup> hole for a two-shot swing on the last hole as Matsuyama makes bogey; he is chasing his maiden PGA TOUR win in his 314<sup>th</sup> start on TOUR
- Sebastian Munoz cards a 68 to share third place with Brendan Steele (70) and Matt Wallace (70). The trio are four strokes off the lead
- The ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP was launched as Japan’s first official PGA TOUR tournament in 2019. Tiger Woods won the inaugural edition, followed by Patrick Cantlay in 2020

#### Third-Round Lead Notes

- 1 Third-round leader/co-leader to win the ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP (Tiger Woods/2019)
- 0 Third-round leader/co-leader to win in 2021-22

#### Hideki Matsuyama (1<sup>st</sup>/-10)

Category	Entering the week
Age	29 (2/25/1992)
FedExCup	33
OWGR	19
Starts at ZOZO	2
Wins at ZOZO	0
Top-10s at ZOZO	1
Career PGA TOUR starts	200
Career PGA TOUR wins	6
Career PGA TOUR top-10s	50
PGA TOUR starts in 2021-22	3
PGA TOUR wins in 2021-22	0
PGA TOUR top-10s in 2021-22	1

- Holds the 54-hole lead/co-lead for the sixth time in career. Won the 2016 WGC-HSBC Champions and 2021 Masters Tournament
- Ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in Greens in Regulation through 54 holes (81.5%, 44/54)

- Recorded four birdies against two bogeys, including a dropped shot on the par-5 18<sup>th</sup> hole where he had a three-shot lead playing the hole
- Chasing his seventh PGA TOUR win and his first TOUR title in Japan. Finished runner-up to Tiger Woods in inaugural 2019 ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP
- Finished T28 in 2020 when the tournament moved to Sherwood Country Club in California
- Holds one top-10 in the 2021-22 PGA TOUR Season (T6/Fortinet Championship)
- His win at the Masters Tournament in April earned him the distinction of first Japanese male golfer to win a major
- Has won eight times on the Japan Golf Tour, with his last win being the 2016 Mitsui Sumitomo Visa Taiheiyo Masters

#### Cameron Tringale (2<sup>nd</sup>/-9)

- In his 314<sup>th</sup> start on the PGA TOUR, Tringale posts a third-round 68 to get to within one shot of the lead in his tournament debut. He is chasing a first TOUR victory
- Has held solo second entering the final round just once in his career and went on to finish T5 (2011/Valero Texas Open)
- Has made four starts in 2021-22 PGA TOUR Season; best finish (T11/Sanderson Farms Championship)
- Entered the week ranked 26<sup>th</sup> on the FedExCup points list
- Holds three career runner-up finishes (T2/2014 FedEx St. Jude Championship, 2<sup>nd</sup>/2015 Zurich Classic of New Orleans, 2015 Shriners Children's Open)
- Won the 2015 Franklin Templeton Shootout alongside Jason Day

#### Additional Player Notes

- One of three players tied for third, Colombia's **Sebastian Munoz** cards a third-round 68; a win on Sunday would mark his second TOUR victory (20/Sanderson Farms Championship). Has made just one cut in four starts this season, finishing T49 at THE CJ CUP @ THE SUMMIT
- In his second tournament appearance, **Brendan Steele** is T3 entering the final round as he chases a fourth career win (2011/Valero Texas Open, 2017 and 2018/Fortinet Championship). His wins at the 2016 & 2017 Fortinet Championship were from 4 and 2 shots back respectively
- Making his debut in the ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP, **Matt Wallace** records four birdies against four bogeys for a 70 for T3, four behind the leader. The four-time European Tour winner is bidding for a first PGA TOUR title
- After opening with a birdie on the par-4 1<sup>st</sup> hole, **Tommy Fleetwood** went on to record two bogeys en route to a third-round 70; Fleetwood qualified for the ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP via a sponsor exemption
- Olympic Games gold medalist, **Xander Schauffele** (T36) cards a 68 featuring four birdies following opening rounds of 70-74
- After opening the event with a 71, World No. 3 **Collin Morikawa** (8<sup>th</sup>/-4) has responded with rounds of 68-67; moves up eight positions on the leaderboard and is 6 shots off the lead entering the final round
- **Tom Hoge** and **Shugo Imahira** each posted low rounds of the day (66), with Hoge recording the only bogey free scorecard in the field; both players responded with a 66 following opening rounds of par or worse

#### Course Statistics

	<b>Toughest Hole</b>	<b>Easiest Hole</b>
<b>R1:</b>	Par-4 4 <sup>th</sup> (4.385)	Par-5 6 <sup>th</sup> (4.577)
<b>R2:</b>	Par-4 12 <sup>th</sup> (4.487)	Par-5 18 <sup>th</sup> (4.410)
<b>R3:</b>	Par-3 5 <sup>th</sup> (3.588)	Par-5 18 <sup>th</sup> (4.588)

#### Scoring Averages

	<b>Front 9</b>	<b>Back 9</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Cumulative</b>
<b>R1:</b>	33.999	36.322	70.321	---
<b>R2:</b>	34.027	36.718	70.745	70.529
<b>R3:</b>	34.701	36.390	71.091	70.715

#### Bogey-free rounds

**R1** (3): Joaquin Niemann (64), Hideki Matsuyama (64), James Hahn (68)

**R2** (1): Branden Grace (66)

**R3** (1): Tom Hoge (66)