



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

Second-Round Notes – Friday, October 22, 2021

Weather: Scattered showers. High of 53. Wind NNE 6-12 mph.

### Second-Round Leaderboard

Hideki Matsuyama	64-68 – 132 (-8)
Cameron Tringale	67-66 – 133 (-7)
Matt Wallace	65-69 – 134 (-6)
Brendan Steele	66-68 - 134 (-6)

### Things to Know

- In search of his seventh PGA TOUR win, Japan's Hideki Matsuyama leads the field by one stroke at 8-under 132
- Making his debut at the ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP, Cameron Tringale has hit 77.8% of Greens in Regulation through 36 holes to be ranked T2 in the category
- Standing at T3, Matt Wallace records a second-round 69 in his first appearance at the ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP
- Brendan Steele's second round 68 includes four birdies and two bogeys as he chases a fourth career win
- First round leader Hiroshi Iwata, who got into the event on Monday following the withdrawal of Kevin Na cards a second round 73, ten shots higher than his opening round 63
- 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

## Second-Round Lead Notes

- 1 Second-round leader/co-leader to win the ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP (Tiger Woods/2019)
- 1 Second-round leader/co-leader to win in 2021-22 (Sungjae Im/Shriners Children's Open)

#### Hideki Matsuyama (1<sup>st</sup>/-8)

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 36-hole lead/co-lead for the fourth time (2016 WGC-HSBC Champions/1<sup>st</sup>)
- Ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in Greens in Regulation (16/18) in both the first and second rounds
- Finished T6 in the Fortinet Championship for his lone top-10 to date in the 2021-22 PGA TOUR Season

- Making his third start in the ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP (2<sup>nd</sup>/2019, T28/2020)
- Won the Masters Tournament in April where he became the first Japanese male golfer to win a major
- Holds six PGA TOUR wins and eight Japan Golf Tour wins, with the most recent being the 2016 Mitsui Sumitomo Visa Taiheiyo Masters

## Cameron Tringale (2<sup>nd</sup>/-7)

- Making his debut at the ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP
- Has hit 77.8% of Greens in Regulation through 36 holes to be ranked T2 in the category
- 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
- Chasing first TOUR win and holds three career runner-up finishes (T2/2014 The Barclays, 2<sup>nd</sup>/2015 Zurich Classic of New Orleans, 2015 Shriners Children's Open)
- Won the 2015 Franklin Templeton Shootout alongside Jason Day
- Last time he was 2<sup>nd</sup>/T2 after 36 holes was at the 2017 Barbasol Championship; went on to finish T6

# Matt Wallace (T3/-6)

- Making his debut in the ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP records a second-round 69 in search of his first TOUR victory
- This week marks his third start of the 2021-2022 PGA TOUR Season (MC/Sanderson Farms Championship, T14/Shriners Children's Open)
- Five top-10 finishes in 49 PGA TOUR starts: T6/2021 Wells Fargo Championship, 3<sup>rd</sup>/2021 Valero Texas Open, T3/2019 PGA Championship, T4/2020 the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide, T6/2019 Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard
- Hillingdon, England native's most recent of four European Tour victories came at the 2018 Made in Denmark

# Brendan Steele (T3/-6)

- Second round 68 includes four birdies and two bogeys as he chases a fourth career win (2011/Valero Texas Open, 2017 and 2018/Fortinet Championship)
- Steele comes to Japan for the first time after a tournament debut at the ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP @ SHERWOOD in 2020
- The last time he was in the top-3 through 36 holes was at the 2020 The Honda Classic; went on to finish T8

## **Additional Player Notes:**

- Joaquin Niemann (T5) cards a 71 featuring four birdies, three bogeys and one double bogey as he chases second TOUR win (2020/A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier)
- Qualifying for the event via sponsor exemption, **Tommy Fleetwood** (T5) adds a 68 to his first round 67. He ranks T2 in total putts through 36 holes
- Olympic Games gold medalist, **Xander Schauffele**, who played alongside Hideki Matsuyama in the opening two rounds cards a 74 for a 4-over total (T58)
- After a double bogey on the par-4 11<sup>th</sup> hole, World No. 3 **Collin Morikawa** (T20) makes five birdies against one more bogey for a 68 and is seven shots off the lead
- First round leader **Hiroshi Iwata**, who got into the event on Monday following the withdrawal of Kevin Na cards a second round 73, ten shots higher than his opening round 63

## **Course Statistics**

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

## **Scoring Averages**

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	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	33.999	36.322	70.321	
R2:	34.027	36.718	70.745	70.529

## **Bogey-free rounds**

**R1** (3): Joaquin Niemann (64), Hideki Matsuyama (64), James Hahn (68) **R2** (1): Branden Grace (66)