



# 2022 RSM Classic (9<sup>th</sup> of 47 events in the 2022-23 PGA TOUR Season)

St. Simons Island, Georgia November 17-20, 2022 FedExCup points: 500 (winner)

Sea Island Golf Club (Seaside) Par/Yards: 35-35—70/7,005 Purse: \$8.1 million (\$1,458,000 winner)

Sea Island Golf Club (Plantation) Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,060

Second-Round Notes - Friday, November 18, 2022

Weather: Sunny. High of 57. Wind NNE 6-12 mph, with gusts to 15 mph.

36-hole cut: 69 professionals at 4-under 138 from a field of 154 professionals and one amateur.

#### **Second-Round Leaderboard**

Andrew Putnam	SS-PL	65-65—130 (-12)
Harry Higgs	PL-SS	67-63—130 (-12)
Cole Hammer	PL-SS	64-66—130 (-12)
Joel Dahmen	SS-PL	67-64—131 (-11)
Beau Hossler	SS-PL	64-67—131 (-11)
Sahith Theegala	PL-SS	68-63-131 (-11)

# **Things to Know**

- This week marks the first time The RSM Classic has failed to produce an outright second-round leader
- Records with the 36-hole lead/co-lead (individual stroke-play events): Andrew Putnam (0-for-3), Harry Higgs (0-for-1), Cole Hammer (first time)
- Equals the most players to share the 36-hole lead on TOUR since the 2022 Wyndham Championship (eventual winner Tom Kim, Brandon Wu, Ryan Moore)
- Will Gordon (T11) leads contingent of 16 active PGA TOUR members who reside in the Sea Island area
- Two-time RSM Classic runner-up Webb Simpson misses the cut for the first time in 11 starts at the event

### Second-Round Lead Notes

- 7 Second-round leaders/co-leaders to win The RSM Classic, including each of the last six
- 4 Second-round leaders/co-leaders to win on TOUR in 2022-23 (most recent: Tony Finau/Cadence Bank Houston Open)

## Co-Leaders (-12)

Category	<b>Cole Hammer</b>	<b>Andrew Putnam</b>	Harry Higgs
Age	23 (8/28/1999)	33 (1/25/1989)	30 (12/4/1991)
FedExCup	N/A	No. 12	No. 150
OWGR	No. 914	No. 82	No. 256
Starts – wins – top-10s in PGA TOUR career	14-0-0	161-1-16	87-0-5
Starts – wins – top-10s on TOUR in 2022-23	3-0-0	7-0-1	4-0-0
Starts – wins – top-10s at The RSM Classic	0-0-0	4-0-0	3-0-0

# Cole Hammer (T1/-12) – PL-SS

- Playing on a sponsor exemption and making his tournament debut, follows career-low 64 with a 4-under 66 at the Seaside Course
- Marks his first career second-round lead/co-lead on TOUR
- Last sponsor exemption to win on TOUR: Martin Laird (2020 Shriners Children's Open)
- Last non-member to win on a sponsor exemption: Matthew Wolff (2019 3M Open)
- Has two made cuts in 14 previous TOUR starts, both coming at the Cadence Bank Houston Open (T27/2022/Memorial Park, T61/2019/Golf Club of Houston/amateur)
- Finished No. 5 in the PGA TOUR University Class of 2022 to earn access to remaining open-field events on the 2022 Korn Ferry Tour and the Final Stage of the 2022 Korn Ferry Tour Qualifying Tournament; finished T59 at Final Stage of Q-School to earn conditional status on the Korn Ferry Tour in 2023

- From Houston, Texas, played collegiately at the University of Texas from 2018-22, winning the team title at the 2022 NCAA Men's Golf Championships and four individual tournaments during his career
- Recipient of 2019 McCormack Medal as the No. 1 player in the World Amateur Golf Ranking

## Andrew Putnam (T1/-12) - SS-PL

- Holds the 36-hole lead/co-lead for the second time this season (ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP/T2) and fourth time in his career in individual stroke-play events (2014 Shriners Children's Open/T33, 2015 Cadence Bank Houston Open/T25, 2022 RSM Classic/TBD)
- Is the only player with multiple 36-hole leads/co-leads on TOUR this season
- Along with teammate Michael Kim, held outright 36-hole lead at the 2018 Zurich Classic of New Orleans (T15)
- With matching rounds of 65, equals second-lowest opening 36-hole score of his career:
  - o 127 2019 Sony Open in Hawaii (finished 2<sup>nd</sup>)
  - o 130 2022 ZOZO Championship (T2)
  - 130 2022 RSM Classic (TBD)
- Seeking first stroke-play victory in his 162<sup>nd</sup> TOUR start; lone win came at the 2018 Barracuda Championship (Modified Stableford format)
- Makes the cut for the eighth time in as many starts this season, his longest streak to start a season on TOUR; last missed cut in a stroke-play event came at the Memorial Tournament presented by Workday in June

#### Harry Higgs (T1/-12) - PL-SS

- Holds the 36-hole lead/co-lead for the second time (2019 Butterfield Bermuda Championship/2<sup>nd</sup>)
- At 130, sets the lowest opening 36-hole score of his career (previous: 131 on three occasions)
- Snapped a streak of three straight missed cuts to start the season with a T32 in his most recent start at the World Wide Technology Championship at Mayakoba
- Seeking first victory in his 88<sup>th</sup> start on TOUR; has runner-up finishes at the 2019 Butterfield Bermuda Championship and 2020 Fortinet Championship
- Makes the cut for the second time in four starts at The RSM Classic (T35/2019, MC/2020, MC/2021, TBD/2022)

#### **Miscellaneous Notes**

- **Kevin Streelman** (T7) has hit a career-best 33 greens in regulation through two rounds; previous mark of 32 was set at the 2021 RSM Classic and 2022 Wyndham Championship
- Will Gordon (T11) leads contingent of 16 active PGA TOUR members who reside in the Sea Island area
- Justin Suh, who was named 2022 Korn Ferry Tour Player of the Year earlier this week, sits T15 in tournament debut
- Two-time RSM Classic runner-up Webb Simpson misses the cut for the first time in 11 starts at the event; second-round 74 marks the worst of just three over-par scores in 40 rounds at The RSM Classic (74/SS/R2/2022, 71/SS/R3/2013, 71/SS/R4/2016)

## **RSM Birdies Fore Love**

The annual RSM Birdies Fore Love competition concludes this week at The RSM Classic, with the player making the most birdies (or better) throughout the fall portion of the schedule will receive \$300,000 to donate to a children- or family-focused charitable organization of his choice (\$150,000 for second, \$50,000 for third). With this being the final week of the competition, each birdie (or better) will count for two.

Most birdies or better through round two of The RSM Classic

136 Patrick Rodgers135 Taylor Montgomery133 Will Gordon