



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

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	

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, January 22, 2022

Weather: Partly cloudy. High of 70. Wind NNW 14-18 mph, gusting to 28 mph.

54-hole cut: 70 players at 7-under 209 from a field of 156 professionals. The final round will feature threesomes off split tees on the Stadium Course.

Third-Round Leaderboard

Lee Hodges	62-72-64—198 (-18) LQ-NT-SC
Paul Barjon	66-67-65—198 (-18) LQ-NT-SC
Tom Hoge	65-66-68—199 (-17) NT-SC-LQ
Seamus Power	65-69-66—200 (-16) NT-SC-LQ

Things to Know

- Through 54 holes, a pair of PGA TOUR rookies, each making their 14th TOUR start, sit tied for the lead
- PGA TOUR rookie **Paul Barjon** has played his last six holes each round this week in 4-under par
- PGA TOUR rookie **Lee Hodges** shoots 64, two rounds removed from an opening-round 10-under 62
- With one bogey through 54 holes, **Tom Hoge** closes in on his first career PGA TOUR title in 201st start
- **Seamus Power** plays first six holes in 6-under in bid for second-consecutive top-5 finish on TOUR; with a win Sunday, is projected to move to No. 2 in the FedExCup
- 2017 American Express champion **Hudson Swafford** birdies four of last five holes to get within three of the lead
- An even-par 72 (Stadium Course) ends **Patrick Cantlay's** streak of consecutive rounds in the 60s on TOUR at 21

Third-Round Lead Notes

- 6 Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win The American Express since 2012, when event became 72-holes (Mark Wilson/2012, Patrick Reed/2014, Bill Haas/2015, Jason Dufner/2016, Andrew Landry/2020, Si Woo Kim/2021)
- 4 Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win in 2021-22 (most recent: Cameron Smith/Sentry Tournament of Champions)

(Entering this week)

Category	Lee Hodges	Paul Barjon
Age	26 (June 14, 1995)	29 (September 19, 1992)
FedExCup	145	171
OWGR	312	313
PGA TOUR starts – wins – top-10s	13 – 0 – 0	13 – 0 – 0
2021-22 TOUR starts–wins–top-10s	7 – 0 – 0	5 – 0 – 0
AmEx starts–wins–top-10s	0 – 0 – 0	0 – 0 – 0

Lee Hodges (T1/-18)

- Making his 14th career start on TOUR and eighth of the season, PGA TOUR rookie birdied six of his last nine holes on the Stadium Course en route to an 8-under 64
- Opened the week with a career-low 10-under 62 at La Quinta to claim a share of the 18-hole lead with Patrick Cantlay
- Prior to this week, best position after any round on TOUR was T2 after round one of the 2021 Puerto Rico Open (T13)
- Alabama native earned TOUR status after finishing No. 8 on Korn Ferry Tour points standings last season

- Won 2020 WinCo Foods Portland Open presented by KraftHeinz; paired in the final group with Paul Barjon, who finished T2
- Best finish in 13 prior TOUR starts is T11/2021 Barracuda Championship

Paul Barjon (T1/-18)

- PGA TOUR rookie native offset a lone bogey with eight birdies to post a 7-under 65 on the Stadium Course; has played his last six holes in each round this week in 4-under par
- Prior to this week, best position after any round on TOUR was T15 after round two of the 2021 Sanderson Farms Championship (finished T39)
- Best finish in five starts this season is T39/2021 Sanderson Farms Championship
- Best finish on the PGA TOUR (13 starts) is T20/2019 RBC Canadian Open
- Earned PGA TOUR status by virtue of finishing inside the top-50 from the 2020-21 Korn Ferry Tour; lone victory on that Tour came at the 2020 Huntsville Championship

Miscellaneous Notes

- Seeking his first career PGA TOUR title in his 201st start, **Tom Hoge (3rd/-17)** strung together four consecutive birdies on Nos. 4-7 at La Quinta en route to a 4-under 68; 17-under 199 mark his lowest 54-hole score to par in 191 stroke-play starts on the PGA TOUR (previously: -16/2018 Sony Open in Hawaii); played first 36 holes bogey-free for the first time in his PGA TOUR career (stroke-play events); lone bogey through 54 holes came at his first hole of the day in round three (No. 1/LQ)
- Seeking a second consecutive top-5 finish on TOUR (T3/Sony Open in Hawaii) and third of the 2021-22 season (T4/The RSM Classic), Ireland's **Seamus Power (4th/-16)** was 6-under through six holes (P-B-B-B-B-E) before finishing with a 6-under 66; with a win Sunday, is projected to move to No. 2 in the FedExCup; claimed his first career PGA TOUR title at the 2021 Barbasol Championship in a playoff victory over J.T. Poston
- Making his second start in The American Express (MC/2020), **Harry Higgs** posted a bogey-free 5-under 67 on the Stadium Course and sits T5 at 15-under 201; best of 60 career PGA TOUR starts are two runner-up finishes (2019 Bermuda Championship, 2020 Fortinet Championship)
- Following missed cuts in the 2020 and 2021 American Express, 2017 champion **Hudson Swafford (T5/-15)** birdied four of his last five holes on the Stadium Course (Nos. 5, 6, 8, 9) to post a 6-under 66
- After opening his fourth start at The American Express with a 10-under 62 (LQ) and 4-under 68 (NT), **Patrick Cantlay (T11/-14)** lost ground with an even-par 72 on the Stadium Course, ending his streak of consecutive rounds in the 60s on TOUR at 21; comes off a solo-second in the event last season, largely due to a course record 11-under 61 in the final round; in only other start of the season, finished fourth at the Sentry Tournament of Champions two weeks ago
- World No. 1 and 2018 American Express champion **Jon Rahm (T15/-13)** offset one bogey with six birdies on the Stadium Course to post a 5-under 67
- In his bid to become the first player to successfully defend his American Express title since Johnny Miller in 1976, **Si Woo Kim** sits T24 at 11-under 205
- Making his 19th start in The American Express, two-time tournament champion (2002, 2004) **Phil Mickelson** missed the cut for a third consecutive season (7-over 223)