



2022 Cadence Bank Houston Open

(8th of 47 events in the 2022-23 PGA TOUR Season)

Houston, Texas
Memorial Park Golf Course

November 10-13, 2022
Par/Yards: 35-35—70/7,412

FedExCup Points: 500 (winner)
Purse: \$8,400,000/\$1,512,000

COMPLETED First-Round Notes – Friday, November 11, 2022

Weather: Thursday: Partly cloudy. High of 84. Wind SE 6-12 mph. The first round was suspended due to darkness at 5:36 p.m. CT with 13 players left to complete their round. Friday: Partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. High of 82. Wind SW 8-15 mph. The first round resumed at 7:40 a.m. and was completed at 8:14 a.m. The second round began as scheduled at 6:40 a.m.

First-Round Leaderboard

Alex Noren 65 (-5)
Aaron Wise 65 (-5)
Tony Finau 65 (-5)
Seven players 66 (-4)

Things to Know

- Three players tied for the 18-hole lead; after the first round of the 2021 Cadence Bank Houston Open there were five players tied for the 18-hole lead
- Alex Noren seeks to become the eighth player to earn his maiden PGA TOUR win at the event since 2000
- Aaron Wise seeks second career PGA TOUR title in the state of Texas (2018 AT&T Byron Nelson)
- At 5-under 65, Tony Finau records his lowest score in 21 rounds at the event
- Mackenzie Hughes (-4) seeks to become the first multiple winner this season (2022 Sanderson Farms Championship)

First-Round Lead Notes

- 5 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win the Cadence Bank Houston Open since 2000
(most recent: D.A. Points/2013)
- 0 No first-round leader/co-leader has won in the 2022-23 PGA TOUR Season

Alex Noren (T1/-5)

Category	Entering the week
Age	40 (July 12, 1982)
FedExCup	No. 103
OWGR	No. 50
Starts – wins – top-10s in PGA TOUR career	138-0-17
Starts – wins – top-10s on TOUR in 2022-23	4-0-0
Starts – wins – top-10s at Houston Open	1-0-0

- Marks fourth career 18-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR (most recent: 2021 Farmers Insurance Open/T37); 0-for-3 to date
- Recorded most birdies of any player through 18 holes (7)
- Making second appearance at Cadence Bank Houston Open (MC/2020)
- Best result in four starts on the season: T36/Fortinet Championship
- Seeks first PGA TOUR victory in his 139th start; owns two runner-up results: P2/2018 Farmers Insurance Open, where he lost in a playoff to Jason Day, 2nd/2022 Barracuda Championship
- Looks to become the eighth player to earn his maiden PGA TOUR win at the event since 2000

- Last Swedish winner on TOUR: Henrik Stenson/2017 Wyndham Championship
- 10-time winner on the European Tour (most recent: 2018 Open de France)

Aaron Wise (T1/-5)

Category	Entering the week
Age	26 (June 21, 1996)
FedExCup	No. 44
OWGR	No. 34
Starts – wins – top-10s in PGA TOUR career	127-1-16
Starts – wins – top-10s on TOUR in 2022-23	3-0-1
Starts – wins – top-10s at Houston Open	3-0-0

- Marks first 18-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR
- Previous best 18-hole position: 2nd/four times; most recent: 2021 World Wide Technology Championship at Mayakoba/T15
- Making fourth appearance at Cadence Bank Houston Open (best: T11/2020)
- Owns one top-10 this season in three starts (6th/THE CJ CUP in South Carolina)
- Seeks a second career PGA TOUR title in his 128th start this week and first since the 2018 AT&T Byron Nelson

Tony Finau (T1/-5)

Category	Entering the week
Age	33 (September 14, 1989)
FedExCup	-
OWGR	No. 15
Starts – wins – top-10s in PGA TOUR career	217-4-54
Starts – wins – top-10s on TOUR in 2022-23	1-0-0
Starts – wins – top-10s at Houston Open	6-0-0

- Holds the first-round lead/co-lead for the eighth time on TOUR
- Converted most recent first-round lead/co-lead to victory (2022 Rocket Mortgage); 1-for-7 to date
- Making seventh appearance at Cadence Bank Houston Open (best: T24/2017, 2020)
- 65 marks lowest score in 21 rounds at the event (previous: 68)
- Making second start of the season: MC/World Wide Technology Championship at Mayakoba
- PGA TOUR victories (4): 2016 Puerto Rico Open, 2021 FedEx St. Jude Championship, 2022 3M Open, 2022 Rocket Mortgage Classic

Additional Player Notes

- **Tyson Alexander** (T4/-4) seeks his first career PGA TOUR title in his eighth TOUR start (best: T44/Butterfield Bermuda Championship); earned his first PGA TOUR card via the 2022 Korn Ferry Tour Regular Season and became the first player in Korn Ferry Tour history to successfully defend a title, winning the 2021 and 2022 Veritex Bank Championship at Texas Rangers Golf Club in Arlington, Texas
- **Mackenzie Hughes** (T4/-4) seeks to become the first multiple winner this season (2022 Sanderson Farms Championship)
- In his third PGA TOUR start, 22-year-old amateur **Travis Vick** (-2) from Houston, Texas is playing on a sponsor exemption; the University of Texas senior seeks to become first amateur to win on TOUR since Phil Mickelson (1991 Northern Telecom Open)
- **Lee Hodges** (-1) holes out from 212 yards at No. 1, recording the longest hole-out of his career and longest on TOUR since Mito Pereira (273/2022 Memorial Tournament presented by Workday/R4/No. 7)
- Winner of last week's World Wide Technology Championship at Mayakoba, 2017 Cadence Bank Houston Open winner **Russell Henley** (+2) is making his 250th career start on the PGA TOUR this week; the last player to win back-to-back weeks on the TOUR schedule is Tony Finau (3M Open, Rocket Mortgage Classic in 2022)