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KOEPKA LEADS TRIO OF 43RD RYDER CUP PARTICIPANTS COMMITTED TO THE 2021 HOUSTON OPEN

Brooks Koepka and Scottie Scheffler from the U.S., along with Matt Fitzpatrick from Team Europe are set to be a part of the 2021 field.

HOUSTON, Texas - PGA star **Brooks Koepka** leads a **trio of 43rd Ryder Cup participants** who are committed to the **2021 Houston Open**. Koepka and fellow U.S. teammate, **Scottie Scheffler** join the field fresh off their victory in the **Ryder Cup** this past Sunday. **Matt Fitzpatrick**, a participant in the 43rd Ryder Cup for the **Europeans** has also committed to the **2021 Houston Open**.

The 2021 Houston Open is set for **November 11-14** at **Memorial Park Golf Course** in Houston.

One of the PGA Tour's biggest stars, **Koepka** is a **former No. 1 player in the world** and **four-time major champion**. He has a unique connection to the Houston Open, as he played an instrumental part in the **redesign of Memorial Park Golf Course**, the home of the Houston Open. Alongside **Astros Owner and Chairman Jim Crane**, Koepka worked with world-renowned golf architect Tom Doak as a PGA Tour consultant as Memorial Park was revamped into just the second PGA-certified, municipally owned golf course in the country.

Koepka is fresh off a Ryder Cup victory on Sunday, where he defeated Bernd Wiesberger 2&1 as the Americans dominated en route to a 19-9 victory over the Europeans. He **won the 2021 Waste Management Phoenix Open** and finished tied for **second** at both the **2021 PGA Championship** and the **2021 World Golf Championships-Workday Championship at The Concession**. The West Palm Beach, Fla., native has made the cut in **128 of 158 career PGA events**, with **77 top-25 finishes** and **49 top-10 finishes**. He also boasts **eight career PGA Tournament victories**, three of those coming in the 2019 season where he finished tied for third in the PGA standings. 2021 will be the second time in his career that Koepka has competed at the Houston Open. At the **2020 Houston Open**, Koepka finished **tied for fifth** after closing with a pair of 65s in the third and final rounds.

Scheffler, a Texas native, beat **world No. 1 Jon Rahm** in Ryder Cup singles on Sunday, giving Team USA its first single point of the day and was a tone-setter for the Americans as they went on to defeat the Europeans, 19-9. Scheffler finished **22nd in the PGA rankings in 2020-2021**, with **eight top-10 finishes** and **16 top-25 finishes**. His best-career PGA Tournament finish came last season, where he advanced to the World Golf Championships-Dell Technologies Match Play where he finished second, falling to Billy Horschel to finish **runner-up**. A member of the Tour since 2019-2020, he has made the cut in **48 of 63 career events**, with **31 top-25 finishes**. He finished his rookie season in 2019-2020 ranked **fifth in the FedExCup rankings**, becoming one of eight PGA Tour rookies to qualify for the FedExCup Playoffs and one of two to advance to the TOUR championship. 2021-2022 will mark the **third time he has played in the Houston Open**, finishing tied for 28th at five-under in 2019 and tied for 32nd at one-under in 2020.

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Fitzpatrick, a native of Sheffield, England and a member of the **European team** at the 43rd Ryder Cup this past weekend, is committed to the 2021 Houston Open field. Fitzpatrick has been on the Tour since 2019-2020 and has qualified for the FedExCup Playoffs in both 2020 and 2021. He has made the cut in **68 of 91 career tournaments**, with **15 top-10 finishes** and **30 top-25 finishes**. In 2020-2021 he recorded **five top-10s** and made the **cut in 15 of 20 starts**, with his best result of the season coming at the RBC Heritage where he **tied for fourth**. He finished 73rd in the FedExCup standings in 2020-2021. His career-best finish was a third place finish at the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide during the 2019-2020 season.

General admission tickets and **venue hopper tickets** are on sale now for the 2021 Houston Open. Visit www.houstonopengolf.com/tickets for information on ticket purchases.

Koepka, Scheffler and Fitzpatrick join previously-announced notables in 2020 Houston Open champion **Carlos Ortiz**, 2019 champion **Lanto Griffin** and **Sam Burns** and **Jason Kokrak**, who both finished in the top 25 in the PGA rankings in 2020-2021.

MORE TO COME

Other notables will be announced as commitments are made, with a full-field announcement occurring closer to the tournament date. Please note that the field for the 2021 Houston Open is subject to change.

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