



GENESIS INVITATIONAL

2022 The Genesis Invitational (16th of 47 events in the 2021-22 PGA TOUR Season)

Pacific Palisades, California The Riviera Country Club

February 17-20, 2022 Par/Yards: 35-36—71/7,322

FedExCup Points: 550 (winner) Purse: \$12,000,000 (\$2,160,000 winner)

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, February 19, 2022

Weather: Sunny. High of 67. Wind WSW 6-12 mph.

Third-Round Leaderboard

Joaquin Niemann	63-63-68—194 (-19)
Cameron Young	66-62-69—197 (-16)
Viktor Hovland	71-64-65—200 (-13)
Justin Thomas	67-64-70—201 (-12)
Collin Morikawa	67-67-68—202 (-11)

Things to Know

- Joaquin Niemann’s 194 total sets new 54-hole tournament record
- Niemann aims to become first wire-to-wire winner in tournament history since Charlie Sifford (1969)
- PGA TOUR rookie Cameron Young seeks first TOUR title in 12th career start
- Viktor Hovland hits 16 of 18 greens in search of his second title of the season
- Justin Thomas birdies his final two holes to sit seven strokes back
- 69.28 scoring average in round three marks the lowest in a round at The Genesis Invitational since 1984

Third-Round Lead Notes

- 10 Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win The Genesis Invitational since 2000 (Most recent: Adam Scott/2020)
- 5 Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win in 2021-22 (Most recent: Tom Hoge/AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am)

Joaquin Niemann (1st/-19)

Category	Entering the week
Age	23 (November 7, 1998)
Country	Chile
FedExCup	53
OWGR	32
Starts – wins – top-10s in PGA TOUR career	100-1-19
Starts – wins – top-10s on TOUR in 2021-22	7-0-2
Starts – wins – top-10s at The Genesis Invitational	3-0-0

- 194 (-19) sets 54-hole scoring record at The Genesis Invitational (previous: 196, Mike Weir/2004, Dustin Johnson/2017, Justin Thomas/2019) and ties his career-low 54-hole total (2021 Sony Open in Hawaii)
- Reached 21-under after an eagle at No. 10 from 22’ 2” before making bogeys at Nos. 12 and 15
- Would become the first wire-to-wire winner at The Genesis Invitational since Charlie Sifford in 1969; most recent wire-to-wire winner on the PGA TOUR: Nick Taylor/2020 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am
- Seeks to eclipse the 72-hole tournament record of 264 (-20) set by Lanny Wadkins in 1985; at 37 years, marks the longest-standing 72-hole record of any active TOUR event since 1980
- Three-stroke lead ties largest 54-hole lead of the season (Talor Gooch/The RSM Classic, Taylor Pendrith/Butterfield Bermuda Championship)
- Holds 54-hole lead/co-lead for third time on PGA TOUR (2019 A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier/Won, 2021 Rocket Mortgage Classic/T2)
- Leads the field with 22 birdies or better through 54 holes; ties his career-best total
- Making fourth consecutive start at The Genesis Invitational (T44/2019, MC/2020, T43/2021)

- Earned his first career PGA TOUR victory at the 2019 A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier
- Has two top-10s in seven starts this season (T5/World Wide Technology Championship at Mayakoba, T6/Farmers Insurance Open)

Cameron Young (2nd/-16)

- Retains his second-place position following a 69 that included four birdies; double bogey at the par-3 16th ended a bogey-free streak of 48 holes (No. 3/R1)
- Seeks to become the first PGA TOUR rookie to win on TOUR since Garrick Higgo (2021 Palmetto Championship at Congaree)
- Leads the field in Strokes Gained: Putting (+8.008) and Driving Distance (313.8) through three rounds
- Former Wake Forest University golfer and Collegiate Showcase participant shot 75 in 2019 at Riviera paired with Bill Haas
- Had status on PGA TOUR Canada before a stretch of stellar play on the Korn Ferry Tour (via Monday qualifying); beginning at the 2020 Pinnacle Bank Championship, followed a T11 result with consecutive finishes of T14-T6-T2 to earn Special Temporary Membership for the 2020-21 Korn Ferry Tour season; back-to-back Korn Ferry Tour wins in May of 2021 helped secure status as a 2021-22 PGA TOUR rookie
- Posted T2 at 2021 Sanderson Farms Championship for his lone top-10 in 11 previous starts on TOUR

Miscellaneous Notes

- Sitting T61 through round one after an even-par 71, **Viktor Hovland** (3rd/-13) rebounded with 64-65, included going 14-under in his last 38 holes, to move him into solo third through three rounds; finished T5 in his Genesis Invitational debut in 2021; has one win on the 2021-22 season at the World Wide Technology Championship at Mayakoba
- **Justin Thomas** (4th/-12) was 1-over through 13 holes but birdied Nos. 17 and 18 to finish with a 70; his largest final-round comeback is four strokes (2016 CIMB Classic, 2020 WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational); runner-up in 2019 marks his best career result at The Genesis Invitational in seven previous appearances
- After bogeys on his first two holes (Nos. 1 and 2), **Collin Morikawa** (5th/-11) played his final 16 holes in 5-under and without a bogey; would become World No. 1 with a victory if Jon Rahm (T60/-1) finishes outside solo fourth
- Defending champion **Max Homa** (T6/-10) holed an eagle putt from 61' 0" en route to a 67; converted 125' 11" of putts in round three; seeks third consecutive top-five at The Genesis Invitational (T5/2020, Won/2021)
- Last week's WM Phoenix Open winner **Scottie Scheffler** (T6/-10) rebounded from a 72 in round two with a 65; seeks his fourth top-10 in his ninth start this season; T20 (2021) marks his best finish in four previous tournament appearances
- There were 10 eagles on the back nine in round three, marking the most on the back nine in a round on TOUR since 1984
- Third-round scoring average of 69.28 marks the lowest in a round at The Genesis Invitational since 1984

Year	Round	Average
2022	3	69.28
1990	3	69.69
2004	2	69.78
2016	3	69.86
2010	4	69.86