



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)

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, March 19, 2022

Weather: Partly cloudy. High of 82. Wind SW 7-14 mph.

Third-Round Leaderboard

Davis Riley	65-68-62—195 (-18)
Matthew NeSmith	67-61-69—197 (-16)
Justin Thomas	66-66-66—198 (-15)
Sam Burns	64-67-67—198 (-15)
Adam Hadwin	64-66-70—200 (-13)

Things to Know

- Davis Riley seeks first PGA TOUR win in 25th career start after a career-low, bogey-free 9-under 62
- Riley's 195 total sets 54-hole Valspar Championship record
- Riley, a PGA TOUR rookie, holds the lead/co-lead after any round for the first time in his PGA TOUR career
- Last rookie winner on TOUR: Garrick Higgo/2021 Palmetto Championship at Congaree
- After setting the Valspar Championship 36-hole scoring record and tying the 18-hole tournament low score, Matthew NeSmith sits two shots back
- Defending champion Sam Burns (T3) seeks to join Paul Casey (2019) as the only players to successfully defend a title at the Valspar Championship

Third-Round Lead Notes

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

Davis Riley (1st/-18)

Category	Entering the week
Age	25 (December 17, 1996)
FedExCup	121
OWGR	399
Starts – wins – top-10s in PGA TOUR career	24-0-1
Starts – wins – top-10s in 2021-2022 season	13-0-1
Starts – wins – top-10s at Valspar Championship	0-0-0

- Posts 5-under 31 on his outward nine at Innisbrook Resort (Copperhead) en route to a bogey-free 9-under 62; marks his career low round on TOUR (previous: 65/R1/2022 Sony Open in Hawaii)
- Needed just 20 putts, his fewest putts in a round and ties the fewest in a round in Valspar Championship history (Ted Potter Jr./R3/2021)
- At 195 (-18), sets the 54-hole scoring record at the Valspar Championship (previous 199: K.J. Choi/2002, Adam Hadwin/2017, Keegan Bradley/2021, Sam Burns/2021)
- Seeks his first career PGA TOUR title in his 25th start; best career PGA TOUR finish: T7/2021 Butterfield Bermuda Championship
- Last rookie winner on TOUR: Garrick Higgo/2021 Palmetto Championship at Congaree
- Holds first lead/co-lead after any round of his career on the PGA TOUR
- Best position after any round on TOUR prior to this week: T5/R2/2022 Sony Open in Hawaii (T20)
- Best 54-hole position prior to this week: T15/2022 American Express (T59)
- Would become the sixth player to pick up his first PGA TOUR victory at the Valspar Championship, joining Carl Pettersson (2005), Gary Woodland (2011), Kevin Streelman (2013), Adam Hadwin (2017), Sam Burns (2021)
- Leads the field in Strokes Gained: Off the Tee (3.537 total), SG: Around the Green (4.818 total), SG: Putting (7.691)

- Finished the 2020-21 combined season No. 9 in the Korn Ferry Tour points standings after recording two wins (2020 Panama Championship, 2020 TPC San Antonio Championship at the Oaks)

Additional Player Notes

- After setting the Valspar Championship 36-hole scoring record and tying the 18-hole tournament low score, with his 10-under 61 in round two, **Matthew NeSmith** (2nd/-16) followed with a 2-under 69; the South Carolina native seeks first career PGA TOUR title in his 72nd TOUR start (best: T6/2020 Puerto Rico Open)
- Seeking his 15th TOUR victory, **Justin Thomas** (T3/-15) posts third-straight 66; leads the field in Strokes Gained: Tee to Green (9.029 total)
- Making fourth event start, **Sam Burns** (T3/-15) 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)
- With a win, 2017 Valspar Championship winner and 18-hole co-leader **Adam Hadwin** (5th/-13) would become the event's fourth multiple winner (K.J. Choi, Retief Goosen, Paul Casey)
- Making his first start at the Valspar Championship, **Xander Schauffele** (T6/-11) sits seven shots back; last player to win the event in his debut appearance was Gary Woodland in 2011
- There have been six rounds of 64 or better, the most through three rounds at the Valspar Championship (previous: 5/2004)