



2022 Honda Classic
(17th of 47 events in the 2021-22 PGA TOUR Season)

Palm Beach Gardens, Florida
PGA National (Champion)

February 24-27, 2022
Par/Yards: 35-35—70/7,125

FedExCup points: 500 (winner)
Purse: \$8 million (\$1.44 million winner)

Completed First-Round Notes – Friday, February 25, 2022

Weather: Partly cloudy. High of 80. Wind ESE 18 mph, with gusts to 22 mph. Play was suspended due to darkness at 6:33 p.m. ET with three players left on the course. The first round resumed at 7:53 a.m. Friday and was completed at 8:05 a.m.

First-Round Leaderboard

Kurt Kitayama	64 (-6)
Rory Sabbatini	65 (-5)
Daniel Berger	65 (-5)
Chris Kirk	65 (-5)

Things to Know

- First-year PGA TOUR member Kurt Kitayama cards a career-low 64, holds his first lead/co-lead after any round on TOUR
- Daniel Berger opens with 65, tying the second-lowest first-round score of his PGA TOUR career
- Curtis Thompson holes out for eagle at No. 6, the first on that hole since The Honda Classic moved to PGA National in 2007

First-Round Lead Notes

- 1 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win The Honda Classic since it moved to PGA National in 2007 (Matt Jones, 2021)
- 3 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win on TOUR in 2021-22 (most recent: Joaquin Niemann, The Genesis Invitational)

Kurt Kitayama (1st/-6)

Category	Entering the week
Age	29 (January 14, 1993)
FedExCup	214
OWGR	289
Starts – wins – top-10s in PGA TOUR career	25-0-0
Starts – wins – top-10s on TOUR in 2021-22	8-0-0
Starts – wins – top-10s at The Honda Classic	1-0-0

- Career-low score on the PGA TOUR (64; previous: 66, R1/2021 Sanderson Farms Championship)
- Opened with three consecutive birdies (Nos. 10-12) and made a career-high four in a row (Nos. 3-6)
- First career lead/co-lead after any round on TOUR (previous-best position after any round: T4 after R1/2021 Sanderson Farms Championship)
- Career-best PGA TOUR result: T17, 2017 Puerto Rico Open
- Competed at the 2020 Honda Classic on a sponsor exemption and finished T47
- First season as TOUR member; not a rookie because he played in more than seven events in a previous season (8, 2019-20)
- Finished T22 in the 2021 Korn Ferry Tour Finals points standings to earn membership for the 2021-22 season
- Two-time winner on the DP World Tour (2018 Afrasia Bank Mauritius Open, 2019 Oman Open)

Daniel Berger (T2/-5)

- Third bogey-free score at the event, tied for second-most since it moved to PGA National in 2007 (most: Luke Donald/4)
- Only bogey-free score in the second wave (Billy Horschel, Mito Pereira, Rory Sabbatini in the first wave)
- Two top-10s in six prior starts at the event (2nd/2015, T4/2020); WD the day before the first round in 2021 due to injury
- 65 ties his second-lowest first-round score on TOUR (lowest: 64, 2021 Sony Open in Hawaii); lowest opening-round score in seven starts at the event
- Won the last PGA TOUR event he opened with exactly 65 (2020 Charles Schwab Challenge)
- One top-10 in three starts this season (T5/Sentry Tournament of Champions)

- Was unable to defend his title at the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am in February due to a back injury; snapped his then-TOUR-best streak of 13 consecutive cuts made at the WM Phoenix Open in his most recent start
- Four-time PGA TOUR winner (2016 FedEx St. Jude Classic, 2017 FedEx St. Jude Classic, 2020 Charles Schwab Challenge, 2021 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am)
- 2011 graduate of William T. Dwyer High School in Palm Beach Gardens and resident of Jupiter

Miscellaneous Notes

- **Chris Kirk** (T2/-5) leads the field in Strokes Gained: Putting (3.622); entered the week T100th on TOUR in that category (0.030 per round)
- 2011 Honda Classic winner **Rory Sabbatini** (T2/-5) opens with a bogey-free 65 (first bogey-free score in 37 rounds at PGA National)
- With a hole-out from 204 yards, **Curtis Thompson** (T45/E) records the first eagle at No. 6 since The Honda Classic moved to PGA National in 2007