



2022 Hero World Challenge (unofficial PGA TOUR event)

New Providence, Bahamas December 1-4, 2022 Purse: \$3.5 million
Albany Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,449 Winner: \$1 million

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, December 3, 2022

Weather: Partly cloudy. High of 81. Wind ENE 15-20 mph, with gusts to 25 mph.

Third-Round Leaderboard

 Viktor Hovland
 69-70-64—203 (-13)

 Scottie Scheffler
 72-68-66—206 (-10)

 Justin Thomas
 72-70-66—208 (-8)

 Cameron Young
 71-69-68—208 (-8)

Things to Know

- Defending champion Viktor Hovland extends his lead to three strokes over 2021 runner-up Scottie Scheffler entering the final round of the Hero World Challenge
- Hovland made 10 birdies in the third round, one more than his career-high in official PGA TOUR events
- Tiger Woods (2007) is the only player to successfully defend a title at the event
- Scheffler would return to No. 1 in the Official World Golf Ranking with a win

Defending champion Viktor Hovland (1st/-13)

- Holds a three-stroke lead after recording an 8-under 64, his lowest score in seven career rounds at the event
- Made 10 birdies, including six on the final eight holes; career-high in official PGA TOUR events: nine (twice)
- Won the 2021 Hero World Challenge in his tournament debut by one stroke over Scottie Scheffler
- Has held the 54-hole lead/co-lead in three official individual stroke-play events on the PGA TOUR (2-for-3): 2020 Puerto Rico Open (Won), 2021 World Wide Technology Championship (Won), 2022 Open Championship (T4)
- One successful title defense on the PGA TOUR: 2021 World Wide Technology Championship
- One player has successfully defended a Hero World Challenge title: Tiger Woods, 2007 (at Sherwood Country Club); this is the 22nd edition of the tournament

Scottie Scheffler (T2/-10)

- Cards a 6-under 66, highlighted by an eagle-3 at No. 15; there have been two eagles at No. 15 this week and Scheffler has made both of them
- Would return to World No. 1 with a win; Rory McIlroy moved to No. 1 on October 23, snapping Scheffler's streak of 30 consecutive weeks in the top position
- Finished runner-up at the 2021 Hero World Challenge in his tournament debut
- Two top-10s in three starts on TOUR during the fall portion of the 2022-23 season (T3/World Wide Technology Championship, T9/Cadence Bank Houston Open)

Miscellaneous notes

- **Justin Thomas** (T3/-8) records a 6-under 66, highlighted by an eagle-2 at No. 7; Thomas has played 38 consecutive holes without a bogey or worse
- Cameron Young (T3/-8) is one of seven players in the field making his tournament debut; Young recorded five runner-up finishes on TOUR last season and was voted PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year
- **Kevin Kisner** recorded a hole-in-one at the par-3 12th, the first ace on No. 12 since the Hero World Challenge moved to Albany in 2015