

PRE-TOURNAMENT NOTES **2023 RBC HERITAGE**



TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

April 10-16 • 26th of 44 FedExCup Regular Season events Hilton Head Island, South Carolina Harbour Town Golf Links - Par 71 - 7.213 vds. Purse \$20 million - Winner \$3.6 million + 500 FedExCup pts.

143 players • 72-hole stroke-play **Defending champion** Jordan Spieth

BROADCAST SCHEDULE (ET)

	ESPN+	GOLF	CBS
R1	7 a.m6 p.m.	2-6 p.m.	
R2	7 a.m6 p.m.	2-6 p.m.	
R3	8:30 a.m6 p.m.	1-3 p.m.	3-6 p.m.
R4	8:30 a.m6 p.m.	1-3 p.m.	3-6 p.m.

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2022-23 PGA TOUR SEASON

FedExCup Playoffs
TOUR Championship
BMW Championship
FedEx St. Jude Championship
FedExCup Regular Season
Wyndham Championship
3M Open
Barracuda Championship

The Open Championship..... Barbasol Championship Genesis Scottish Open..... John Deere Classic Rocket Mortgage Classic Travelers Championship U.S. Open.....

RBC Canadian Open

the Memorial Tournament..... Charles Schwab Challenge PGA Championship..... AT&T Byron Nelson Wells Fargo Championship Mexico Open at Vidanta..... Zurich Classic of New Orleans.....

RBC Heritage.....

Masters Tournament...... Jon Rahm (4)

Valero Texas OpenCorey Conners

Corales Puntacana Championship Matt Wallace

WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play...... Sam Burns

THE PLAYERS Championship.....Scottie Scheffler (2) Arnold Palmer Invitational Kurt Kitayama The Honda Classic......Chris Kirk The Genesis Invitational Jon Rahm (3) WM Phoenix Open......Scottie Scheffler AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am.....Justin Rose Farmers Insurance Open......Max Homa (2) The American Express Jon Rahm (2) Sony Open in Hawaii......Si Woo Kim Sentry Tournament of Champions......Jon Rahm Cadence Bank Houston OpenTony Finau World Wide Technology Championship .. Russell Henley Butterfield Bermuda Championship.. Seamus Power THE CJ CUP in South Carolina Rory McIlroy ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP......Keegan Bradley

Shriners Children's Open......Tom Kim Sanderson Farms Championship . . Mackenzie Hughes Fortinet Championship Max Homa

Italics First-time PGA TOUR winners

TOP STORYLINES

The RBC Heritage is the 26th event of the 2022-23 PGA TOUR Season and sixth designated event, featuring seven of the top 10 players in the Official World Golf Ranking (38 of top 50), 28 of the top 30 players in the FedExCup standings and 19 of the 20 players that have won on TOUR this season.

47 players in the 143 player field competed at last week's Masters Tournament, including 10 players who finished T10 or better, highlighted by winner Jon Rahm.

J. Rahm (Won) R. Henley (T4) J. Spieth (T4) V. Hovland (T7) C. Young (T7) S. Theegala (9th) M. Fitzpatrick (T10) C. Morikawa (T10) X. Schauffele (T10) S. Scheffler (T10)

FedExCup leader and World No. 1 Jon Rahm won the Masters Tournament, earning his 11th career PGA TOUR victory and second major championship title. Rahm has won four times on TOUR this season and has earned \$13,288,540 in Official Money this season, the second-highest single-season total in TOUR history (highest: \$14,046,910, Scottie Scheffler, 2021-22). No player has won five times in a season on TOUR since Justin Thomas in 2016-17. With the victory, Rahm returned to No. 1 in the Official World Golf Ranking and ties Brooks Koepka for 10th-most weeks at No. 1 (47). This past week marked the fifth time the World No. 1 position has changed since the start of the 2022-23 season.

Recent World No. 1 timeline

October 23, 2022	Rory McIlroy wins THE CJ CUP in South Carolina, moves to No. 1
February 12, 2023 (16 weeks later)	Scottie Scheffler wins the WM Phoenix Open, moves to No. 1
February 19, 2023 (1 week later)	Jon Rahm wins The Genesis Invitational, moves to No. 1
March 12, 2023 (3 weeks later)	Scottie Scheffler wins THE PLAYERS Championship, moves to No. 1
April 9, 2023 (4 weeks later)	Jon Rahm wins the Masters Tournament, moves to No. 1

Rahm marks the first reigning Masters Tournament winner to play the following week on TOUR since Jordan Spieth in 2015 (Won/Masters Tournament, T11/RBC Heritage). Rahm won his first two victories of the season in back-to-back starts (Sentry Tournament of Champions, The American Express) and with a win at Harbour Town Golf Links, Rahm would become the first player to win consecutive tournaments including a major since Rory McIlroy in 2014 (WGC-Bridgestone Invitational, PGA Championship).

2022 RBC Heritage winner Jordan Spieth is making his seventh start at Harbour Town Golf Links. The 13-time PGA TOUR winner has played in 11 TOUR events to date as the defending champion and has never successfully defended a TOUR title (three top-fives in those 11 starts).

PGA	TOUR Victories (13)	Title Defense Finish
2022	RBC Heritage	TBD
2021	Valero Texas Open	T35
2017	The Open Championship	T9
2017	Travelers Championship	T42
2017	AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am	T20
2016	Charles Schwab Challenge	T2
2016	Sentry Tournament of Champions	T3
2015	TOUR Championship	T17
2015	John Deere Classic	DNP
2015	U.S. Open	T37
2015	Masters Tournament	T2
2015	Valspar Championship	T18
2013	John Deere Classic	T7

Five players successfully defended a title during the 2021-22 season, the most since 2007 (5), while three have done so this season (Max Homa/Fortinet Championship, Rory McIlroy/THE CJ CUP in South Carolina, Scottie Scheffler/WM Phoenix Open). The last player to successfully defend title at the RBC Heritage was Boo Weekley in 2008.

WINNERS (1969-PRESENT)

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Year Player
Year Player 2022 Jordan Spieth
2021 Stewart Cink
2020 Webb Simpson
2019
2018 Satoshi Kodaira
2017 Wesley Bryan
2016Branden Grace
2015 Jim Furyk
2014Matt Kuchar
2013Graeme McDowell
2012Carl Pettersson
2011 Brandt Snedeker
2010 Jim Furyk
2009 Brian Gay
2008
2007 Boo Weekley
2006 Aaron Baddeley
2005 Peter Lonard
2004 Stewart Cink
2003 Davis Love III
2002 Justin Leonard
2001José Cóceres
2000 Stewart Cink
1999Glen Day
1998Davis Love III
1997Nick Price
1996Loren Roberts
1995 Bob Tway
1994Hale Irwin
1993 David Edwards
1992Davis Love III
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1990 Payne Stewart
1989 Payne Stewart
1988Greg Norman
1987Davis Love III
1986Fuzzy Zoeller
1985Bernhard Langer
1984Nick Faldo
1983Fuzzy Zoeller
1982Tom Watson
1981 Bill Rogers
1980Doug Tewell
1979Tom Watson
1978Hubert Green
1977 Graham Marsh
1976Hubert Green
1975Jack Nicklaus
1974 Johnny Miller
1973Hale Irwin
1972Johnny Miller
1971
1970Bob Goalby
1969Arnold Palmer
bold in field

ADDITIONAL STORYLINES

World No. 2 and reigning PGA TOUR Player of the Year **Scottie Scheffler** will be making his tournament debut. Scheffler has eight top-10s in 11 starts this season, including four as the defending champion in a nine-week stretch. Scheffler successfully defended his title during the first opportunity (WM Phoenix Open), then finished T4 at the Arnold Palmer Invitational and fourth at the World Golf Championships-Dell Technologies Match Play. He concluded his fourth title defense attempt with a T10 at last week's Masters Tournament.

Three PGA TOUR players ranked in the top 10 of the Official World Golf Ranking will be making their second start at RBC Heritage this week and first since the tournament was the second one played following the PGA TOUR'S COVID-19 shutdown in 2020.

OWGR Rank	Player	Finish at the 2020 RBC Heritage
No. 1	Jon Rahm	T33
No. 7	Max Homa	T41
No. 9	Viktor Hovland	T21

World No. 4 **Patrick Cantlay** has only finished outside the top 10 once in five starts at the RBC Heritage (T3/2017, T7/2018, T3/2019, MC/2021, P2/2022). Cantlay, the 2021 FedExCup Champion, fell to 2015 FedExCup Champion Jordan Spieth on the first extra hole (No. 18) of the 2022 RBC Heritage, marking the first playoff in the FedExCup era (est. 2007) between two FedExCup Champions. The last player to win a tournament a season after losing it in a playoff was Ryuji Imada at the 2008 AT&T Classic (Zach Johnson def. Imada in 2007).

Players with multiple wins at the RBC Heritage in the field this week:

Wins	Player	Years
5	Davis Love III	1987, 1991, 1992, 1998, 2003
3	Stewart Cink	2000, 2004, 2021
2	Jim Furyk	2010, 2015

19-time PGA TOUR winner **Ernie Els** is playing this week on sponsor exemption. Els won the Hoag Classic last month on PGA TOUR Champions and is making his first non-major start on TOUR since the 2020 Memorial Tournament presented by Workday (MC).

11-time PGA TOUR winner **Justin Rose** is making his 400th career start on TOUR. Rose won the 2023 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, his first win on TOUR since 2019 (Farmers Insurance Open).

Youngest player in the field: 20-year-old **Tom Kim** Oldest player in the field: 58-year-old **Davis Love III**

2022 LEADERBOARD

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
P1	Jordan Spieth	69	68	68	66	271 (-13)
P2	Patrick Cantlay	66	67	70	68	271 (-13)
T3	Davis, Kuchar, Lowry, Straka, Varner, Young			272 (-12)		

STRENGTH OF FIELD STATISTICS

Top 10 FedExCup	9	Jon Rahm (1)
Top 30 FedExCup	28	
Top 10 OWGR	7	Jon Rahm (1)
Top 50 OWGR	38	
PGA TOUR winners	98	Davis Love III (21)
Past champions	10	Defending: Jordan Spieth
FedExCup Champions	s 6Mo	ost recent: Patrick Cantlay (2021)
PLAYERS winners	8.Mos	t recent: Scottie Scheffler (2023)
Major winners	21	Most: Ernie Els (4)

TOURNAMENT RECORDS

Category	Value	Player	Year
Low 18-hole score	61	2 players; most recent: Troy Merritt	2015
Low 36-hole score	126	Stewart Cink	2021
Low 54-hole score	195	Stewart Cink	2021
Low 72-hole score	262	Webb Simpson	2020
Holes-in-one (1983-present)	21	Most recent: Corey Conners	2022
Largest 18-hole lead	3	Jack Nicklaus	1975
Largest 36-hole lead	6	3 players; most recent: Darren Clarke	2005
Largest 54-hole lead	8	Tom Watson	1979
Best come-from-behind win	9	Stewert Cink	2004
Largest margin of victory	10	Brian Gay	2009
Playoffs	15	Most recent: Jordan Spieth def. Patrick Cantlay	2022
Wire-to-wire winners	3	Most recent: Nick Price	1997