



2022 RBC Canadian Open
(34th of 47 events in the 2021-22 PGA TOUR Season)

Toronto, Ontario, Canada
 St. George's Golf & Country Club

June 9-12, 2022
 Par/Yards: 34-36—70/7,014 yards

FedExCup points: 500 (winner)
 Purse: \$8.7 million (\$1,566,000)

First-Round Notes – Thursday, June 9, 2022

Weather: Cloudy. High of 69. Wind NW 10-15 mph, with gusts to 22 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

Wyndham Clark	63 (-7)
Matt Fitzpatrick	64 (-6)
Doug Ghim	65 (-5)
Harold Varner III	65 (-5)

Things to Know

- Wyndham Clark holds a one-stroke lead after his lowest round of the season (63)
- Matt Fitzpatrick (2nd) has 16 top-10s on the PGA TOUR since the start of the 2019-20 season, the most of any player without a TOUR win in that span
- Defending champion Rory McIlroy opens with a 4-under 66 and enters the second round T5
- World No. 1 and FedExCup leader Scottie Scheffler cards a 1-under 69 in his first start since falling to Sam Burns in a playoff at the Charles Schwab Challenge
- Mackenzie Hughes is T5 after a 4-under 66, the best of any Canadian in the field
- The RBC Canadian Open is being played for the first time since 2019 after two cancellations due to COVID-19

First-Round Lead Notes

- 4 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win the RBC Canadian Open since 2000 (most recent: Scott Piercy, 2012)
- 5 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win individual stroke-play events on TOUR in 2021-22 (most recent: Jon Rahm/Mexico Open at Vidanta)

Wyndham Clark (1st/-7)

Category	Entering the week
Age	28 (December 9, 1993)
FedExCup	125
OWGR	293
Starts – wins – top-10s in PGA TOUR career	106-0-7
Starts – wins – top-10s on TOUR in 2021-22	21-0-1
Starts – wins – top-10s at RBC Canadian Open	2-0-0

- Ties his second-lowest score of his PGA TOUR career with a 63 (lowest: 61, R1/2020 WM Phoenix Open)
- Third career 18-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR; 0-for-2 to date (17th/2017 Sanderson Farms Championship, T34/2020 WM Phoenix Open)
- Sets season-highs in Strokes Gained: Total, SG: Tee-to-Green and SG: Putting
- One top-10 this season (T10/Zurich Classic of New Orleans with partner Cameron Tringale)
- Best career finish on TOUR: P2, 2020 Bermuda Championship (lost in playoff to Brian Gay)

Matt Fitzpatrick (2nd/-6)

- Ties his career-low score on the PGA TOUR with a 64 (fourth instance; first since the 2021 RBC Heritage)
- 16 top-10s on the PGA TOUR since the start of the 2019-20 season, the most of any player without a TOUR win in that span (second-most: Will Zalatoris, 15); Fitzpatrick has won twice on the DP World Tour in that stretch
- Leads the PGA TOUR in Strokes Gained: Total this season (1.965 per round entering the week)

Miscellaneous notes

- **Rory McIlroy** (T5/-5) opens his title defense with a 4-under 66; McIlroy has not successfully defended a title in 14 prior attempts on TOUR (three top-fives in those 14 starts, including a solo-fifth at the Wells Fargo Championship in May)
- Dundas, Ontario native **Mackenzie Hughes** (T5) records a 4-under 66, the best score of the 20 players in the field representing Canada (19 with Michael Gligic's WD)
- **Scottie Scheffler** (T25), **Sam Burns** (T9) and **Cameron Smith** (T136), Nos. 1-3 in the FedExCup standings, are grouped together for the first two rounds; Scheffler and Burns are making their first start since the Charles Schwab Challenge, where Burns defeated Scheffler in a playoff to earn his third win of the season (Scheffler: 4)
- **Jonas Blixt** (T9/-3) qualified for the U.S. Open via Final Qualifying on Monday, earning medalist honors at the Milton, Ontario site (RattleSnake Point Golf Club); Blixt, a three-time PGA TOUR winner, entered the week with two starts remaining on his Major Medical Extension and needs 237 FedExCup points to retain full status for the remainder of the season (2-way T2 or better)
- **Michael Gligic** withdrew during the first round
- **Kevin Stadler** was disqualified after not signing his scorecard; fourth DQ of Stadler's career (305th start)