



**2023 RBC Canadian Open**  
(34<sup>th</sup> of 44 events in the 2022-23 PGA TOUR Regular Season)

Toronto, Ontario, Canada  
Oakdale Golf & Country Club

June 8-11, 2023  
Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,264

FedExCup points: 500 (winner)  
Purse: \$9 million (\$1.62 million/winner)

**First-Round Notes – Thursday, June 8, 2023**

**Weather:** Mostly cloudy and smoky. High of 64. Wind NNE 7-14 mph.

**First-Round Leaderboard**

Aaron Rai	67 (-5)
Justin Lower	67 (-5)
Corey Conners	67 (-5)
Chesson Hadley	67 (-5)
<i>Nine players</i>	68 (-4)

**Things to Know**

- Corey Conners, one of 21 Canadians in the field, is the first Canadian to hold the lead/co-lead after any round of the RBC Canadian Open since David Hearn held the 54-hole lead in 2015
- Aaron Rai ties Jon Rahm for the most 18-hole leads/co-leads on TOUR this season (3)
- In his first start as a PGA TOUR member and professional, Sweden’s Ludvig Aberg opens with a 69 and is two strokes back
- Two-time defending champion and World No. 3 Rory McIlroy opens with a 1-under 71 and is four strokes off the lead
- Four players tied for the 18-hole lead marks the most in the event since 2017 (5) and is the most on TOUR since the 2022 Memorial Tournament presented by Workday (6)
- Four Canadians sit inside the top 15 on the leaderboard after the first round: Corey Conners (T1), Roger Sloan (T14), Mackenzie Hughes (T14) and Taylor Pendrith (T14)
- The front nine (37.237) played 2.054 strokes more difficult than the back nine (35.183) in the first round

**First-Round Lead Notes**

- 4 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win the RBC Canadian Open since 1983 (most recent: Scott Piercy/2012)
- 4 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win on TOUR in 2022-23 (most recent: Jon Rahm/Masters Tournament)

**Co-Leaders**

Category (Entering the week)	Aaron Rai	Justin Lower	Corey Conners	Chesson Hadley
Age	28 (3/3/1995)	34 (4/4/1989)	31 (1/6/1992)	35 (7/5/1987)
FedExCup	No. 90	No. 103	No. 27	No. 160
OWGR	No. 130	No. 226	No. 29	No. 297
Starts – wins – top-10s in PGA TOUR career	58-0-3	51-0-4	158-2-20	247-1-22
Starts – wins – top-10s on TOUR in 2022-23	23-0-1	23-0-2	16-1-2	20-0-0
Starts – wins – top-10s at RBC Canadian Open	1-0-0	1-0-0	7-0-1	2-0-0

**Corey Conners (T1/-5)**

- Opens with a bogey-free 67 to become the first Canadian to hold the lead/co-lead after any round at the RBC Canadian Open since 2015 (David Hearn/finished 3<sup>rd</sup>) and first to lead/co-lead after 18 holes since 2008 (Mike Weir/finished T5)
- Has not made a bogey in 51 consecutive holes in the event; carded at least one bogey in each of his first 17 rounds in the event and has gone bogey free in his last two rounds (2022/St. George’s G&CC/R4/62)
- Has one top-10 in seven previous starts in the event (2022/6<sup>th</sup>) and five missed cuts
- Winner of the 2023 Valero Texas Open; one of three Canadian winners on TOUR this season, the most in a single season in TOUR history (others: Mackenzie Hughes/Sanderson Farms Championship, Adam Svensson/RSM Classic)
- The last Canadian to win the RBC Canadian Open was Pat Fletcher in 1954 (not recognized as an official PGA TOUR win)
- One of 21 Canadians in the field; is the highest-ranked Canadian in the FedExCup (27) and Official World Golf Ranking (29)
- Leads the field in Strokes Gained: Tee to Green (4.547)

### Additional player notes

- **Aaron Rai** (T1) holds third career 18-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR and ties Jon Rahm for the most 18-hole leads/co-leads on TOUR this season (Farmers Insurance Open/52<sup>nd</sup>, RBC Heritage/T48); cards field-best nine birdies to tie his career-most in a round on TOUR (other: R3/2022 Shriners Children's Open)
- **Justin Lower** (T1) holds second career 18-hole lead/co-lead in 52<sup>nd</sup> TOUR start (held solo 18-hole lead at the 2022 Fortinet Championship and finished T4); making second start in the event (T35/2022)
- In his third start in the event and first since 2016, **Chesson Hadley** (T1) holds his third 18-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR (0-for-2 in converting to victory, most recently at the 2021 John Deere Classic/finished T34); enters the week with missed cuts in last four starts
- World No. 8 **Matt Fitzpatrick** (T5) opens with a 4-under 68 and is one stroke off the lead; finished T10 in 2022 the week prior to winning the U.S. Open
- In his first start as a PGA TOUR member and as a professional, **Ludvig Aberg** (T14) cards a 3-under 69; the 23-year-old Swede finished No. 1 in the 2023 PGA TOUR University Ranking to become the first player to earn a PGA TOUR card via PGA TOUR University
- Two-time defending champion **Rory McIlroy** (T37) posts a 1-under 71, his first score in the 70s in nine rounds in the event; the last player to earn three consecutive wins at a tournament was Steve Stricker at the John Deere Classic (2009-11)