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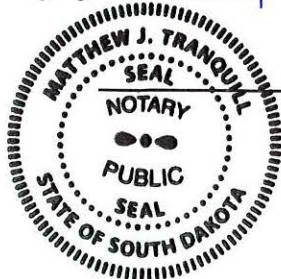
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# Mickelson leads Travelers in first event since turning 50

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CROMWELL, Conn. — Phil Mickelson figures age might be an asset.

Playing his first tournament since turning 50 this month, the five-time major champion shot a 7-under 63 on Friday in the Travelers Championship to take a one-stroke lead into the weekend.

Lefty said said it was perhaps the wisdom that comes with his age that made him stay within himself instead of going toe-to-toe with his long-hitting playing partners, top-ranked Rory McIlroy and Bryson DeChambeau.

"There's some holes I can open it up and try to hit driver, but really I just want to get it in play on a lot of holes and let my wedges take over, and I've hit a lot of good wedge shots this week," said Mickelson, the 2001 and 2002 tournament winner.

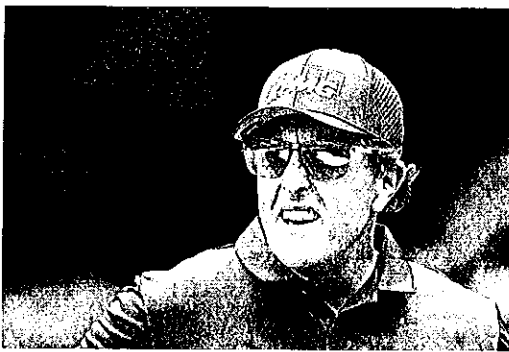
Two more players withdrew because of the coronavirus Friday — Donny McCarthy for a positive test, and Bud Cauley, who tested negative, but decided to pull out after playing alongside McCarthy on Thursday. There have been seven COVID-19-related withdrawals.

Mickelson was 13-under 127. First-round leader Mackenzie Hughes followed an opening 60 with a 68 to drop into a second-place tie with 23-year-old Will Gordon, who led most of the day after shooting an early 62.

Since winning at Pebble Beach early last year for his 44th PGA Tour title, Mickelson has mostly struggled, with far more missed cuts than good finishes.

On Friday at tree-lined TPC River Highlands, Mickelson made a bogey on his second hole before moving up the leaderboard. He made the first of his eight birdies from a green-side bunker on No. 5 and shot 30 on the back nine.

While Mickelson is making his



Phil Mickelson carded eight birdies and one bogey during his second-round 63 Friday to take the lead into the weekend at the Travelers Championship in Cromwell, Conn.

624th PGA Tour start, Gordon is in his eighth tour event on a sponsor's exemption.

He had nine birdies and just missed a few others, including on the fourth hole where his 35-foot birdie putt came to rest on the edge of the cup.

The former Vanderbilt star is carrying on a long tradition of young players who received a break at TPC River Highlands. Since 1996, 77 of the tournament's 94 unrestricted sponsor invitations have gone to players with fewer than 15 starts on the tour and those players have gone on to combine for 90 victories.

"I was supposed to play in three events that got canceled over COVID, so for those guys to take a chance on me and believe in me means the world," he said.

McIlroy followed his first-

round 63 with a 68. He was tied for fourth, four strokes off the lead and happy to be in contention.

"I know what it feels like to go low out here, so I need a couple of good ones over the weekend," he said. "But the game feels in decent shape, and obviously get out early tomorrow and try to get back in the mix."

DeChambeau, the third member of the marquee trio, had the most entertaining round of the three. He was 8 under after a 67 that included the strangest bogey of the day.

His tee shot on the par-4 10th hole hit the cart path, rolled and rolled and ended up 438 yards from the tee and 48 yards from the hole.

But after pitching over the green, then chipping back well

short of the hole, he missed a 7-foot putt.

"I tried to hit a 35-yard shot and it came out 50 yards, and I'm like, 'What is going on?'" he said. "There's some things I've still got to work out and some stuff I clearly don't understand yet with the wedging."

McCarthy, who shot an opening-round 67, said he began feeling sick Thursday night and tested positive for the virus Friday morning.

"I woke up in the middle of the night with additional aches and soreness and sensed something was off," he said. "I felt like the only thing to do was get tested at that point before I went to the course."

Cauley, who opened with a 69, had two negative tests Friday. He withdrew "out of an abundance

of caution for my peers and everyone involved with the tournament," he said.

Matt Wallace, the third member of their group, teed off by himself early Friday, shot a 72 to miss the cut.

"I haven't felt better myself," he said. "I'm playing with a chance to change my career. If I win, so why wouldn't I play? It's black and white for me. I tested negative and I can go play."

McCarthy was the third PGA Tour player to test positive for the virus since its restart and the second this week, joining Cameron Champ, who withdrew Tuesday.

Nick Watney withdrew just before the second round of last week's RBC Heritage Championship. Webb Simpson, Graeme McDowell, Brooks Koepka and his brother Chase also withdrew from the Travelers after coming into contact with people who had the virus.

McDowell and Brooks Koepka's caddies both tested positive. Simpson cited the positive test of a family member.

Collin Morikawa, also in heading home, but not because of COVID-19. The 23-year-old Californian missed the cut for the first time in his PGA Tour career after rounds of 72-71.

Morikawa had made 22 straight cuts since turning pro, the longest such streak since Tiger Woods began his PGA Tour career with 25 consecutive cuts.

"It was bound to happen at some point," Morikawa said. "Who knows when that was going to be. But now I guess we're going to stop talking about it and I can go and just go on to next week. I'm going to learn a lot from this week."

There is rain in the forecast for Saturday, with the players grouped in threesomes and started on the first and 10th tees.

## NHL not planning to quarantine players for training camps

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Jason Spezza's confidence in the NHL returning has not been shaken by word of 11 fellow players testing positive for the coronavirus.

Given his involvement in NHL Players' Association talks, the veteran Toronto forward knew from doctors' input there would be positive test results in hockey just as there have been in other sports as group workouts ramp up across North America.

These very well may continue to happen with training camps scheduled to open July 10, yet deputy commissioner Bill Daly confirmed Thursday the league and NHLPA are not considering putting teams in quarantined "bubbles" for those mandatory sessions.

Instead, players are being instructed to stay home when not at the rink, with the hope that frequent testing and health protocols will prevent any outbreaks before, hopefully, games resume in two "hub" cities in late July.

"I'm pretty confident that once we get into hub cities, we'll be able to do a good job of keeping it out," Spezza said. "I think getting there is going to be the challenge, and that's where it takes a little bit of discipline for us as players to make sure we don't kind of deal the plans."

The league and players are still working to finalize a return-to-play agreement that would entail a 24-hour play-off to award the Stanley Cup. It's understood that players, coaches and staff would be quarantined from the general public for the duration of the playoffs and tested regularly.

Until arriving in one of those cities as early as July 23 or 24, players and their families are still out in the real world and face the risk of exposure.

"You have a whole bunch of people in close proximity to each other for prolonged periods of time, they may be traveling together exposed to other individuals that you don't know who they've been exposed to," Atrium Health medical director of infection prevention Katie Passacitti said. "Any time you're bringing groups together and then



In this Sunday, Feb. 16 file photo, Toronto Maple Leafs forward Jason Spezza (9) controls the puck during the second period of the team's NHL hockey game against the Buffalo Sabres in Buffalo, N.Y.

sending them back out into the world, there's the potential for further spread if one of those individuals was asymptotically infected or early in the stages of symptomatic infection."

The U.S. recorded 34,500 COVID-19 cases Wednesday, just shy of the peak of infections set in late April.

"There's lots of people everywhere testing positive," said Spezza, who's in his 7th NHL season. "As a player, we realize there's going to be some risk of a positive test, especially in the phases that we're in right now."

Voluntary workouts of up to six players on the ice at a time were able to begin June 8, with that limit increased to 12 this week and strict safety protocols. In other sports, Major League Baseball closed its training facilities in Florida and Arizona, and the NFLPA said its members to stop private workouts in light of rising coronavirus numbers in some places.

The Tampa Bay Lightning closed their facilities last week after three players and additional staff tested positive. The NHL announced 11 positives among more than 200 players tested.

"It's definitely eye-opening to hear, but at the same time, looking back going into it, you certainly expect that to pop up," Boston defenseman Matt Grzelcyk said. "You see more and more cases popping up across the league and that's to be expected, as well. But at the same time, it's still a little nerve-wrecking."

Two weeks away from the scheduled start of camps and less than a month from when games might begin, some players still have questions.

"Obviously health and safety is the biggest," Montreal goaltender Carey Price said. "Being able to come to a situation where you don't have to worry about contracting COVID-19 is huge. To 'bubble' the players and feel safe in your work environment is going to be probably the most paramount."

Players are expected to be tested daily once competition starts, and they will be isolated with each other. Even with frequent testing during camps, it seems to be incumbent on players, coaches, staff and those around them to be particularly vigilant away from hockey.

"As everything around us starts opening up, we almost have to tighten up because we're going back to play," Spezza said. "We have to be probably a little more careful as we get closer to training camps here."

One concern is for coaches and executives in the older age range that makes them more vulnerable to the virus. The Canadiens said 60-year-old coach Claude Julien intends on being behind the bench because "he has full confidence in the league's ability to set in place the security measures necessary to ensure the safety of it."

Training camp, when upwards of 10 players will be together, is the first test of those procedures.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**  
**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**WHAT:** Permit to Construct the Wild Springs Solar Project on approximately 1,459 acres of land in Pennington County, South Dakota, approximately one-half mile south of Hwy Underwood, South Dakota

**WHEN:** Wednesday, July 1, 2020, at 8:30 p.m. MDT / 7:30 p.m. CDT. Call-In Information: Number: 1(800)410-8397, [confer@sdpu.com](mailto:confer@sdpu.com); 32444870154

**WHERE:** Pursuant to Executive Order EO2020-16, the Commission will hold a telephonic public input meeting

Pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-15, 49-41B-16, and Executive Order EO2020-16, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission will hold a public input meeting at the above time on an application to construct the Wild Springs Solar project, a solar facility located on approximately 1,459 acres on privately-owned land in the Rapid City East and East Central Pennington Unorganized Territories, where civil township data is not available (Project Area). The proposed Project will have an output of up to 128 megawatts (MW) of nameplate solar energy capacity. The proposed Project includes solar modules, inverters, tracking racking, power access roads, a substation, an operations and maintenance building, a parking lot, electric collection lines, and up to three weather stations. The Project will interconnect to the Hwy Underwood Substation, which is owned and operated by Western Area Power Administration. Wild Springs has entered into a Private Purchase Agreement with Great Electric Power Cooperative, who is taking the entire output of the Project for 15 years, starting in 2022. The Project is expected to be completed in 2022. Applicant estimates the total cost of the Project to be \$190 million.

The purpose of the public input meeting will be to hear public comments regarding the Application and the Project. At the meeting, Wild Springs will present a brief description of the Project, after which interested persons may present their views, comments, and questions regarding the Application. Wild Springs presentation will be available on the Commission's website, [sdpu.sd.gov](http://sdpu.sd.gov), on July 1, 2020, the day of the meeting. Interested persons who wish to comment are asked to call the Commission at 1-800-332-1782 by 2:00 p.m. MDT / 1:00 p.m. CDT, July 1, 2020, to place their name on a list. Commenters who have pre-registered will be called on to comment first. Commenters will be given approximately 5 minutes to speak and asked to provide their name, town, and last four digits of the number they are calling from.

A copy of the Application is on file with the Pennington County Auditor pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-52 and at the Commission's office in Pierre. The Application and all other documents in the case, including detailed maps of the Project, may be accessed on the Commission's website at [sdpu.sd.gov](http://sdpu.sd.gov) under Commission Actions, Commission Dockets, Electric Dockets, 2020 Electric Dockets, EL25018 or by contacting the Commission by phone at (605) 332-2014 or (800) 332-1782.

Pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-17 and ARSD 20:1022.40, the parties to this proceeding are currently the Applicant and the Commission staff. Each municipality, county, and governmental agency in the area where the facility is proposed to be sited, or any person residing in the area where the facility is proposed to be sited, or any directly interested person, may be granted a party status in this proceeding by making timely written application to the Commission. Applications for party status may be obtained from the Commission's website or by contacting the Commission. Applications for party status must be filed with the Commission on or before 4:00 p.m. MDT / 3:00 p.m. CDT, July 14, 2020. The Commission will also be accepting comments in writing from anyone, either by mail, personal delivery, or e-mailing the Commission right up until the time of the decision. You may need to apply for party status if you want to participate formally in the case by putting on audio testimony or other factual evidence, conducting discovery, cross-examining witnesses, making legal arguments, and to preserve your right to appeal to the courts if you do not believe the Commission's decision is a legally correct one.

Following the public input meeting, the Commission may schedule a formal evidentiary hearing conforming to SDCL Chapter 1-26 to consider any issues raised by any intervening party, the Commission's staff, or the Commission itself. At such formal hearing, all parties will have the opportunity to appear, present evidence and cross-examine the other parties, witnesses and counsel at their own expense. SDCL Chapters 1-26, 49-1, and 49-41B and ARSD Chapters 20:1001 and 20:1022, including rights of appeal to the courts.

For approval, Wild Springs must show that the proposed Project will comply with all applicable laws and rules, will not pose a threat of serious injury to the environment nor to the social and economic condition of inhabitants or exposed inhabitants in the siting area, will not substantially impair the health, safety or welfare of the inhabitants, and will not unduly interfere with the orderly development of the region, with due consideration having been given to the views of governing bodies of affected town or units of government. Based upon these factors, the Commission will decide whether a permit to construct should be granted, denied, or granted upon such terms, conditions, or modifications of the construction, operation, or maintenance as the Commission finds appropriate.

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