



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)

Second-Round Notes – Friday, March 18, 2022

Weather: Partly cloudy. High of 82. Wind SW 10-15 mph, gusting to 22 mph.

36-hole cut: 72 players at 3-under 139 from a field of 142 professionals and two amateurs.

Second-Round Leaderboard

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| Matthew NeSmith | 67-61—128 (-14) |
| Adam Hadwin | 64-66—130 (-12) |
| Sam Burns | 64-67—131 (-11) |
| Scott Stallings | 65-66—131 (-11) |
| Justin Thomas | 66-66—132 (-10) |

Things to Know

- Seeking his first career PGA TOUR title, Matthew NeSmith birdies six of his last nine holes en route to tying the Valspar Championship’s low 18-hole score of 10-under 61 (Padraig Harrington/R1/2012)
- NeSmith sets the tournament 36-hole scoring record at 14-under 128 (previous: 130/Keegan Bradley and Sam Burns/2021, Adam Hadwin/2022)
- NeSmith is the only player bogey-free through 36 holes
- 2017 Valspar Championship winner Adam Hadwin sits solo-second in bid to become the event’s fourth multiple winner

Second-Round Lead Notes

- 6 Second-round leaders/co-leaders to win the Valspar Championship (most recent: Sam Burns, 2021)
- 6 Second-round leaders/co-leaders to win on TOUR in 2021-22 (most recent: Ryan Brehm, Puerto Rico Open)

Matthew NeSmith (1st/-14)

| Category | Entering the week |
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| Age | 28 (September 29,1993) |
| FedExCup | 128 |
| OWGR | 279 |
| Starts – wins – top-10s in PGA TOUR career | 71-0-3 |
| Starts – wins – top-10s in 2021-2022 season | 14-0-0 |
| Starts – wins – top-10s at Valspar Championship | 1-0-0 |

- South Carolina native made eight birdies, six of which came on his inward nine (Nos. 1-9), and an eagle (Par-5 14th) en route to tying the tournament’s low 18-hole score of 10-under 61 (Padraig Harrington/R1/2012)
- Marks the lowest round on the PGA TOUR since Will Zalatoris posted 11-under 61 in round two of the 2022 American Express; marks the 15th score of 61 or better this season
- Previous-best 18-hole score on TOUR: 63 on two occasions (most recent: 2021 WM Phoenix Open/R1)
- At 14-under 128, posts the tournament 36-hole scoring record by two shots that Sam Burns and Keegan Bradley set a year ago and Adam Hadwin matched earlier in the day (130)
- With his 67-61 start, is the only player bogey-free through 36 holes
- Highlighted by a 39’ 6” birdie at No. 4, needed 27 putts to sink a total of 121’ 9” of putts (45’ 4” in R1)
- Best 36-hole position prior to this week: T3/2020 Farmers Insurance Open (T30)
- Making his second start in the Valspar Championship: T21/2021
- Best finish in 14 starts this season: T14/Shriners Children’s Open
- Best of three top-10 finishes in 71 TOUR starts: T6/2020 Puerto Rico Open
- Third-year TOUR member won the 2019 Albertsons Boise Open on the Korn Ferry Tour

Additional Player Notes

- Coming off a T9 at last week's PLAYERS Championship, this week's 18-hole co-leader and 2017 Valspar Championship winner **Adam Hadwin** (2nd/-12) followed an opening-round 7-under 64 with a 5-under 66 in round two; with a win, would become the event's fourth multiple winner (K.J. Choi, Retief Goosen, Paul Casey)
- Making his 11th consecutive start in the Valspar Championship, **Scott Stallings** (T3/-11) followed a 6-under 65 in round one with a bogey-free 66 in round two; has made one bogey through 36 holes (par-4 third/R1); best of 10 previous starts was solo-third in his first start of 2011; a win this week would be his fourth on TOUR and first since the 2014 Farmers Insurance Open
- **Sam Burns** (T3/-11) seeks to join Paul Casey (2019) as the only players to successfully defend a title at the Valspar Championship; in search of third PGA TOUR title (2021 Valspar Championship, 2021 Sanderson Farms Championship)
- Beginning his round on No. 10, **Justin Thomas** (5th/-10) reached 7-under par on the day through 14 holes, before taking a double-bogey-six at No. 7 en route to a second-consecutive 5-under 66; marks the seventh occasion to post consecutive rounds of 66 or better in the first two rounds on TOUR; has converted for the win on three of the previous six occasions (most recent: 2018 World Golf Championships-FedEx St. Jude Invitational); making his fifth start in the Valspar Championship (T13/2021, MC/2017, T18/2016, T10/2015)
- **Webb Simpson** (T7/-8) seeks a fourth top-10 finish in his 11th Valspar Championship start (T8/2018, T10/2012, 2nd/2011); a win this week would mark his eighth on the PGA TOUR and first since the 2020 RBC Heritage
- Making his 300th start on the PGA TOUR, **Dustin Johnson** sits T38 at 4-under 138 in his fifth start in the event (T48/2021, T6/2019, MC/2010, MC/2008)
- In search of his fourth career PGA TOUR title and first since the 2017 RBC Canadian Open, 18-hole co-leader **Jhonattan Vegas** followed a 7-under 64 in round one with an even-par 71 and sits T10 at 7-under 135
- **Joseph Bramlett** (T20/-6) holed his approach shot at the par-4 18th from 101 yards; joins Robin Freeman (2000/R1) as players to make eagle at No. 18 in tournament history