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## **Patrick Cantlay Wins the 2021 BMW Championship at Caves Valley Golf Club in Thrilling Six-Hole Playoff.**

**Cantlay Outduels Bryson DeChambeau on Sixth Hole of Sudden Death Playoff to Capture His First BMW Championship. BMW Kicked Off BMW Championship Week With Annual Gardner Heidrick Pro-Am, to Raise Funds for Evans Scholars Foundation.**

**Owings Mills, MD – August 29, 2021...** BMW congratulates Patrick Cantlay on winning the 2021 BMW Championship today at Caves Valley Golf Club in Owings Mills, Maryland, outlasting Bryson DeChambeau in a thrilling six-hole sudden death playoff. After carding matching scores of 6-under-par in the final round, Cantlay and DeChambeau went back and forth for another six holes, filled with expert shot-making and a wild finish to the championship.

Cantlay and DeChambeau both set a BMW Championship record of 27-under-par, a new low score in relation to par in the history of the tournament, with a final score of 261. That sent the pair to extra holes to decide the championship, making it the third BMW Championship to be decided in a playoff in the last four years.

"I'm a little tired, but I'm very happy," Cantlay said after his round. "I played really well all week. At the beginning of the week, I didn't realize it would take that many under par to just force a playoff. But I hit a lot of good shots today and it was just enough."

Even before Sunday's exciting final round, the 2021 BMW Championship had no shortage of memorable moments. Seemingly each of the four days, a player appeared poised to become the 12<sup>th</sup> golfer in PGA TOUR history to card a 59 in a single round, with DeChambeau coming the closest – missing a short putt on the 18<sup>th</sup> hole on Friday afternoon for a 60. The tournament finished with record low scores, and each of the 70 players in the field finishing under par for the week.



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Following his victory, Cantlay was presented with the BMW Championship trophy, as well as the historic J.K. Wadley Trophy by Oliver Zipse, Chairman of the Board of Management, BMW AG.

“On behalf of everyone at BMW, I’d like to congratulate Patrick Cantlay on winning the 2021 BMW Championship, and say thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make this event a success,” said Zipse. “We at BMW have long considered the U.S. to be our second home, and this event is an important part of what we do – beyond serving as a national platform for our brand and products, it also provides an opportunity to raise money for the Evans Scholars Foundation.”

Once again, all proceeds from the 2021 BMW Championship benefitted the Evans Scholars Foundation, which provides full housing and tuition college scholarships to hardworking young caddies. Since the tournament’s inception 15 years ago in 2007, the BMW Championship has already raised more than \$36 million for the Evans Scholars Foundation. For the coming 2021 -22 academic year, a record 1,070 caddies will be attending 21 major colleges and universities on Evans Scholarships. Currently, there are more than 11,500 Evans Scholarship alumni nationwide.

Earlier in the week, the annual BMW Championship Gardner Heidrick Pro-Am returned to kick off the tournament. Another star-studded field joined PGA TOUR players in the largest fundraising event for the Evans Scholars Foundation, the charitable beneficiary of the BMW Championship. Among those teeing it up on Wednesday at Caves Valley were award-winning recording artist Macklemore; Maryland native and the most decorated swimmer in history, Michael Phelps; and Pro Football Hall of Famer and Baltimore Ravens legend, Jonathan Ogden.

Cantlay will look to defend his title next year, when the BMW Championship returns to the Mid-Atlantic area, at Wilmington Country Club in Wilmington, Delaware from August 18-21, 2022.

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### **About the BMW Championship**

The BMW Championship, conducted by the Western Golf Association, dates back to 1899 when it debuted as the Western Open, making it the third-oldest tournament on the PGA TOUR schedule, behind only the British Open and U.S. Open. BMW has sponsored the tournament since 2007 when it became the penultimate event of the PGA TOUR’s FedExCup Playoffs. The BMW Championship features a field of the top 70 players in the FedExCup standings to determine the final 30 players for the FedExCup finale at the TOUR Championship in Atlanta. To learn more, visit [www.bmwchampionship.com](http://www.bmwchampionship.com).

### **About the Western Golf Association**

The Western Golf Association conducts three national golf championships and sponsors the nationally-acclaimed Evans Scholars Foundation. Headquartered in Golf, Illinois, the organization was founded in 1899 by 11 Chicago-area golf clubs to promote their interests in golf. In addition to



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the BMW Championship, the WGA conducts two prestigious amateur championships, the Western Amateur and the Western Junior. To learn more, visit [www.wgaesf.org](http://www.wgaesf.org).

### **About the Evans Scholars Foundation**

The Evans Scholars Foundation, the nation's largest scholarship program for caddies, provides full housing and tuition college scholarships to young caddies who show academic promise and financial need. Overseen by the Western Golf Association, the golf charity has helped more than 11,500 caddies graduate from college since 1930. This fall, 1,070 Scholars are attending 21 universities nationwide.

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