



# 2022 RBC Heritage (26<sup>th</sup> of 47 events in the 2021-22 PGA TOUR Season)

Hilton Head Island, South Carolina April 14-17, 2022 FedExCup points: 500 (winner)

Harbour Town Golf Links Par/Yards: 36-35—71/7,191 Purse: \$8 million (\$1.44 million/winner)

Third-Round Notes - Saturday, April 16, 2022

Weather: Mostly cloudy. High of 76. Wind SW 7-14 mph.

## **Third-Round Leaderboard**

Harold Varner III 67-72-63—202 (-11) Shane Lowry 66-72-65—203 (-10) Erik van Rooyen 69-67-67—203 (-10) Patrick Cantlay 66-67-70—203 (-10)

## Things to Know

- Following a bogey-free 63, Harold Varner III holds the 54-hole lead for the second time on the PGA TOUR (0-for-1 to date)
- Varner attempts to become the eighth Black player to win on TOUR
- Reigning FedExCup Champion and 36-hole leader Patrick Cantlay trails by one following a 1-under 70
- Shane Lowry and Erik van Rooyen, both T2, would become the sixth international winner of the RBC Heritage since 2012
- Of 12 players at 8-under or better, Varner III (1st) and Tommy Fleetwood (T9) seek their first TOUR victory
- The last two RBC Heritage champions (Webb Simpson/2020, Stewart Cink/2021) held the 54-hole lead/co-lead; prior to 2020, the event featured seven consecutive come-from-behind winners, with all trailing by at least two strokes
- RBC Ambassadors currently within four shots of the lead: Varner III (1<sup>st</sup>), Matt Kuchar (T5), Corey Conners (T13)

#### **Third-Round Lead Notes**

- 4 Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win the RBC Heritage since 2010 (most recent: Stewart Cink/2021)
- 9 Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win on TOUR in 2021-22 (most recent: Scottie Scheffler/Masters Tournament)

## Harold Varner III (1st/-11)

Category	Entering the week
Age	31 (8/15/1990)
FedExCup	65
OWGR	39
Starts – wins – top-10s in PGA TOUR career	178-0-14
Starts – wins – top-10s on TOUR in 2021-22	12-0-1
Starts – wins – top-10s at the RBC Heritage	6-0-1

- Posts bogey-free 8-under 63 and takes a one-stroke lead over Shane Lowry, Erik van Rooyen and Patrick Cantlay
- Holds the 54-hole lead/co-lead for the second time on the PGA TOUR (2018 A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier/T5)
- Would become the eighth Black player to win on the PGA TOUR: Tiger Woods (82), Calvin Peete (12), Lee Elder (4), Jim Thorpe (3), Cameron Champ (3), Pete Brown (2), Charlie Sifford (2)
- Best finish in 178 prior starts on TOUR came at the 2021 RBC Heritage (T2); runner-up finish represents his only top-10 finish in six prior starts at the event
- The last player to win a PGA TOUR event after finishing runner-up the year prior was Scottie Scheffler at the 2022 WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play
- Third-round 63 falls one stroke shy of his career-low round on TOUR and one shy of the best third round score in RBC Heritage history (Gil Morgan/1995)
- Lone top-10 finish this season came at THE PLAYERS Championship (T6)

#### Miscellaneous notes

• One week following a T3 at The Masters Tournament, **Shane Lowry** (T2/-10) is in search of his third PGA TOUR victory (2015 WGC-Bridgestone Invitational, 2019 Open Championship); has two top-10 finishes in four starts at the RBC Heritage (T3/2019, T9/2021); leads the field in Strokes Gained: Approach the Green (2.633 per round)

- 2021 Barracuda Championship winner **Erik van Rooyen** (T2/-10) owns four top-25s in 11 starts this season, with T13 at THE PLAYERS Championship his best; finished T21 in his debut appearance at the 2020 RBC Heritage; leads the field in Strokes Gained: Off the Tee (1.406 per round), Driving Accuracy (T1; 34 of 42)
- Reigning FedExCup Champion and second-round leader Patrick Cantlay (T2/-10) falls one stroke behind Harold Varner III following a 1-under 70; 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; six-time TOUR winner holds three top-10s in four appearances at RBC Heritage (T3/2017, T7/2018, T3/2019, MC/2021)
- With a 4-under 67, RBC ambassador and 2014 RBC Heritage winner **Matt Kuchar** (T5/-9) extends his streak of most active rounds of par-or-better at RBC Heritage to 15
- Jordan Spieth (T9/-8) has made five bogeys in 54 holes, with three coming at the par-3 seventh hole; only two players of the 71 who made the cut rank worse than Spieth in par-3 scoring average (Sahith Theegala, Joseph Bramlett); leads the field in Strokes Gained: Tee to Green (3.246 per round)