

# U.S. Open Championship 2021

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Torrey Pines Golf Course

## Ian Poulter

### Quick Quotes



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#### **Q. Ian, third round of the U.S. Open. How did the course play today versus the two previous rounds?**

IAN POULTER: We got mild wind, so because of that and a little bit of overcast today, the greens are drying out, but there's still opportunities on this golf course. If you put it in play, you're going to have a few looks to make birdie. The par-5s, obviously, can be gettable, and you just need to play smart golf. There's a number of very tricky holes, a couple of very tight pin locations you need to be sensible on.

But I felt, obviously, with a birdie-birdie start, there was a score out there. I made a few mistakes and gave a couple back to the field where I really should have taken advantage, but any time you can put yourself kind of in that position, 3-under par is a good score. It's always going to be a good score at the U.S. Open, and I've kind of put myself back in there.

#### **Q. Overall thoughts of Torrey Pines as a U.S. Open venue?**

IAN POULTER: Hated it in '08. I think I played nine holes of round 2 and limped out of it with a wrist injury. U.S. Open golf is always frustrating. You know it right from the outset, but they've done a really good job this week. I think the rough has been tough but fair in places. I think around the greens it's been very, very juicy and very hard to predict lies. I think from kind of the fairway positions, they've given you a couple of opportunities.

Credit to those guys. I like what they're doing. I like the trend they're on, and hopefully we can make it a little more enjoyable at times.

#### **Q. Six birdies today. Any change in the game plan for tomorrow?**

IAN POULTER: No, just be aggressive. Just keep doing what I'm doing, smart golf. Just keep big numbers off the card, and I think, if you do that, you can obviously have a run at a few birdies.

