



## 2023 Barbasol Championship

(The 40<sup>th</sup> of 44 events in the PGA TOUR Regular Season)

Lexington, Kentucky

Keene Trace Golf Club (Champions)

July 13-16, 2023

Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,328

FedExCup Points: 300

Purse: \$3,800,000 (\$684,000/winner)

### First-Round Notes – Thursday, July 13, 2023

*Weather: Mostly cloudy. High of 86. Wind WSW 10-15 mph, with gusts to 20 mph.*

#### First-Round Leaderboard

| Pos. | Player       | R1      |
|------|--------------|---------|
| 1    | Lucas Glover | 63 (-9) |
| T2   | Ryan Armour  | 64 (-8) |
| T2   | Ryan Moore   | 64 (-8) |
| T4   | Daniel Brown | 65 (-7) |
| T4   | Wesley Bryan | 65 (-7) |
| T4   | Cody Gribble | 65 (-7) |
| T4   | Andrew Novak | 65 (-7) |

#### First-Round Lead Notes

- Troy Merritt (2018) is the only first-round leader/co-leader to win the Barbasol Championship
- Four first-round leaders/co-leaders have won in individual stroke-play events on TOUR this season (most recent: Jon Rahm/Masters Tournament)

#### Lucas Glover (1<sup>st</sup>/-9)

- With a 9-under 63, posts his best round on TOUR since a second-round 63 led to the last of his four PGA TOUR victories at the 2021 John Deere Classic
- Records his ninth straight round in the 60s, leading to back-to-back top-10 finishes at the Rocket Mortgage Classic (T4) and John Deere Classic (T6)
- Five straight birdies on Nos. 5-9, one shy of a career-best six in a row at the 2008 Buick Open (R4)
- Holes out for eagle on the par-4 12<sup>th</sup> hole with a pitching wedge from 138 yards
- Leads the field in Strokes Gained: Tee To Green (7.576) and Proximity to the hole (20'9")
- Holds the 18-hole lead/co-lead for the sixth time in individual stroke-play events on TOUR, with his most recent coming at the 2010 Sentry Tournament of Champions (finished T14); 0-for-6 to date converting to victory; shared the opening-round lead with teammate Chez Reavie en route to a T22 finish at the 2018 Zurich Classic of New Orleans (team event)
- Currently No. 110 in the FedExCup standings as he seeks to advance to the FedExCup Playoffs for the fifth straight season (top 70 players following the Wyndham Championship advance to the Playoffs)
- Would become the first player to win the event in debut appearance since Jim Herman in 2019

#### Ryan Armour (T2/-8)

- Barbasol ambassador records his 18<sup>th</sup> straight par-or-better round at the event, dating to a final-round 67 at Grand National in 2015
- Previous low round at the event was 65 (R1/2021, R2/2016)
- Leads the field in Strokes Gained: Putting (5.046)
- In 2021, sat T3 after a first-round 65 and T2 following a second-round 67 en route to his best finish (T5) in five prior starts at the Barbasol Championship
- Making his 151<sup>st</sup> start since his lone PGA TOUR win at the 2017 Sanderson Farms Championship

#### Additional Player Notes

- **Ryan Moore** (T2/-8) is making his 142<sup>nd</sup> start since winning the last of his five PGA TOUR titles at the 2016 John Deere Classic; leads the field in Strokes Gained: Approach The Green (5.816)
- Englishman **Daniel Brown** (T4/-7) posts the best round of any player from the DP World Tour

- **Wesley Bryan** (T4/-7) has a career-best six straight birdies on Nos. 5-10; previous-best streak of five in a row came in the final round of the 2017 John Deere Classic (Nos. 13-17)
- Local favorites **Josh Teater** and **Chip McDaniel** open with matching 1-under 71s; Teater fails to post an opening round in the 60s for the first time in six starts at the Barbasol Championship; McDaniel posts his only two birdies of the day on the final two holes
- **S.Y. Noh** withdrew during the first round (back injury)
- Preferred lies were in effect during the first round