



## 2022 Cadence Bank Houston Open

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

Houston, Texas November 10-13, 2022 FedExCup Points: 500 (winner)
Memorial Park Golf Course Par/Yards: 35-35—70/7,412 Purse: \$8,400,000/\$1,512,000

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, November 12, 2022

Weather: Mostly sunny. High of 60. Wind N 15-25 mph.

### **Third-Round Leaderboard**

Tony Finau 65-62-68—195 (-15)
Ben Taylor 66-68-65—199 (-11)
Justin Rose 67-69-66—202 (-8)
Wyndham Clark 66-68-68—202 (-8)
Tyson Alexander 66-66-70—202 (-8)

### Things to Know

- Tony Finau leads the Cadence Bank Houston Open by four strokes and matches the 54-hole tournament record (195/Curtis Strange/1980)
- Finau seeks fifth career PGA TOUR win and his third consecutive season with a TOUR win
- England's Ben Taylor posts low round of the day (5-under 65)
- Taylor seeks first TOUR title in 45th career start; would become the first first-time PGA TOUR winner this season
- World No. 2 and Dallas resident, Scottie Scheffler (T25), needs a win this week to reclaim the No. 1 spot in the OWGR

#### **Third-Round Lead Notes**

- Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win the Cadence Bank Houston Open since 2000 (most recent: Lanto Griffin/2019)
- Third-round leaders/co-leaders to convert for the win in the 2022-23 PGA TOUR Season (most recent: Russell Henley/World Wide Technology Championship at Mayakoba)

## Tony Finau (1st/-15)

Category	Entering the week
Age	33 (9/14/1989)
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

- After matching the course record of 8-under 62 during round two (Scottie Scheffler/2021/R2), followed with 2-under 68 and enters the final round with a four-stroke lead
- 195 (-15) ties the 54-hole scoring record at the Cadence Bank Houston Open (Curtis Strange/1980)
- Recorded most birdies of any player through 54 holes (18)
- Is 1-for-6 with the 54-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR

Tournament	R4 Score	Finish
2022 Cadence Bank Houston Open	TBD	TBD
2022 Rocket Mortgage	67	Won
2022 RBC Canadian Open	64	2nd

2021 The American Express	68	4th
2020 WM Phoenix Open	70	2nd
2018 WGC-HSBC Champions	71	2nd
2018 U.S. Open	72	5th

- Best finish in six previous Cadence Bank Houston Open starts were a pair of T24s (2018/Golf Club of Houston, 2020/Memorial Park Golf Course)
- In only previous start this season, missed last week's cut at World Wide Technology Championship at Mayakoba
- Four of the seven winners on TOUR this season entered the week as one of the five highest-ranked players in the field; Finau (No. 15) enters as the third highest-ranked player in the field behind No. 2 Scottie Scheffler (T25) and No. 12 Sam Burns (WD)
- Seeks fifth PGA TOUR victory in his 218<sup>th</sup> start; claimed his maiden TOUR title at the 2016 Puerto Rico Open; five years, four months, 26 days elapsed before earning second TOUR title at 2021 FedEx St. Jude Championship; claimed win Nos. 3 and 4 in consecutive weeks this past July at the 3M Open and Rocket Mortgage Classic

# Ben Taylor (2nd/-11)

- In search of his first career TOUR title in his 45<sup>th</sup> start (best: T20/2021 Barbasol Championship)
- Seeks to become the first first-time PGA TOUR winner this season and eighth player to make the Cadence Bank Houston Open his first career TOUR title since 2000 (most recent: Carlos Ortiz/2020)
- Making second tournament start: T55/2019
- Recorded two runner-up finishes, including one in the regular season finale, on the Korn Ferry Tour last season to secure a return to the PGA TOUR
- Previously graduated via the 2019 Korn Ferry Tour Finals and played the 2019-20 and 2020-21 seasons on TOUR

# **Additional Player Notes**

- Through 54 holes, 10-time PGA TOUR winner and 2018 FedEx Cup champion Justin Rose (T3/-8) is 8-under on the front nine and even on the back nine; making seventh tournament appearance and first since 2018 (best: T14/2010)
- Ryan Armour (T20/-4) made a hole-in-one at No. 7, a 169-yard par 3 for his second ace on TOUR and first since the 2020 Rocket Mortgage Classic