



2023 RBC Heritage
(26th of 44 events in the 2022-23 PGA TOUR Regular Season)

Hilton Head, South Carolina
Harbour Town Golf Links

April 13-16, 2023
Par/Yards: 36-35—71/7,213

FedExCup points: 500 (winner)
Purse: \$20 million (\$3.6 million)

Completed First-Round Notes – Friday, April 14, 2023

Weather: Thursday: Mostly cloudy with showers. High of 72. Wind ESE 12-15 mph, with gusts to 25 mph. Play was suspended due to inclement weather at 2:52 p.m. ET and resumed at 4:16 p.m. (a delay of 1 hour, 24 minutes). Play was suspended due to darkness at 7:50 p.m. with six players left to complete the round. Friday: The first round resumed at 7:55 a.m. and was completed at 8:23 a.m. Partly cloudy. High of 65. Wind SW 3-6 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

Aaron Rai	63 (-8)
Viktor Hovland	64 (-7)
Brian Harman	65 (-6)
Jimmy Walker	65 (-6)

Things to Know

- Following an 8-under 63, Aaron Rai holds the 18-hole lead/co-lead for the second time on the PGA TOUR
- Rai completes his first round Friday morning with birdies on two of his final three holes (Nos. 16 and 18)
- Coming off a victory at the Masters, FedExCup leader and World No. 1 Jon Rahm records a 1-over 72 (T92)
- 2022 winner Jordan Spieth (T15 after a 3-under 68) has never successfully defended a title in 11 previous attempts on TOUR

First-Round Lead Notes

- 9 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win the RBC Heritage (most recent: Branden Grace, 2016)
- 4 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win on TOUR in 2022-23 (most recent: Jon Rahm, Masters Tournament)

Aaron Rai (1st/-8)

- Opens with his best opening-round score in 52 PGA TOUR stroke-play starts (previous: 2023 Farmers Insurance Open/64)
- Second career 18-hole lead/co-lead on the PGA TOUR (2023 Farmers Insurance Open; finished 52nd)
- Lone top-10 finish in 16 starts this season: 2022 Cadence Bank Houston Open (T7)
- Making his tournament debut

Viktor Hovland (2nd/-7)

- Cards a 7-under 64, his sixth career first-round score of 65 or better on TOUR and second at the RBC Heritage (65/2020, his only other start at the event)
- Five top-10s in 11 prior starts this season, highlighted by a T3 at THE PLAYERS Championship
- Three-time PGA TOUR winner (2020 Puerto Rico Open, 2020 World Wide Technology Championship, 2021 World Wide Technology Championship)
- Held a share of the lead after the first round of last week's Masters Tournament, his first career 18-hole lead/co-lead in an individual stroke-play PGA TOUR event, and went on to finish T7

Brian Harman (T3/-6)

- Records a 6-under 65, tying his career-low score in 45 rounds at the RBC Heritage (other 65s: R2/2015, R4/2020)
- Two top-10s in 13 prior starts at the event (T7/2014, T9/2017); competed on a sponsor exemption in 2004 (MC) and 2006 (MC)
- Two-time winner on the PGA TOUR (2014 John Deere Classic, 2017 Wells Fargo Championship)
- 26 top-10s on the PGA TOUR since the start of the 2017-18 season, the most of any player without a victory in that span (second-most: 23, Adam Hadwin)

Miscellaneous notes

- **Jimmy Walker** (T3/-6), who is competing this season on career money exemption (top 50 in career money), is making his fourth career start at the RBC Heritage (17th/2005, MC/2010, MC/2020)

- Coming off a victory at the Masters, FedExCup leader and World No. 1 **Jon Rahm** records a 1-over 72 (T92)
- Defending champion Jordan Spieth is currently T15 after a 3-under 68; Spieth has never successfully defended a title in 11 previous attempts on TOUR
- **Kevin Kisner** WD after the round
- **Ryan Fox** WD during the round due to illness