



2022 The American Express
(12th of 47 events in the 2021-22 PGA TOUR Season)

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| La Quinta, California | January 20-23, 2022 | FedExCup points: 500 (winner) |
| PGA WEST PETE DYE STADIUM COURSE | Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,158 | Purse: \$7,600,000/\$1,368,000 |
| PGA WEST NICKLAUS TOURNAMENT COURSE | Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,147 | |
| LA QUINTA COUNTRY CLUB | Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,060 | |

First-Round Notes – Thursday, January 20, 2022

Weather: Mostly Sunny. High of 75. Wind NNW 10-15 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

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|----------------------|----------------|
| Lee Hodges (LQ) | 62 (-10) |
| Patrick Cantlay (LQ) | 62 (-10) |
| K.H. Lee (SC) | 64 (-8) |
| Cameron Young (LQ) | 64 (-8) |
| <i>Eight players</i> | <i>65 (-7)</i> |

Things to Know

- Lee Hodges holds the lead/co-lead after any round for the first time in his PGA TOUR career
- Patrick Cantlay is 28-under in his last three rounds at The American Express (65-61-62)
- K.H. Lee posts 64 for low score of the day at Stadium Course
- Danny Lee, Tom Hoge, Seamus Power and Greyson Sigg post 65 for low score of the day at Nicklaus Course
- K.H. Lee (Korea), Danny Lee (New Zealand) and Seamus Power (Ireland) are the only non-American players in the top-10

First-Round Lead Notes

- 4 First-round leaders/co leaders to win The American Express (since 2000); most recent - Jon Rahm/2018
- 1 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win on TOUR in 2021-22 (Cameron Smith/Sentry Tournament of Champions)

Co-leaders (Entering this week)

| Category | Lee Hodges | Patrick Cantlay |
|---|--------------------|---------------------|
| Age | 26 (June 14, 1995) | 29 (March 17, 1992) |
| FedExCup | 145 | 76 |
| OWGR | 312 | 4 |
| Starts – wins – top-10s in PGA TOUR career | 13 – 0 – 0 | 122 – 6 – 33 |
| Starts – wins – top-10s on TOUR in 2021-22 | 7 – 0 – 0 | 1 – 0 – 1 |
| Starts – wins – top-10s at The American Express | 0 – 0 – 0 | 3 – 0 – 2 |

Lee Hodges (T1/-10)

- Alabama native and PGA TOUR rookie makes 14th career start on TOUR, eighth this season and first at The American Express after finishing No. 8 on Korn Ferry Tour points standings last season
- Posts 7-under 29 on his inward nine at La Quinta Country Club en route to 10-under 62; marks his career low round on TOUR (previous low: 65/R1/2021 RSM Classic)
- Won 2020 WinCo Foods Portland Open presented by KraftHeinz
- Best finish in 13 prior TOUR starts is T11/2021 Barracuda Championship
- Holds first lead/co-lead of his career on the PGA TOUR; best position after any round on TOUR prior to this week was T2 after round one at 2021 Puerto Rico Open, eventually finishing T13

Patrick Cantlay (T1/-10)

- Current FedExCup champion makes second start this season; shot 26-under to finish fourth at Sentry Tournament of Champions and is now 36-under in his five rounds this season
- Added three birdies to an outward nine of 29 (-7) to reach 10-under through 13 holes before closing with five straight pars; opening seven-hole stretch of 7-under at La Quinta marks best in his career on TOUR (previous best: 6-under/R1/2021 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am)
- Makes fourth appearance at The American Express; after closing 65-61 to finish runner-up last year, is now 28-under in last three rounds at this event; finished T9 in 2019 and missed the cut in 2013
- Career low on TOUR is 60 in the second round of the 2011 Travelers Championship as an amateur
- Holds first-round lead/co-lead for the fifth time on TOUR, going on to victory once in the previous four (2021 TOUR Championship/includes Starting FedExCup Strokes)

Miscellaneous Notes

- PGA TOUR rookie **Cameron Young** (T3/-8) makes one eagle, seven birdies and one bogey at La Quinta in his sixth start this season; made 27 birdies (most in field) en route to T2 result at 2021 Sanderson Farms Championship for his best finish on TOUR; won twice on the Korn Ferry Tour last season to earn PGA TOUR status
- **K.H. Lee** (T3/-8) closed with three birdies (Nos. 7-9) to post the low score of the day on the Stadium Course; makes fourth start at The American Express (MC/2019, T21/2020, T32/2021)
- **Joseph Bramlett** (T5/-7) notches a career-best 10 birdies, including six in a row (Nos. 11-16), on the Stadium Course
- **Sam Ryder** (T5/-7) seeks to make his fifth cut in as many appearances at The American Express after opening with 7-under 65 at the Stadium Course (T50/2018, T40/2019, T29/2020, T47/2021)
- In his 29th round this season, **Seamus Power** (T5/-7) records his 28th round of par or better (Nicklaus Course)
- World No. 1 and the 2018 American Express champion **Jon Rahm** (T13/-6) posts bogey-free opening round at La Quinta in search of his seventh TOUR title
- **Graeme McDowell** (T13/-6) makes his second appearance at The American Express (MC/2003 with 69-69-73-69 when it was a 90-hole event)
- Defending champion **Si Woo Kim** (T40/-4) posts seven birdies at La Quinta, plus a bogey (No. 7) and a double bogey (No. 8)
- **Harry Higgs** (T13/-6) aces No. 15 at La Quinta with a 5-iron from 199 yards for his first hole-in-one on TOUR
- **Phil Mickelson** (T154/+6) records a double bogey (No. 2) and a quintuple bogey (No. 8) at La Quinta en route to equaling his highest score at this event (78/R4/2007 – 76 rounds); marks the 11th time in 40,706 holes played that he records a score of 9 or higher on TOUR



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