



# 2022 Honda Classic (17<sup>th</sup> of 47 events in the 2021-22 PGA TOUR Season)

Palm Beach Gardens, Florida February 24-27, 2022 FedExCup points: 500 (winner)

PGA National (Champion) Par/Yards: 35-35—70/7,125 Purse: \$8 million (\$1.44 million winner)

Third-Round Notes - Saturday, February 26, 2022

Weather: Partly cloudy. High of 81. Wind ENE 10-15 mph.

## **Third-Round Leaderboard**

 Daniel Berger
 65-65-69—199 (-11)

 Shane Lowry
 70-67-67—204 (-6)

 Sepp Straka
 71-64-69—204 (-6)

 Kurt Kitayama
 64-69-71—204 (-6)

 Chris Kirk
 65-68-71—204 (-6)

#### Things to Know

- Jupiter resident Daniel Berger ties largest 54-hole lead in tournament history and holds largest on TOUR since Jon Rahm at the 2021 Memorial Tournament presented by Workday (WD)
- Berger seeks fifth career PGA TOUR win and his third consecutive season with a TOUR win
- Shane Lowry posts low round of the day (3-under 67)
- Chris Kirk seeks first victory on TOUR since 2015 Charles Schwab Challenge; Sepp Straka, Kurt Kitayama seek first TOUR title
- There are two non-members in the top 20 on the leaderboard: Open Qualifier Martin Contini (T7) and sponsor exemption Andrew Kozan (T19); a top-10 finish by a non-member will earn a berth into next week's Puerto Rico Open
- With a cumulative average of +1.666 through three rounds, PGA National is playing as the hardest non-major course on TOUR since the 2020 BMW Championship (Olympia Fields Country Club/North)

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

9 Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win since the event moved to PGA National in 2007

Most recent: Matt Jones/2021

Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win on TOUR in 2021-22

Most recent: Joaquin Niemann/The Genesis Invitational

## Daniel Berger (1st/-11)

Category	Entering the week
Age	28 (April 7, 1993)
FedExCup	112
OWGR	21
Starts – wins – top-10s in PGA TOUR career	170-4-36
Starts – wins – top-10s on TOUR in 2021-22	3-0-1
Starts – wins – top-10s at The Honda Classic	6-0-2

- Seeks fifth career PGA TOUR title and third consecutive season with a win (2016 FedEx St. Jude Classic, 2017 FedEx St. Jude Classic, 2020 Charles Schwab Challenge, 2021 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am)
- Ties largest 54-hole lead/co-lead in event history and largest at PGA National (5; 1991/Steve Pate, 2011/Rory Sabbatini)
- Holds largest 54-hole lead on TOUR since Jon Rahm led by six at 2021 Memorial Tournament presented by Workday (WD)
- Last player to lead by five or more strokes through 54 holes, compete in the final round and fail to convert to victory on TOUR: Dustin Johnson/2017 WGC-HSBC Champions/Led by 6 strokes)
- Holds fourth 54-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR and is 1-for-3 in converting to victory (2016 FedEx St. Jude Classic/Won, 2016 Travelers Championship/T5, 2018 U.S. Open/T6)
- Is the only player in the field with three rounds in the 60s

- Becomes fifth player since the event moved to PGA National in 2007 to record a 54-hole total of 11-under or better; three
  of the previous four went on to win (2017/Rickie Fowler/-13/Won, 2014/Rory McIlroy/-12/T2, 2012/Rory McIlroy/-11/Won,
  2010/Camilo Villegas/-11/Won)
- Third-round 1-under 69 marks seventh consecutive round at par or better at PGA National (longest active streak)
- Two bogeys through 54 holes (R2/par-3 15<sup>th</sup> R3/par-5 18<sup>th</sup>), ties fewest by a player through three rounds in the event (4<sup>th</sup> instance, most recent: 2012/Tom Gillis)
- Seeks a third top-10 finish in his seventh Honda Classic start (2<sup>nd</sup>/2015, T4/2020); WD before round one in 2021 (injury)
- One top-10 in three starts this season (T5/Sentry Tournament of Champions); comes off a missed cut in his most recent start (WM Phoenix Open)

### **Miscellaneous Notes**

- Adam Svensson (6<sup>th</sup>/-5) leads the field in birdies with 16, two more than the next best player; seeks second top-10 of the season (T7/Sony Open in Hawaii)
- Chris Kirk (T2/-6) is in search of a fifth career TOUR title and first since the 2015 Charles Schwab Challenge; Best finishes in nine starts this season: T14/THE CJ CUP @ SUMMIT, T14/WM Phoenix Open
- Shane Lowry (T2/-6) is making his fourth start of the season and first of the calendar year; most recent top-10 on TOUR: T6/2021 the Memorial Tournament presented by Workday; second and most recent TOUR win came at the 2019 Open Championship
- Argentina's Martin Contini, one of three Open Qualifiers to make the cut, is T7 after 54 holes in his PGA TOUR debut
- Sponsor exemption Andrew Kozan, who played as a Single in the first tee time, posted a 2-under 68 and is T19