



ROCKET Mortgage Classic

2022 Rocket Mortgage Classic

(The 43rd of 47 events in the 2021-22 PGA TOUR Season)

Detroit, Michigan
Detroit Golf Club

July 28-31, 2022
Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,370

FedExCup Points: 500
Purse: \$8,400,000/\$1,512,000

First-Round Notes – Thursday, July 28, 2022

Weather: Partly cloudy. High of 83. Wind WSW 12-18 mph, with gusts to 30 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

Tony Finau	64 (-8)
Taylor Pendrith	64 (-8)
Michael Thompson	66 (-6)
Webb Simpson	66 (-6)
Cameron Champ	66 (-6)
Lee Hodges	66 (-6)
Matt Wallace	66 (-6)

Things to Know

- Tony Finau becomes first player since Dustin Johnson in 2018 to win, then hold the first-round lead/co-lead the following week
- Finau is 0-for-6 in converting prior first-round leads/co-leads; Taylor Pendrith holds the first-round lead/co-lead for the first time on TOUR
- Mark Hubbard makes his second career hole-in-one and fifth ace in tournament history
- Defending champion Cam Davis opens with 68 (-4) to sit T22
- World No. 4 Patrick Cantlay and Will Zalatoris (No. 13), the two highest-ranked players in the field, sit T53 at 2-under

First-Round Lead Notes

- 1 First-round leader/co-leader at the Rocket Mortgage Classic to win (Nate Lashley/2019)
- 6 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win individual stroke-play events on PGA TOUR in 2021-22 (most recent: J.T. Poston/John Deere Classic)

Co-leaders: Entering the week

Category	Tony Finau	Taylor Pendrith
Age	32 (September 14, 1989)	31 (May 30, 1991)
Country	USA	Canada
FedExCup Playoffs and Eligibility Points List	17	97
OWGR	16	237
Starts – wins – top-10s in PGA TOUR career	212-3-51	26-0-1
Starts – wins – top-10s on TOUR in 2021-22	21-1-4	17-0-1
Starts – wins – top-10s at Rocket Mortgage Classic	1-0-0	0-0-0

Tony Finau (T1/-8)

- Captured his third PGA TOUR title at last week's 3M Open
- First player since Dustin Johnson in 2018 to win, then hold the first-round lead/co-lead the following week (Johnson won FedEx St. Jude Classic, sat T1 after first round of U.S. Open); NOTE: does not include TOUR Championship due to FedExCup starting strokes
- For the first time in his PGA TOUR career (728th stroke-play round), hits 18 of 18 greens in regulation en route to a bogey-free 64 (-8)
- Holds the first-round lead/co-lead for the seventh time on TOUR, failing to convert any of the prior six for a win; most recent first-round lead/co-lead: 2020 Memorial Tournament presented by Workday (8th)

- Equals his best opening-round score on TOUR with a 64 (three times); last time he opened with 64 on TOUR he finished runner-up at 2019 Charles Schwab Challenge
- Attempting to become third player this season to win back-to-back starts (Xander Schauffele/Travelers Championship/Genesis Scottish Open, Scottie Scheffler/World Golf Championships-Dell Technologies Match Play/Masters Tournament)
- Seeking to become first player to win back-to-back tournaments on TOUR since Patrick Cantlay in 2021 (BMW Championship, TOUR Championship) and first in the FedExCup Regular Season since Brendon Todd in 2019 (Butterfield Bermuda Championship, World Wide Technology Championship at Mayakoba)
- Currently projected No. 6 in the FedExCup Playoffs and Eligibility Points List; seeking to finish in the Comcast Business TOUR TOP 10 at the end of the Regular Season (after next week's Wyndham Championship), where the player ranked No. 1 will earn \$4 million and the player who finishes No. 10 will earn \$1 million
- Carded just two bogeys in his last 89 holes on TOUR and is 26-under during that stretch

Taylor Pendrith (T1/-8)

- PGA TOUR rookie posts nine birdies and one bogey (No. 18) en route to 64, matching his most birdies in a round on TOUR (61/R2/2021 Butterfield Bermuda Championship)
- Holds the first-round lead/co-lead for the first time on TOUR
- Seeks his second career top-10 in his first appearance at the Rocket Mortgage Classic
- Held 36- and 54-leads en route to T5 at 2021 Butterfield Bermuda Championship, his only top-10 finish on TOUR
- Finished T13 at THE PLAYERS Championship in March before taking time off to heal a fractured rib; notched two top-20 results in his two starts since returning to the TOUR in July (T13/Barbasol Championship, T11/Barracuda Championship)
- One of three members of 'The 25' on the 2020-21 Korn Ferry Tour Regular Season who earned a PGA TOUR card without a victory (Nick Hardy, Ben Kohles)
- Won twice on PGA TOUR Canada in 2019

Additional Player Notes

- **Michael Thompson** (T3/-6) posts his lowest round, and his fourth under-par opening round, at Detroit Golf Club in his fourth appearance at the Rocket Mortgage Classic (MC/2019, T64/2020, MC/2021)
- **Webb Simpson** (T3/-6) cards a round with all 4s or better for the 34th time in his PGA TOUR career (most recently, R3/2022 Travelers Championship); lone top-10 in 17 starts this season is T8 at The RSM Classic
- **Cameron Champ** (T3/-6) cards his fourth score of 66 or better in 11 rounds at this event
- In his last eight starts dating to the 2022 AT&T Byron Nelson, **Lee Hodges** (T3/-6) has begun with an under-par, opening-round score
- **Matt Wallace** (T3/-6) opens with 6-under 66 for the second time in as many appearances at the Rocket Mortgage Classic (T12/2020)
- Four-time TOUR winner **Charley Hoffman** (T8/-5) is projected No. 153 in the FedExCup Playoffs and Eligibility Points List and one of only six players who have qualified for the FedExCup Playoffs in all 15 years
- Since finishing T66 at THE PLAYERS Championship, **Nick Watney** (T8/-5) has missed 12 cuts in 12 starts
- **Mark Hubbard** (T22/-4) holes a 216-yard 4-iron at No. 11 for his second career hole-in-one and fifth ace in tournament history; Hubbard's first ace: 2014 Fortinet Championship (No. 7/R2); last ace at Rocket Mortgage Classic: Troy Merritt (No. 11/R3/2021)
- **Chris Naegel** (T22/-4), who successfully Monday qualified for each of his last four starts on TOUR, seeks to improve on his best result this season, a T16 at the John Deere Classic
- **Joohyung Kim** (T33/-3), a sponsor exemption who accepted Special Temporary Membership on the PGA TOUR after The Open Championship, currently owns 327 non-member FedExCup points; needs to earn as many non-member FedExCup points (or better) as the player who finishes No. 125 on the FedExCup Playoffs and Eligibility Points List after next week's Wyndham Championship to earn full PGA TOUR status for the 2022-23 season
- For the sixth time in his last seven starts on TOUR dating to the 2022 PGA Championship, World No. 4 **Patrick Cantlay** (T53/-2) begins with a round in the 70s (64/Travelers Championship/T13); results in his last six starts: MC, T3, T14, T13, T4, T8
- **Wyatt Worthington II** (154th/+7) makes seven bogeys and 11 pars in the opening round; won the John Shippen National Invitational to earn a spot in the field
- **Vaughn Taylor** withdrew with illness during the first round