



2022 Valspar Championship

(21st of 47 events in the 2021-22 PGA TOUR Season)

Palm Harbor, Florida
Innisbrook Resort (Copperhead)

March 17-20, 2022
Par/Yards: 36-35—71/7,340

FedExCup Points: 500 (winner)
Purse: \$7,800,000 (\$1,404,000 winner)

First-Round Notes – Thursday, March 17, 2022

Weather: Sunny. High of 76. Wind WNW 6-12 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

Jhonattan Vegas	64 (-7)
Sam Burns	64 (-7)
Adam Hadwin	64 (-7)
David Lipsky	64 (-7)
Four players	65 (-6)

Things to Know

- Four players share the first-round lead, tying the most in Valspar Championship history (2014)
- At T1, Sam Burns holds the best first-round position by a defending champion in Valspar Championship history
- Burns becomes the second defending champion to hold the first-round lead/co-lead in a TOUR event this season (Kevin Na, Sony Open in Hawaii)
- Co-leaders Burns (2021) and Adam Hadwin (2017) seek to become the fourth multiple winners of the event
- Records with the 18-hole lead/co-lead: Jhonattan Vegas (0-for-5 to date), Burns (0-2); marks the first time Hadwin and David Lipsky have held the first-round lead/co-lead
- K.J. Choi (2002) is the only first-round leader/co-leader to go on to victory at the Valspar Championship
- Dustin Johnson opens with a 4-under 67 in his 300th PGA TOUR start
- Lee Hodges becomes the first player during the Shotlink era to birdie the first five holes of a round at the event
- 89 players post under-par scores in round one, a Valspar Championship record (76/2012)

First-Round Lead Notes

- 1 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win the Valspar Championship (K.J. Choi, 2002)
- 3 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win on TOUR in 2021-22 (most recent: Joaquin Niemann, The Genesis Invitational)

Comparing the co-leaders (entering the week)

Category	Jhonattan Vegas	Sam Burns	Adam Hadwin	David Lipsky
Age	37 (8/19/84)	25 (7/23/96)	34 (11/2/87)	33 (7/14/88)
FedExCup	109	8	62	126
OWGR	93	17	132	196
Starts – wins – top-10s in TOUR career	265-3-25	96-2-18	203-1-29	31-0-2
Starts – wins – top-10s in 2021-22	10-0-0	10-1-4	12-0-2	13-0-0
Starts – wins – top-10s at Valspar	3-0-0	3-1-1	6-1-1	0-0-0

Jhonattan Vegas (T1/-7)

- Holds the first-round lead/co-lead for the sixth time in his career (0-for-5 to date); most recently finished T2 after sharing the first-round lead at the 2021 3M Open
- Opening-round 64 falls one stroke shy of his best opening round on TOUR (63/2011 Shriners Children's Open/finished T5)
- In search of his first top-10 finish since the 2021 3M Open (T2)
- Seeks fourth PGA TOUR title (2011 American Express, 2016 & 2017 RBC Canadian Open)
- Finished T48 in 2021 for his only made cut in three prior appearances at the Valspar Championship

Sam Burns (T1/-7)

- At T1, holds the best first-round position by a defending champion in Valspar Championship history (Retief Goosen/2010/T2)

- Becomes the second defending champion to hold the first-round lead/co-lead in a TOUR event this season (Kevin Na, Sony Open in Hawaii)
- Holds the first-round lead/co-lead for the third time in his career (0-for-2 to date); most recently finished eighth at the 2021 BMW Championship after sharing the first-round lead
- With a 64, equals his best opening-round score on TOUR in an individual stroke-play event (fifth instance)
- Seeks to join Paul Casey (2019) as the only players to successfully defend a title at the Valspar Championship
- Would become the fourth player to win multiple times at the event (K.J. Choi, Retief Goosen, Paul Casey)
- Would become the fourth multiple winner of the season (Hideki Matsuyama, Scottie Scheffler, Cameron Smith)
- In search of third PGA TOUR title (2021 Valspar Championship, 2021 Sanderson Farms Championship)

Adam Hadwin (T1/-7)

- 2017 champion would become the event's fourth multiple winner (K.J. Choi, Retief Goosen, Paul Casey)
- Holds the first-round lead/co-lead for the first time on TOUR; has been solo-second or T2 six times following the first round, most recently at the 2022 Waste Management Phoenix Open (finished T26)
- Making his 126th start since his first win at the 2017 Valspar Championship
- Would become the first player to win his first two PGA TOUR titles at the same event since Robert Streb at the 2014 and 2020 RSM Classic

David Lipsky (T1/-7)

- In addition to John Huston's victory in the inaugural Valspar Championship in 2000, two players have won the event in their debut appearance (Retief Goosen/2003, Gary Woodland/2011)
- Has two top-10 finishes in 31 TOUR starts (T8/2021 Palmetto Championship at Congaree, T10/2019 WGC-Mexico Championship)
- Holds the first-round lead/co-lead for the first time on TOUR; previous-best position after 18 holes is T7, set on two occasions and most recently at the 2022 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am (finished T24)

Additional Player Notes

- **Justin Thomas** (T9) opens with a 5-under 66, highlighted by a 64'3" eagle putt on the par-5 14th, the third longest made putt of his career
- Making his 300th start on the PGA TOUR, **Dustin Johnson** (T12) opens with a 4-under 67
- Making his first start at the Valspar Championship since missing the cut in 2014, **Brooks Koepka** (T12) records a bogey-free 67
- With birdies on Nos. 10-14, **Lee Hodges** (T50) becomes the first player during the Shotlink era to birdie the first five holes of a round at the Valspar Championship; posts 2-under 69
- 2016 champion **Charl Schwartzel** (T137) holed out for eagle from 194 yards on the par-4 16th hole; the only other eagle on No. 16 in tournament history was turned in by Shawn Stefani (R1/2019)