



2022 RBC Heritage
(26th of 47 events in the 2021-22 PGA TOUR Season)

Hilton Head Island, South Carolina
Harbour Town Golf Links

April 14-17, 2022
Par/Yards: 36-35—71/7,191

FedExCup points: 500 (winner)
Purse: \$8 million (\$1.44 million/winner)

First-Round Notes – Thursday, April 14, 2022

Weather: Partly sunny. High of 77. Wind S 10-15 mph, with gusts to 20 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

Cameron Young 63 (-8)
 Joaquin Niemann 65 (-6)
 Seven players 66 (-5)

Things to Know

- PGA TOUR rookie Cameron Young opens with a bogey-free 63, the lowest first-round score of his PGA TOUR career and one stroke shy of his low in any round
- Young holds a two-stroke lead, the first lead/co-lead of his PGA TOUR career after any round
- Joaquin Niemann has now been T3 or better after 18 holes five times this season, the most of any player
- Defending champion and three-time RBC Heritage winner Stewart Cink is T10; last player to successfully defend title at the event: Boo Weekley (2008)
- Competing on a Major Medical Extension in his first PGA TOUR start since the 2019 Shriners Children’s Open, Morgan Hoffmann cards an even-par 71

First-Round Lead Notes

- 2 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win the RBC Heritage since 2010 (most recent: Branden Grace, 2016)
- 4 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win on TOUR in 2021-22 (most recent: Sam Burns, Valspar Championship)

Cameron Young (1st/-8)

Category	Entering the week
Age	24 (May 7, 1997)
FedExCup	22
OWGR	50
Starts – wins – top-10s in PGA TOUR career	17-0-2
Starts – wins – top-10s on TOUR in 2021-22	14-0-2
Starts – wins – top-10s at the RBC Heritage	<i>Tournament debut</i>

- Opens with a bogey-free 63 and holds a two-stroke lead after the first round
- First lead after any round of his PGA TOUR career (previous-best 18-hole position: T2, 2022 Genesis Invitational/finished T2)
- Lowest first-round score of his PGA TOUR career (previous: 64, 2022 American Express/finished T40)
- One stroke shy of his career-low 18-hole score after any round (62, R2/2022 Genesis Invitational)
- First score in the 60s since the final round of The Honda Classic (65), snapping a streak of eight consecutive scores in the 70s
- Two runner-up finishes this season (Sanderson Farms Championship, The Genesis Invitational), tied with Collin Morikawa for most on TOUR
- One rookie winner on TOUR this season (Chad Ramey/Corales Puntacana Championship)

Miscellaneous notes

- This is the fifth time this season that **Joaquin Niemann** (2nd) has been T3 or better after 18 holes, the most of any player; Niemann’s last five 18-hole positions on TOUR: 1st-T45-T3-T3-2nd
- At The Genesis Invitational in February, Niemann won and Young finished T2; the two played in the final grouping together (along with Viktor Hovland)
- Both PGA TOUR members from Chile are T3 or better: Niemann (2nd/-6) and rookie **Mito Pereira** (T3/-5)

- **Corey Connors** (T3/-5) made a hole-in-one (No. 7, 187 yards), his fourth on the PGA TOUR since the start of the 2019-20 season (most on TOUR in that stretch; second-most: Martin Laird, 3); Connors' holes-in-one have come at the 2020 BMW Championship, 2021 Masters Tournament, 2021 Wells Fargo Championship and 2022 RBC Heritage
- 2013 RBC Heritage winner **Graeme McDowell** (T3/-5) ties his lowest score of the season with a 66 (fourth instance; first since R1/The American Express)
- Reigning FedExCup Champion **Patrick Cantlay** (T3/-5) opens with a 66, snapping a streak of seven consecutive scores in the 70s on TOUR; Cantlay opened the season with four consecutive top-10s and has not recorded one in four starts since losing to Scottie Scheffler in a playoff at the WM Phoenix Open
- **Shane Lowry** (T3/-5) has finished in the top 15 in each of his last four stroke-play starts on TOUR (2nd/The Honda Classic, T13/THE PLAYERS Championship, T12/Valspar Championship, T3/Masters Tournament)
- Making his 100th career start on the PGA TOUR, 2022 Honda Classic champion **Sepp Straka** records a 5-under 66 to stand T3
- Defending champion and three-time RBC Heritage winner **Stewart Cink** is T10; last player to successfully defend title at the RBC Heritage: Boo Weekley (2008)
- **Webb Simpson** (T32/-2) made five consecutive birdies to finish the round, becoming the first player on record (1983-present) to birdie Nos. 14-18 at Harbour Town Golf Links in a single round
- Competing on a Major Medical Extension in his first PGA TOUR start since the 2019 Shriners Children's Open, **Morgan Hoffmann** stands T71 after an even-par 71; Hoffmann has three starts remaining on his extension and needs 238.420 or more FedExCup points in those starts to remain in the Major Medical category for the rest of the season
- **Zach Johnson** WD during the first round due to illness