



**2023 Fortinet Championship**  
*(1<sup>st</sup> of 7 FedExCup Fall Events)*

**Napa, California**  
**Silverado Resort (North Course)**

**September 14-17, 2023**  
**Par/Yards: 35-37—72/7,123**

**FedExCup points: 500 (winner)**  
**Purse: \$8.4 million (\$1,512,000/winner)**

**First-Round Notes – Thursday, September 14, 2023**

*Weather: Sunny. High of 85. Wind S 8-15 mph.*

**First-Round Leaderboard**

Lucas Herbert	63 (-9)
S.H. Kim	65 (-7)
Zac Blair	66 (-6)
Jason Dufner	66 (-6)
Harry Hall	66 (-6)
Mark Hubbard	66 (-6)
Sung Kang	66 (-6)
Kelly Kraft	66 (-6)

**Lucas Herbert (1<sup>st</sup>/-9)**

- Opens with a 63 to match his career-low score on TOUR (R4/2022 ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP)
- Matches his best nine-hole score on TOUR with a 7-under 30 on the back nine (two prior occasions: most recent on the front nine of the 2023 Travelers Championship)
- Round included 10 birdies, his most in a round in 53 PGA TOUR starts
- Cards a career-best six straight birdies on Nos. 12-17; previous longest birdie streak was three in a row on three occasions
- Round included a career-best 22 putts, totaling 144' 4" of made putts
- Previous-best first-round position was T7 at the 2022 PGA Championship (finished T13)
- Missed the cut in his only previous Fortinet Championship start (2021)
- This week marks his 16<sup>th</sup> start on the PGA TOUR this season and first since a missed cut at The Open Championship in July
- Has one top-10 finish this season (T9/World Golf Championships-Dell Technologies Match Play)
- Winner of the 2021 Butterfield Bermuda Championship on the PGA TOUR and three DP World Tour titles

**Miscellaneous Notes**

- The 2023 Fortinet Championship is the first of seven events in the FedExCup Fall, a group of tournaments after the TOUR Championship to help finalize eligibility for the 2024 PGA TOUR season; as part of the PGA TOUR's return to a calendar-based schedule in 2024, all seven events in the FedExCup Fall will be played twice as part of the 2022-23 season
- Highlighted by a 106-yard eagle-2 at No. 14, PGA TOUR rookie **S.H. Kim** (2<sup>nd</sup>) opens his second Fortinet Championship with a bogey-free 7-under 65; opened last year's event in 6-under 66 before finishing T36
- **Jason Dufner** (T3/-6) is inside the top five after any round on TOUR since the 2021 Fortinet Championship (T4/finished T42)
- Making his first start on TOUR since withdrawing during the first round of the 2023 Travelers Championship, **Kevin Kisner** (T20) opens with a 3-under 69
- Making his second start in the Fortinet Championship (T13/2017), U.S. Ryder Cup Team Captain **Zach Johnson** (T20) opens with a 3-under 69
- In his bid for a fourth consecutive top-10 finish in the Fortinet Championship, **Justin Thomas** is T20 at 3-under 69
- 2021 and 2022 Fortinet Championship winner and World No. 7 **Max Homa** (T35/-2) looks to become the first player to win the same PGA TOUR event three straight years since Steve Stricker (John Deere Classic/2009-11)
- 2023 NCAA Division I National Championship winner **Fred Biondi** (T60/-1) is making his first start as a professional on the PGA TOUR; finished No. 2 in the PGA TOUR University Class of 2023
- In his 500<sup>th</sup> career PGA TOUR start this week, **Aaron Baddeley** opens his 16<sup>th</sup> Fortinet Championship with a 1-over 73 (T105)