



# 2023 The Genesis Invitational (16<sup>th</sup> of 44 events in the 2022-23 PGA TOUR Season)

Pacific Palisades, California February 16-19, 2023 FedExCup Points: 550 (winner)

The Riviera Country Club Par/Yards: 35-36—71/7,322 Purse: \$20,000,000 (\$3,600,000 winner)

#### COMPLETED First-Round Notes - Friday, February 17, 2023

Weather: Thursday: Mostly Sunny. High of 63. Wind SW 6-12 mph. Due to darkness, the first round was suspended at 5:39 p.m. PT with nine players yet to complete their round. Friday: Mostly Cloudy. High of 57. Wind NE 5-10 mph. The first round resumed at 7:43 a.m. and was completed at 8:22 a.m.

#### First-Round Leaderboard

Max Homa	64 (-7)
Keith Mitchell	64 (-7)
Jon Rahm	65 (-6)
Matt Kuchar	66 (-5)
Collin Morikawa	66 (-5)
Harris English	66 (-5)

# **Things to Know**

- 2021 Genesis Invitational winner Max Homa opens with his best score in 21 rounds in the event
- · Keith Mitchell posts low round of the season to share first-round lead in second start in The Genesis Invitational
- World No. 3 Jon Rahm posts seventh round of 65 or better in 21<sup>st</sup> round of the season
- Jon Rahm (No. 1 in FedExCup) and Max Homa (No. 2 in the FedExCup), are the only multiple winners on TOUR this season
- In first PGA TOUR start since the 2022 Open Championship (MC), tournament host Tiger Woods opens with a 2-under 69 and sits T27; round highlighted by consecutive birdies on his last three holes

#### **First-Round Lead Notes**

- 5 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win The Genesis Invitational since 2000 (most recent: Joaquin Niemann/2022)
- 2 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win on TOUR in 2022-23 (most recent: Jon Rahm/Sentry Tournament of Champions)

## Co-leaders (entering the week)

Category	Max Homa	Keith Mitchell
Age	32 (November 19, 1990)	31 (January 7, 1992)
FedExCup	2	62
OWGR	12	56
Starts – wins – top-10s in PGA TOUR career	157-6-21	140-1-20
Starts – wins – top-10s on TOUR in 2022-23	6-2-3	9-0-2
Starts – wins – top-10s at The Genesis Invitational	6-1-3	1-0-0

### Max Homa (T1/-7)

- Holds first 18-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR and fourth after any round; most recently held a share of the 36-hole lead at the 2022 Fortinet Championship (won)
- 64 marks low score in 21 rounds in the event, and bests his low opening round by two shots (previous: 66 two occasions, 2021, 2022); marks 12<sup>th</sup> consecutive round at par or better in the event
- 2021 Genesis Invitational winner is making his seventh start in the event; has three consecutive top-10s (T5/2020, Won/2021, T10/2022)
- No. 2 in the FedExCup after victories at the 2022 Fortinet Championship and 2023 Farmers Insurance Open; one of two
  multiple winners on the season (other: Jon Rahm)
- Four of his six wins have come in his home state of California (2021 Genesis Invitational, 2021 Fortinet Championship, 2022 Fortinet Championship, 2023 Farmers Insurance Open); other wins: 2019 Wells Fargo Championship, 2022 Wells Fargo Championship)

• Has multiple wins in two different PGA TOUR events: Wells Fargo Championship (2019, 2022) and Fortinet Championship (2021, 2022)

#### Keith Mitchell (T1/-7)

- Holds first 18-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR and fourth after any round; most recently held the lead at the 2021 CJ CUP @ SUMMIT (finished T3)
- Has one career PGA TOUR victory (2019 Honda Classic)
- In one previous start in The Genesis Invitational, missed the cut in 2019
- Has two top-10s in nine starts this season (T9/Cadence Bank Houston Open, T4/AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am)

## Jon Rahm (3<sup>rd</sup>/-6)

- 65 ties his low score in 17 rounds in the event; closed the 2022 Genesis Invitational with a final-round 65
- 65 marks seventh round of 65 or better this season, tied for most of any player (others: Taylor Montgomery, Patrick Rodgers); marks third first-round of 65 or better this season; opened with a 64 twice and went on to win
- Has five consecutive top-10s to open the season, including wins in back-to-back starts (Sentry Tournament of Champions, The American Express)
- In four previous starts at The Genesis Invitational, holds the lowest Scoring Average of any player on record (69.38); Has two top-10s (T5/2021, T9/2019)
- In last nine worldwide starts, has finished no worse than T8; has four wins in that span, including two on the DP World Tour (Acciona Open De Espana and DP World Tour Championship)

#### Tiger Woods (T27/-2)

- In first PGA TOUR start since the 2022 Open Championship, opened with a 2-under 69; hit 6 of 14 fairways and 12 of 18 greens in regulation
- Marks 844 days since his last competitive round in a non-major (October 25, 2020/ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP)
- Has not finished in the top-10 on TOUR since the 2020 Farmers Insurance Open (T9)
- Is tied with Sam Snead for most wins in PGA TOUR history; his last TOUR win came at the 2019 ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP)
- Runner-up (twice) marks best finish in 14 previous starts at The Genesis Invitational (2<sup>nd</sup>/1998, T2/1999)

Most starts in a PGA TOUR event without a win		
The Genesis Invitational	14	
FedEx St. Jude Championship	11	
The Honda Classic	5	
WM Phoenix Open	4	

#### **Miscellaneous Notes**

- **Collin Morikawa** (T4) is making his fourth start in the event where he finished runner-up in 2022; in six starts this season, has a runner-up (Sentry Tournament of Champions) and third-place finish
- Matt Kuchar (T4) has two top-10s in 16 previous starts in the event (T2/2020, T8/2016)
- Harris English (T4) posts low score in 23 rounds at the event; has missed cuts in his last three starts at Riviera
- Making his third start of the season, **Rory McIlroy** (T7) posts a bogey-free 67; has three top-10s in six previous starts in the event (best: T4/2019)
- World No. 1 and last week's WM Phoenix Open winner Scottie Scheffler (T45) opens with a 1-under 70; finished T7 in 2022