



2023 Sony Open in Hawaii
(11th of 47 events in the 2022-23 PGA TOUR Season)

Honolulu, Hawaii
Waialae Country Club

January 12-15, 2023
Par/Yards: 35-35—70/7,044

Purse: \$7,900,000 (\$1,422,000)
FedExCup Points: 500 (winner)

Completed First-Round Notes – Friday, January 13, 2023

Weather: Mostly Sunny. Temps in the low-70s. Wind ENE 3-6 mph. The first round resumed for 10 players at 7:57 a.m. and concluded at 8:33 a.m. The second round began as scheduled at 7:10 a.m.

Completed First-Round Leaderboard

Chris Kirk 64 (-6)
Jordan Spieth 64 (-6)
Taylor Montgomery 64 (-6)
Seven players tied 65 (-5)

Things to Know

- At 6-under 64, Chris Kirk, Jordan Spieth and Taylor Montgomery share the first-round lead at the Sony Open in Hawaii
- Records with the 18-hole lead/co-lead in individual stroke-play events: Kirk (0-for-6), Spieth (3-for-11), Montgomery (first time)
- Defending champion Hideki Matsuyama turns in his 12th consecutive under-par round at the Sony Open in Hawaii, matching the longest active streak at the event
- Ryan Armour aces No. 17 for his second hole-in-one of the season, joining Wyndham Clark for most on TOUR
- Rory Sabbatini and Jerry Kelly open with rounds of 65 and 70, respectively, in their 25th straight start at the Sony Open in Hawaii; neither player has missed a start since Sony took over as title sponsor of the event in 1999

First-Round Lead Notes

- 5 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win the Sony Open in Hawaii since 2000 (most recent: Justin Thomas/2017)
- 2 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win on TOUR in 2022-23 (most recent: Jon Rahm/2023 Sentry Tournament of Champions)

About the co-leaders

Category (entering the week)	Chris Kirk	Jordan Spieth	Taylor Montgomery
Age	37 (May 8, 1985)	29 (July 27, 1993)	27 (January 30, 1995)
FedExCup	138	116	12
OWGR	90	15	61
Starts – wins – top-10s in PGA TOUR career	307-4-37	239-13-79	11-0-3
Starts – wins – top-10s on TOUR in 2022-23	6-0-0	2-0-0	7-0-3
Starts – wins – top-10s at Sony Open in Hawaii	12-0-4	4-0-1	0-0-0

Chris Kirk (-6/T1)

- Opens with three straight birdies en route to a first-round 64, his 36th par-or-better score in 41 rounds at the event
- Marks his best score on TOUR since an opening-round 64 at the 2021 World Wide Technology Championship at Mayakoba
- Has two runner-up finishes in 12 prior starts at the Sony Open in Hawaii (2014, 2021)
- Holds the first-round lead/co-lead for the seventh time (0-for-6 to date)

Jordan Spieth (-6/T1)

- Opening-round 64 is his lowest score on TOUR since the third round of the 2022 AT&T Byron Nelson (64)
- Sets his lowest first-round score in five Sony Open in Hawaii starts (previous: 65/2017)
- Holds the first-round lead/co-lead for the 12th time in individual stroke-play events (3-for-11 to date; won the 2015 Masters Tournament, 2017 Travelers Championship, 2017 Open Championship)
- Also shared the first-round lead at the 2017 Zurich Classic of New Orleans, where he and teammate Ryan Palmer eventually finished fourth

- Would become the seventh player to win the Sentry Tournament of Champions (2016) and Sony Open in Hawaii: Jim Furyk (1996 Sony, 2001 Sentry), Ernie Els (2003 Sentry, 2003 and 2004 Sony), Vijay Singh (2005 Sony, 2007 Sentry), Zach Johnson (2009 Sony, 2014 Sentry), Justin Thomas (2017 Sentry, 2017 and 2020 Sony) and Cameron Smith (2020 Sony, 2022 Sentry)

Taylor Montgomery (-6/T1)

- Holds the lead/co-lead for the first time after any round in his 12th PGA TOUR start
- Previous-best opening-round score was 65 at the 2022 World Wide Technology Championship at Mayakoba
- Finished third at the 2022 Fortinet Championship for his best result on TOUR

Miscellaneous Notes

- 2008 Sony Open in Hawaii champion K.J. Choi's 66 marks his 17th par-or-better opening round in 19 starts at the event
- With a 2-under 68, defending champion Hideki Matsuyama turns in his 12th consecutive under-par round at the Sony Open in Hawaii, tied with Kevin Kisner for the longest active streak at the event; seeking to become the first repeat winner of the event since Jimmy Walker (2015)
- Ryan Armour aces the par-3 17th hole with a 6-iron from 204 yards, marking his third ace on the PGA TOUR; including his hole-in-one earlier this season at the 2022 Cadence Bank Houston Open (No. 7/R3), becomes the second player this season with two aces (Wyndham Clark); marks the sixth ace in tournament history at No. 17 (first since Jim Furyk in 2022/R1)