



2021 RBC Heritage

(29th of 50 events in the 2020-21 PGA TOUR Season)

Hilton Head Island, SC
Harbour Town Golf Links

April 15-18, 2021
Par/Yards: 36-35—71/7,121

FedExCup Points: 500 (winner)
Purse: \$7,100,000 (\$1,278,000 winner)

First-Round Notes – Thursday, April 15, 2021

Weather: Cloudy. High of 72. Wind WSW 10-15 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

Position	Name	Score
1.	Cameron Smith	62 (-9)
2.	Stewart Cink	63 (-8)
T3.	Matt Wallace	65 (-6)
T3.	Collin Morikawa	65 (-6)

Things to Know

- With a career-low and bogey-free 9-under 62, Cameron Smith ties lowest opening-round score in tournament history
- Smith includes a holed bunker shot at the par-3 17th among birdies on final two holes
- At 47 years old, 2000 and 2004 champion Stewart Cink opens his 22nd consecutive RBC Heritage with his lowest score in 75 rounds at Harbour Town Golf Links
- World No. 4 Collin Morikawa sinks a 20' 11" putt for birdie at his last hole to cap off 111' 0" of made putts
- Two weeks after a solo-third at the Valero Texas Open, England's Matt Wallace opens with a bogey-free 65
- World No. 1 and South Carolina native Dustin Johnson opens with 1-under 70 in his sixth RBC Heritage start

First-Round Lead Notes

- Through 27 stroke-play events this season, five first-round leaders/co-leaders have gone on to win; most recent was Matt Jones (The Honda Classic)
- Since 2010, the 18-hole leader/co-leader of the RBC Heritage has won twice; Matt Kuchar/2014, Branden Grace/2016

Cameron Smith: Entering the Week

Category	Cameron Smith
Age	27 (8/18/1993)
FedExCup	20
OWGR	26
Starts at RBC Heritage	5
Top-10s at RBC Heritage	0
Wins at RBC Heritage	0
PGA TOUR starts	142
PGA TOUR wins	2
PGA TOUR Top-10s	22
Starts in 2020-21	13
Top-10s in 2020-21	4
Wins in 2020-21	0

Cameron Smith (1st/-9)

- A week removed from his T10 at the Masters Tournament, opened his sixth RBC Heritage with a bogey-free and career-low 9-under 62
- The 62 ties Peter Lonard (2005) and Davis Love III (2002) for lowest opening-round score in RBC Heritage history
- His nine birdies in round one ties his career record for most in a single round on the PGA TOUR

- Holed a 41' 10" bunker shot for birdie at the par-3 17th to move to 8-under par; hit his approach shot at the par-4 18th to 4' 7" and made the putt to take the outright lead
- Marks his second 18-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR (2017 CIMB Classic/T5)
- Comes off missed cuts at the RBC Heritage in 2019 and 2020; best finish of T15 came in his first start in 2015
- Looks to become the first Australian winner of the RBC Heritage since Aaron Baddeley in 2006
- Seeks a fourth top-5 finish this season; T4/2020 ZOZO Championship, T2/2020 Masters Tournament, 4th/2021 The Genesis Invitational
- Two PGA TOUR wins: 2017 Zurich Classic of New Orleans (partnered with Jonas Blixt) and 2020 Sony Open in Hawaii
- Winner of the 2017 and 2018 Australian PGA Championship

Stewart Cink (2nd/-8)

- Making his 22nd consecutive start in the RBC Heritage, the 2000 and 2004 RBC Heritage champion overcame a bogey at his first hole of the day, No. 10, with seven birdies and an eagle (par-5 fifth) to open with 8-under 63
- The 63 signifies his lowest score in 75 rounds at the RBC Heritage
- The 63 equals his low 18-hole score this season and is one stroke shy of his career-low score (most recent of three occasions: 2019 Sony Open in Hawaii/R2)
- Hit 11 of 14 fairways and 15 of 18 greens in regulation; required 24 putts to complete his round
- Most recent of five top-10 finishes in the event, T7, came in 2008
- Comes off top-20 finishes in his last two PGA TOUR starts (T19/The Honda Classic, T12/Masters Tournament)
- Claimed his seventh career PGA TOUR victory in this season's first event at the Fortinet Championship in Napa, California
- With a victory, would join Bryson DeChambeau as multiple winners on TOUR this season

Additional Player Notes

- In his second RBC Heritage start (2020/T64), **Collin Morikawa** offset one bogey with seven birdies to post a 6-under 65; with his 20' 11" birdie at his final hole, No. 18, extended his total feet of made putts to 111' 0"
- Making his third start in the RBC Heritage, England's **Matt Wallace** sits T3 courtesy of a bogey-free 6-under 65; in his 39th career start on TOUR, 6-under (65) ties his career low score to par; in last two TOUR starts before this week, finished solo-third at the Valero Texas Open and T34 at last week's Masters Tournament
- 2021 WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play champion **Billy Horschel** posted a 5-under 66 in his ninth consecutive RBC Heritage start; has top-10 finishes in 2013 (T9) and 2018 (T5)
- Following birdies on five of his first 10 holes, **Charles Howell III** (T5/-5) finished his round with eight straight pars, good for a bogey-free 66; seeks his first RBC Heritage top-10 finish in his 16th start
- Charlotte, N.C. resident **Harold Varner III** opened with a 5-under 66 in his sixth RBC Heritage start and after three consecutive missed cuts at Harbour Town Golf Links; seeks his 13th career top-10 finish on TOUR and first since a T7 at the 2020 Wyndham Championship (T7)
- Last week's Masters Tournament runner-up **Will Zalatoris** is T17 after a 3-under 68
- Defending champion **Webb Simpson** (T67/E) seeks to become the fourth player to successfully defend his RBC Heritage title, joining Payne Stewart (1989-90), Davis Love III (1991-92) and Boo Weekley (2007-08)
- World No. 1 and South Carolina native **Dustin Johnson** (T46/-1) is a combined 22-over par on the par-3 holes at Harbour Town Golf Links (17 rounds), marking his worst Par-3 Performance on any course in his TOUR career; best of five previous starts in the event is T16 (2018)

Toughest Hole

R1: Par-4 12th and Par-4 8th (4.201)

Easiest Hole

R1: Par-5 2nd (4.373)

Scoring Averages

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	35.321	35.388	70.709	--

Bogey-free rounds:

R1 (6): Cameron Smith (62), Matt Wallace (65), Harold Varner III (66), Charles Howell III (66), Mackenzie Hughes (67), Emiliano Grillo (68)

