



# 2023 Butterfield Bermuda Championship (6<sup>th</sup> of 7 FedExCup Fall Events)

Southampton, Bermuda Port Royal Golf Course November 9-12, 2023 Purse: \$6,500,000

Par/Yards: 36-35—71/6,828

#### **COMPLETED First-Round Notes – Friday, November 10, 2023**

**Thursday weather:** Mostly sunny. High of 75. Wind WSW 7-13 mph. **Friday weather:** Partly cloudy. High of 73. Wind WSW 6-12 mph.

**Suspension summary:** Play was suspended due to darkness on Thursday at 5:31 p.m. PT with nine players left to complete their round. The first round resumed Friday at 7:41 a.m. and was completed at 8:15 a.m.

### **First-Round Leaderboard**

Pos.	Player	Total
1	Alex Noren	61 (-10)
T2	Vince Whaley	63 (-8)
T2	Robert Garrigus	63 (-8)
T2	Dylan Wu	63 (-8)
T2	D. J. Trahan	63 (-8)

## Alex Noren (1st/-10)

- 10-under 61 marks career-low 18-hole score on PGA TOUR in his 510<sup>th</sup> official stroke-play round and ties Taylor Pendrith (R2/2021) for the tournament record 18-hole score
- 11 birdies marks his most in a single round and the most by any player in a single round at the Butterfield Bermuda Championship (previous most: 10, Garrick Higgo (twice, R3/2021, R4/2022) and Brendon Todd (R4/2019)
- Holds fifth 18-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR (0-for-4 to date, with 2022 Texas Children's Houston Open/T4 his most recent)
- Seeks first victory in his 162<sup>nd</sup> career start on TOUR, with two runner-up results among his 20 top-10s (P2/2018 Farmers Insurance Open, 2<sup>nd</sup>/2022 Barracuda Championship)
- A top-10 finish this week would be his fourth this season, matching his career best in a season (2019-20)
- Making second appearance at Butterfield Bermuda Championship (T15/2019) and is now 23-under in five rounds at Port Royal Golf Course (69-67-68-67-61)

### **Additional Player Notes**

- Three of the top five players on the leaderboard are in their 40s (Alex Noren/41, Robert Garrigus/45, D.J. Trahan/42)
- Vince Whaley (T2/-8) posts his career-low round on TOUR; making third start at this event (MC/2020, T7/2021)
- In his first start on TOUR since the 2023 Barbasol Championship in mid-July, **Robert Garrigus** (T2/-8) shoots his lowest score since a first-round 63 at the 2018 RBC Canadian Open; if he makes the cut this week it will come in his 17<sup>th</sup> start since his most recent made cut the 2022 Mexico Open at Vidanta (T42)
- **Dylan Wu** (T2/-8) opens with 63; posted a first-round 64 to sit T8 through 18 holes at this event in 2022, eventually finishing T49
- In his 11<sup>th</sup> round at Port Royal Golf Course, two-time TOUR winner **D.J. Trahan** (T2/-8) posts his lowest score at this event, bettering his previous best by three strokes (66/R3/2019)
- Adam Scott (T15/-6) closes with eagle-birdie while seeking his 15<sup>th</sup> PGA TOUR title in his first appearance at the Butterfield Bermuda Championship; following his win at the 2013 Masters Tournament, claimed a win at Port Royal Golf Course later that year in the PGA Grand Slam of Golf

- Adam Long (T26/-5) entered the week with 58 consecutive fairways hit and missed his first fairway at hole No. 15 to extend his total to 69, a new TOUR record, surpassing the previous record of 59, set by Brian Claar in 1992
- **Brian Gay** (T33/-4) and **Russell Knox** (T33/-4) are the only two players in the field who have made the cut in all four prior editions of the Butterfield Bermuda Championship
- 2023 U.S. Amateur champion and University of Alabama standout **Nick Dunlap** (T45) is making his first non-major PGA TOUR start; missed the cut in the U.S. Open in 2022 and 2023
- Scores for the four Bermudians in the field: Michael Sims (T119/+2), Oliver Betschart (T119/+2), Scott Roy (T130/+6), Eric West (T130/+6)