



**2023 Honda Classic**  
*(17<sup>th</sup> 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 Second-Round Notes – Saturday, February 25, 2023**

**Friday weather:** Partly cloudy. High of 84. Wind E 6-12 mph.

**Suspension summary:** Play was suspended due to darkness on Friday at 6:27 p.m. with three players yet to complete their round. The second round resumed at 6:47 a.m. and was completed at 6:57 a.m. Third-round tee times will be in threesomes off No. 1.

**Cut:** 80 players at 1-over 141 from a field of 144 professionals.

**Second-Round Leaderboard**

Justin Suh	66-64—130 (-10)
Chris Kirk	69-62—131 (-9)
Ryan Gerard	69-63—132 (-8)
Ben Taylor	67-65—132 (-8)

**Things to Know**

- Following his best round (64) and opening 36-hole score (130) on the PGA TOUR, Justin Suh holds a one-stroke lead over Chris Kirk after the second round of The Honda Classic
- Kirk equals his career-low round on the PGA TOUR (62)
- Ryan Gerard trails by two shots in bid to become the first Open Qualifier to win on TOUR since 2019

**Second-Round Lead Notes**

- 4 Second-round leaders/co-leaders to win since the event moved to PGA National in 2007  
Most recent: Keith Mitchell/2019
- 5 Second-round leaders/co-leaders to win on TOUR in 2022-23  
Most recent: Scottie Scheffler/W/M Phoenix Open

**Justin Suh (1<sup>st</sup>/-10)**

Category	Entering the week
Age	25 (June 12, 1997)
FedExCup	No. 112
OWGR	No. 117
Starts – wins – top-10s in PGA TOUR career	37-0-1
Starts – wins – top-10s on TOUR in 2022-23	12-0-0
Starts – wins – top-10s at The Honda Classic	Tournament debut

- Posts his career-low round on TOUR with a 6-under 64; most recent of three 65s came in the second round of the 2023 American Express
- At 10-under 130, tops his best opening 36-hole score on TOUR by three strokes (133/2020 Shriners Children's Open)
- Holds the second-round lead/co-lead for the second time on the PGA TOUR (2021 Corales Puntacana Championship/T28)
- Becomes the first player with seven straight 3s on his scorecard since the event moved to PGA National in 2007, playing Nos. 5-11 in 5-under
- Lone top-25 finish in 12 starts this season: T20 at the Farmers Insurance Open
- Lone top-10 finish in 37 prior PGA TOUR starts: T8 at the 2020 Shriners Children's Open
- Would become the fourth player in the last five years to earn maiden PGA TOUR victory at The Honda Classic (Keith Mitchell/2019, Sungjae Im/2020, Sepp Straka/2022)
- Making Honda Classic debut

**Chris Kirk (2<sup>nd</sup>/-9)**

- Equals his career-low round on the PGA TOUR with an 8-under 62; most recent 62 came in the final round of the 2015 Sentry Tournament of Champions (finished T14)
- Making his 179<sup>th</sup> start since the most recent of his four PGA TOUR victories (2015 Charles Schwab Challenge)
- Stood T2 after 36 holes of the 2022 Honda Classic, eventually finishing T7 for his only top-10 finish in 11 starts in the event

#### Cut notes

- 80 players making the cut is the most in a PGA TOUR event since the 2022 Wyndham Championship (87)
- 1-over ties the highest 36-hole cut of the season (The Genesis Invitational)
- Last time there were back-to-back over-par cuts on the PGA TOUR: five consecutive during the 2021-22 season (PGA Championship, Charles Schwab Challenge, the Memorial Tournament presented by Workday, RBC Canadian Open, U.S. Open)

#### Miscellaneous notes

- 36-hole positions of the three first-round co-leaders: **Carson Young** (T10, second-round 70), **Joseph Bramlett** (T29, 73), **Billy Horschel** (T29, 73)
- **Ryan Gerard** (T3/-8) cards a 7-under 63 to make the cut for the first time in just his second TOUR start; 2019 Valero Texas Open champion Corey Connors is the last Open Qualifier to win on TOUR
- Defending champion **Sepp Straka** (T22/-3) trails by seven strokes in bid to become the first repeat winner of The Honda Classic since Jack Nicklaus in 1977-78
- After hitting his tee shot in the water on the par-3 15th hole, **Kyle Stanley** (T60/+1) holes out from 94 yards to become just the third player to make par on the hole after hitting a tee shot in the water (most recent: Max Homa/2015/R1)
- Sponsor exemption **Pierceson Coody** (No. 9) and Open Qualifier **Brett Drewitt** (No. 18) did not complete the second round Friday and made par at their final hole when play resumed Saturday morning to make the cut on the number
- World No. 47 **Min Woo Lee** (T22/-3) and No. 53 **Adrian Meronk** (T16/-4), 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