



2023 Honda Classic
(17th of 44 events in the FedExCup Regular Season)

Palm Beach Gardens, Florida
PGA National Resort (Champion)

February 23-26, 2023
Par/Yards: 35-35—70/7,125 yards

FedExCup points: 500 (winner)
Purse: \$8.4 million (\$1,512,000/winner)

Completed First-Round Notes – Friday, February 24, 2023

Weather: Thursday: Partly cloudy. High of 84. Wind SE 8-14 mph, with gusts to 18 mph. The first round was suspended due to darkness at 6:18 p.m. ET with 12 players left on the course. Friday: The first round resumed at 7:43 a.m. and was completed at 8:20 a.m. The second round began as scheduled at 6:50 a.m. Partly cloudy. High of 70. Wind light and variable.

Completed First-Round Leaderboard

Joseph Bramlett	65 (-5)
Billy Horschel	65 (-5)
Carson Young	65 (-5)
Pierceson Coody	66 (-4)
Justin Suh	66 (-4)

Things to Know

- Joseph Bramlett ties his lowest score on TOUR this season (65)
- Billy Horschel cards his lowest score in 33 career rounds at The Honda Classic (65)
- Carson Young records his lowest score in 30 rounds on the PGA TOUR (65)
- Three co-leaders equal the most following the first round on TOUR this season (fifth occasion) and the most first-round leaders at The Honda Classic since four players shared the opening-round lead in 2006
- In his first round as a professional on the PGA TOUR, two-time Korn Ferry Tour winner Pierceson Coody records a 66

First-Round Lead Notes

- 1 First-round leader/co-leader on record to win The Honda Classic since it moved to PGA National in 2007 (Matt Jones, 2021)
- 2 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win on TOUR in 2022-23 (most recent: Jon Rahm/Sentry Tournament of Champions)

Comparing the co-leaders (entering the week)

Category	Joseph Bramlett	Billy Horschel	Carson Young
Age	34 (April 7, 1988)	36 (December 7, 1986)	28 (November 12, 1994)
FedExCup	No. 59	No. 103	No. 204
OWGR	No. 187	No. 19	No. 469
Starts – wins – top-10s in PGA TOUR career	115-0-4	306-7-55	12-0-0
Starts – wins – top-10s on TOUR in 2022-23	11-0-2	6-0-1	11-0-0
Starts – wins – top-10s at The Honda Classic	5-0-1	10-0-2	Tournament Debut

Joseph Bramlett (T1/-5)

- Ties his lowest score on TOUR this season with a 65 (R1/World Wide Technology Championship, R2/Cadence Bank Houston Open)
- Finished T7 at the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am in his most recent start, tying his career-best result on the PGA TOUR (2021 AT&T Byron Nelson)
- Has two top-10s in his last six starts after recording two in his first 109 starts on the PGA TOUR (T9/Cadence Bank Houston Open, T7/AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am)
- Missed the cut in both previous starts at The Honda Classic (2020, 2021); stood T4 after the first round in 2021 (66-79)
- Holds the lead for the first time after any round on the PGA TOUR

Billy Horschel (T1/-5)

- Opens with 65, his lowest score in 33 rounds at The Honda Classic (previous: 66, twice; most recent: R3, 2016)
- Lowest first-round score on TOUR since the 2022 Farmers Insurance Open (63)
- Finished T7 at THE CJ CUP in South Carolina in his first start of the season and has not finished better than T30 in five starts since

- Two top-10s in 10 prior starts at The Honda Classic (T8/2016, T4/2017)
- No. 19 in the Official World Golf Ranking, second-highest of any player in the field (Sungjae Im, No. 18)
- Holds the first-round lead/co-lead for the third time on TOUR; 1-for-2 to date (2014 TOUR Championship)

Carson Young (T1/-5)

- Opens with 65, his lowest score in 30 rounds on TOUR (previous: 67, twice; most recent: R1/2023 American Express)
- PGA TOUR rookie is making Honda Classic debut
- Last made cut on TOUR came at the 2022 World Wide Technology Championship (career-best T53)
- Holds the lead for the first time after any round on the PGA TOUR

Miscellaneous notes

- Making his first start on the PGA TOUR as a professional, **Pierceson Coody** records a bogey-free 66; Coody, who is competing on a sponsor exemption, turned professional in June 2022 after finishing No. 1 in the PGA TOUR University Velocity Global Ranking and has won twice in 15 starts on the Korn Ferry Tour since, including The Panama Championship this season
- Pierceson's twin brother, **Parker Coody**, got into the field via the Open Qualifier (4-over 74)
- Reigning Korn Ferry Tour Player of the Year **Justin Suh** opens with a 66, tying his lowest first-round score on TOUR this season; Suh has one top-25 in 12 starts this season (T20/Farmers Insurance Open)
- World No. 47 **Min Woo Lee** (2-under 68) and No. 53 **Adrian Meronk** (3-under 67), who are both DP World Tour members competing as exempt international players designated by the Commissioner, are looking to qualify for THE PLAYERS Championship (March 9-12) via the top 50 in the Official World Golf Ranking at the end of the week
- **Thomas Detry** and **Brent Grant** (sinus issues) withdrew following their first round