



2022 Open Championship (40th of 47 events in the 2021-22 PGA TOUR Season)

St. Andrews, Scotland	July 14-17, 2022	FedExCup points: 600 (winner)
The Old Course	Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,313	Purse: \$14 million (\$2.5 million/winner)

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, July 16, 2022

Weather: Sunny early, turning mostly cloudy in the afternoon. High of 73. Wind SSW 5-10 mph, with gusts to 20 mph.

Third-Round Leaderboard

Viktor Hovland	68-66-66-200 (-16)
Rory McIlroy	66-68-66-200 (-16)
Cameron Young	64-69-71-204 (-12)
Cameron Smith	67-64-73-204 (-12)
Si Woo Kim	69-69-67-205 (-11)
Scottie Scheffler	68-68-69-205 (-11)

Things to Know

- At 16-under, Viktor Hovland and Rory McIlroy share the lead heading into the final round of The Open Championship
- Among Open Championships contested at St. Andrews, Hovland and McIlroy's opening 54-hole score (200) is second only to Nick Faldo's 199 total in 1990
- Mcllroy is in search of his fifth major championship victory and first since winning the 2014 PGA Championship; he is 9-for-15 in converting a 54-hole lead/co-lead to victory, including a 4-for-5 mark in majors
- Hovland is seeking his fourth PGA TOUR victory and is 2-for-2 in converting a 54-hole lead/co-lead to victory; he would become Norway's first major championship winner
- With a win, McIlroy would collect his 22nd victory and move to T28 on the PGA TOUR's all-time wins list
- Reigning Masters Tournament winner Scottie Scheffler (T5) and U.S. Open champion Matt Fitzpatrick (T8) are among six major championship winners among the top 12 players on the leaderboard
- Cameron Young (T3) and Tommy Fleetwood (T8) are the only players inside the top 10 on the leaderboard without a PGA TOUR victory; Fitzpatrick is the most recent player to make a major championship his first PGA TOUR victory

Third-Round Lead Notes

- 67 Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win The Open Championship (since 1892) (most recent: Shane Lowry, 2019)
- 16 Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win individual stroke-play events on TOUR in 2021-22 (most recent: Xander Schauffele, Genesis Scottish Open)

Rory McIlroy (T1/-16)

Category	Entering the week
Age	33 (May 4, 1989)
FedExCup	4
OWGR	2
Starts – wins – top-10s in PGA TOUR career	216-21-102
Starts – wins – top-10s on TOUR in 2021-22	12-2-7
Starts – wins – top-10s at The Open Championship	12-1-5

- Round highlighted by a holed bunker shot from 81'8" for eagle on the par-4 10th hole
- Holds the 54-hole lead/co-lead for the 16th time on the PGA TOUR; 9-for-15 to date in converting to victory, most recently at the 2022 RBC Canadian Open
- Is 4-for-5 with the 54-hole lead/co-lead in major championships:

Year	Tournament	R3 Rank	R4 Score	Result
2011	Masters Tournament	1 st	80 (+8)	T15

2011	US. Open	1 st	69 (-2)	Won
2012	PGA Championship	1 st	66 (-6)	Won
2014	Open Championship	1 st	71 (-1)	Won
2014	PGA Championship	1 st	68 (-3)	Won
2022	Open Championship	T1	TBD	TBD

- Third-round 66 is his 49th round of 68 or better in major championships (most since 2007)
- Seeking his 22nd PGA TOUR victory, which would move him to T28 on the TOUR's all-time wins list; most recently successfully defended a title for the first time on TOUR with his win at the 2022 RBC Canadian Open
- Has two wins on the season (THE CJ CUP @ SUMMIT, RBC Canadian Open) and is seeking to join Scottie Scheffler (4), Sam Burns (3) and Xander Schauffele (3) with three or more wins this season
- In search of his fifth major championship victory (2011 U.S. Open, 2012 PGA Championship, 2014 Open Championship, 2014 PGA Championship)
- Since his win at the 2014 PGA Championship, has accumulated 16 top-10s in majors, the most of any player in that span

Viktor Hovland (T1/-16)

Category	Entering the week
Age	24 (September 18, 1997)
FedExCup	20
OWGR	9
Starts – wins – top-10s in PGA TOUR career	71-3-15
Starts – wins – top-10s on TOUR in 2021-22	17-1-4
Starts – wins – top-10s at The Open Championship	1-0-0

- His 6-under 66 was the only bogey-free round during the third round
- Had four birdies in a row on Nos. 3-6, one shy of his career-best birdie streak during the second round of the 2021 WGC-Workday Championship at The Concession
- Holds the 54-hole lead/co-lead for the third time on the PGA TOUR; 2-for-2 to date in converting to victory (2020 Puerto Rico Open, 2021 World Wide Technology Championship at Mayakoba)
- Previous-best 54-hole position in a major championship: T8 at the 2020 U.S. Open/finished T13
- Making his second Open Championship start (T12/2021)
- Making 12th major championship start, best finishes came at the 2021 Open Championship (T12) and 2019 U.S. Open (T12)
- Three PGA TOUR wins: 2020 Puerto Rico Open, 2021 and 2022 World Wide Technology Championship at Mayakoba
- With a win this week, would become the TOUR's eighth multiple winner of the season
- Would become Norway's first male major champion

Miscellaneous notes

- First-round leader Cameron Young (T3) trails by four strokes in bid to become the 11th player to win The Open Championship in debut appearance (most recent: Collin Morikawa/2021); best finish in five previous major championship appearances is T3 at the 2022 PGA Championship
- Second-round leader **Cameron Smith** (T3) trails by four following a third-round 1-over 73; hoping to join Jack Nicklaus (1978) as the only players to win THE PLAYERS Championship and The Open Championship in the same year
- World No. 1 and FedExCup leader **Scottie Scheffler** (T5) trails by five following a 3-under 69; marks the 17th time in the last 20 major championship rounds he has been inside the top 10 on the leaderboard; is attempting to join 10 players (17 instances) who have won five or more times in a season with multiple majors (most recently Jordan Spieth in 2014-15); would join Tiger Woods (2000/St. Andrews, 2005/St. Andrews, 2006/Royal Liverpool) as World No. 1s to win The Open
- Si Woo Kim (T5) is seeking his first top-10 finish in his 23rd major championship start, with a T12 at the 2021 Masters Tournament his best finish
- With eagles on Nos. 9 and 10, 2019 Open Championship winner **Shane Lowry** (T13) becomes the first player with back-toback eagles on par 4s since Tyrrell Hatton at the 2021 Palmetto Championship at Congaree (R3); entering today, he had three eagles on par 4s in his PGA TOUR career
- The round of the day was turned in by Kevin Kisner with a 7-under 65, moving from T66 to T13