



2022 Fortinet Championship
(1st of 47 events in the 2022-23 PGA TOUR Season)

Napa, California
Silverado Resort and Spa (North)

September 15-18, 2022

Purse: \$8,000,000/\$1,440,000
Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,123

FINAL First-Round Notes – Friday, September 16, 2022

Weather: Sunny. High of 79. Wind SW 8-16 mph.

Round one (35 players) resumed at 7:20 a.m. PT and concluded at 8:40 a.m. Round two began as scheduled at 7 a.m.

First-Round Leaderboard

Justin Lower	63 (-9)
Max Homa	65 (-7)
Byeong Hun An	66 (-6)
S.H. Kim	66 (-6)
J.J. Spaun	66 (-6)

Things to Know

- The Fortinet Championship marks the first of 47 events in the 2022-23 PGA TOUR Season and, with the exception of 2019, has opened each season since the TOUR went to a wraparound schedule in 2013-14
- Justin Lower records career-low PGA TOUR round (9-under 63) for two-stroke lead over defending champion Max Homa
- Homa posts his third consecutive 65 at the event, dating to round one in 2021
- S.H. Kim records the lowest of the 27 TOUR rookies in the field with a 6-under 66
- California native Sahith Theegala mixed eight birdies and three bogeys for a 5-under 67, his second-lowest score in nine career rounds at the Fortinet Championship (64/R3/2020)

Justin Lower (1st/-9)

Category	Entering the Week
Age	33 (April 4, 1989)
OWGR	342
Starts – wins – top-10s in PGA TOUR career	28-0-2
Starts – wins – top-10s on TOUR in 2022-23	0-0-0
Starts – wins – top-10s at Fortinet Championship	1-0-0

- Posts a bogey-free 9-under 63 with nine birdies, including all four par 5s, for his career-low PGA TOUR round; previous career-low round on TOUR was 8-under 64 (R1/2022 AT&T Byron Nelson)
- Equals his career-low round in PGA TOUR-sanctioned play (8-under 63s in 2019, 2020, and 2021 on the Korn Ferry Tour)
- Marks his first 18-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR; previous best: T2/2022 AT&T Byron Nelson (finished T46)
- Making second consecutive Fortinet Championship appearance (69-79/MC)
- As a PGA TOUR rookie last season, finished No. 122 on the 2021-22 FedExCup Playoffs and Eligibility Points List, but did not qualify for the FedExCup Playoffs

S.H. Kim (T3/-6)

- A four-time winner worldwide, recorded the lowest round of the 27 rookies in the field
- Kim earned PGA TOUR membership via the 2022 Korn Ferry Tour Regular Season and notably won the 2020 KPGA Championship as an open qualifier on the Korean Tour, as well as the 2021 Japan PGA Championship, one of five major championships on the Japan Golf Tour; also won on the Abema TV Tour (also referred to as the Japan Challenge Tour) and Srixon Tour (operated by the KPGA, one tier below the Korean Tour)
- Kim's only previous PGA TOUR starts were the 2020 CJ CUP @ SHADOW CREEK (finished T52) and 2021 CJ CUP @ SUMMIT (stood T2 through 36 holes, finished T32)

Rickie Fowler (T6/-5)

- Murrieta, California native opened with a bogey-free 5-under 67 in his third career appearance at the Fortinet Championship; previously finished solo-fourth (2010) and T2 (2009; lost playoff to Troy Matteson) at CordeValle GC
- Marks the second consecutive event to stand inside the top 10 through 18 holes (T8/2022 FedEx St. Jude Championship/finished (T64)
- The last time he stood inside the top 10 through 18 holes in consecutive starts was January 2020 (T3/Sentry Tournament of Champions and The American Express; finished T5 and T10, respectively)

Miscellaneous Notes

- Native Californian and University of California-Berkeley alum **Max Homa** opens title defense with third consecutive round of 7-under 65 at the event; he went 65-65 on the weekend to win the 2021 Fortinet Championship by one stroke over **Maverick McNealy**
- **Byeong Hun An** (T3/66) regained PGA TOUR membership via the 2022 Korn Ferry Tour Regular Season; only previous rounds in the event produced scores of 75 and 74 at the 2019 Fortinet Championship
- Chino Hills, California resident **Sahith Theegala** (T6/67) recorded his second-lowest score and fifth round in the 60s in his ninth career round at the Fortinet Championship (T14/2020, T47/2021); previous career-low round in two starts at event was 8-under 64 in the third round in 2020
- Past champion **Emiliano Grillo** (T6/67), who defeated Kevin Na in a playoff in 2015, opened his eighth career appearance at the Fortinet Championship with his fifth round of 67 or better at the event; celebrated his 30th birthday Wednesday
- Other past champions in the field: **Jimmy Walker** (T40/-2), **Cameron Champ** (T64/71), **Stewart Cink** (T116/74), **Kevin Tway** (T116/74), **Brendan Steele** (T147/77)
- There are 28 rookies on the PGA TOUR this season, with 27 in this week's; **Trevor Cone** (T26/-3), **Vincent Norrman** (T40/70), **Nico Echavarria** (T64/71), **Harrison Endycott** (T89/72), and **Kevin Roy** (T145/76) are each making their TOUR debut
- **Brandon Matthews** withdrew during round 1 (back injury)