



2023 Valspar Championship
(21st of 44 events in the 2022-23 PGA TOUR Regular Season)

Palm Harbor, Florida
Innisbrook Resort (Copperhead)

March 16-19, 2023
Par/Yards: 36-35—71/7,340

FedExCup points: 500 (winner)
Purse: \$8,100,000 (\$1,458,000 winner)

First-Round Notes – Thursday, March 16, 2023

Weather: Sunny. High of 76. Wind ESE 6-12 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

Ryan Brehm	66 (-5)
Stephan Jaeger	66 (-5)
Adam Schenk	66 (-5)
Jordan Spieth	67 (-4)
Lucas Glover	67 (-4)
Maverick McNealy	67 (-4)
<i>Five players</i>	<i>68 (-3)</i>

Things to Know

- Ryan Brehm aces the 196-yard par-3 17th en route to 5-under 66 and his first 18-hole lead/co-lead on the PGA TOUR
- Stephan Jaeger makes seven birdies, tied for the most in the field, and posts 5-under 66 for a share of the 18-hole lead, marking his second 18-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR (1st/2021 Corales Puntacana Championship/finished T48)
- Adam Schenk cards six birdies and one bogey to join Brehm and Jaeger at 5-under 66 for his first 18-hole lead/co-lead in a PGA TOUR event
- Reigning back-to-back champion Sam Burns opens with 2-under 69 and stands T12 in his bid to join Tiger Woods (six times), Steve Stricker (John Deere Classic/2009-11), and Stuart Appleby (Sentry Tournament of Champions/2004-06) as the only players in the last 40 years to win the same PGA TOUR event at least three years in a row
- Jordan Spieth, winner of the 2015 Valspar Championship, opens with a bogey-free 4-under 67 and stands T4

First-Round Lead Notes

- 2 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win Valspar Championship (Sam Burns, 2022; K.J. Choi, 2002)
- 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	Ryan Brehm	Stephan Jaeger	Adam Schenk
Age	36 (April 5, 1986)	33 (May 30, 1989)	31 (January 26, 1992)
FedExCup	No. 152	No. 77	No. 72
OWGR	No. 385	No. 135	No. 143
Starts – wins – top-10s in PGA TOUR career	101-1-1	107-0-3	164-0-9
Starts – wins – top-10s on TOUR in 2022-23	17-0-0	14-0-1	16-0-0
Starts – wins – top-10s at Valspar Championship	2-0-0	3-0-0	4-0-0

Ryan Brehm (T1/-5)

- Cards 5-under 66 with an ace at the par-3 17th hole, four birdies, and one bogey for his first 18-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR
- Makes first hole-in-one of TOUR career with 7-iron at the 196-yard 17th, the 12th hole-in-one in Valspar Championship history and first since 2019 (Jason Kokrak/R3/No. 15), as well as the fourth hole-in-one at No. 17 in tournament history (most recent: Kris Blanks/R4/2012)
- Previous career-high standing through round one of a TOUR event was solo third at the 2022 Puerto Rico Open (won)
- First 18-hole lead/co-lead in a PGA TOUR-sanctioned event since the 2019 Visit Knoxville Open (1st/finished T13) on the Korn Ferry Tour; he held four career 18-hole leads/co-leads on the Korn Ferry Tour and converted one into a victory (2016 WinCo Foods Portland Open)
- Making third appearance (T66/2022, MC/2021), cards his low round at the Valspar Championship (previous: 68/R2/2022)
- Hit nine of 18 greens in regulation and converted eight of nine scrambling attempts
- Entered the week with 14 missed cuts in 17 starts and season-high finish of T14 at The Honda Classic

- Played his previous four rounds in 18-over par (MC/THE PLAYERS Championship; Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard)

Stephan Jaeger (T1/-5)

- Tallies seven birdies (tied for the most in the field), including six in his final 11 holes, for a 5-under 66 and his lowest round since The American Express (65/R3/Nicklaus TC)
- Second 18-hole lead/co-lead on the PGA TOUR (1st/2021 Corales Puntacana Championship/finished T48)
- Making his fourth appearance (MC/2022, MC/2019, T49/2018), cards his low round at the Valspar Championship; his only round in the 60s in eight previous rounds at the event came in 2022 (68/R2)
- Cards his fifth round of 66 or better for the 2022-23 PGA TOUR season
- Entered the week with 12 made cuts in 14 starts and a season-high finish of T9 at the 2022 Cadence Bank Houston Open
- Six-time Korn Ferry Tour winner (tied for second-most career wins in Tour history) seeking first PGA TOUR victory

Adam Schenk (T1/-5)

- Cards 5-under 66, his lowest round on TOUR since the 2022 Butterfield Bermuda Championship (66/R2) last October
- Holds first 18-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR and third lead after any round on TOUR (2022 Farmers Insurance Open/T1 thru R2/finished T56; 2021 Shriners Children's Open/1st thru R3/finished T3)
- Making fifth appearance (best finish: T18/2021), cards his low round at the Valspar Championship (previous: 67/R4/2021)
- Records his sixth round of 66 or better for the 2022-23 PGA TOUR season (previous five all came in October 2022)
- Stands T6 or higher after round one for third time in last four starts (T5/Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard/finished T31; T6/The Honda Classic/finished T42)
- Four-time FedExCup Playoffs qualifier seeking first PGA TOUR win (career-high finish: T3/2021 Shriners Children's Open)

Jordan Spieth (T4/-4)

- Making his sixth appearance and playing his 19th round at the Valspar Championship, the 2015 winner opens with a bogey-free 4-under 67 and ties his low 18-hole score in the event (R3/2016; R2/2015)
- Previous low opening round at the Valspar Championship was 1-under 70 (2015/won), and previous high 18-hole position at the event was T26 (2014/T20)
- Last opening round of 67 or better was 6-under 64 at the 2023 Sony Open in Hawaii (MC)
- Making ninth start of the 2022-23 season, stands T5 or higher after round one for third time this season (T1/2023 Sony Open in Hawaii/MC; T5/2023 Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard/finished T4)
- Leads field in Strokes Gained: Putting (4.530) after entering the week ranked 114th on TOUR
- His 4.530 Strokes Gained: Putting marks the seventh-highest total of his career and his 11th career round of 4-plus Strokes Gained: Putting across all measured ShotLink rounds; his last round with more than 4.50 Strokes Gained: Putting was the 2019 Wyndham Championship (5.126/R1)

Miscellaneous notes

- **Sam Burns**, winner of the 2021 and 2022 Valspar Championships, makes five birdies and three bogeys for 2-under 69 and stands T12; he stood T7 or higher in each of the last eight rounds of the Valspar Championship
- T12 also marks Burns' lowest 18-hole position at the Valspar Championship since his 2018 debut (T28/finished T12); his last three 18-hole positions at the event were: T1 (2022/won), T7 (2021/won), T11 (2019/finished T30)
- **Davis Riley** (T12), runner-up at the 2022 Valspar Championship (lost playoff to Sam Burns), also opens with 2-under 69
- **Lucas Glover** (T4), makes seven birdies, tied for the most in the field, en route to 2-under 69 and stands T5 or higher through the first round of a TOUR event since 2020 the Memorial Tournament presented by Workday (T5/finished T38)
- **Maverick McNealy** (T4) cards five birdies for 4-under 67, his lowest round since the 2023 Sony Open in Hawaii, in addition to his highest 18-hole position since the 2022 Shriners' Children's Open (T2/finished T10)
- Needing a 2-way T54 or better to secure Special Temporary Membership, **Ryan Gerard** cards 1-over 72 and stands T58
- In addition to Burns and Spieth, three other past champions stand inside the top 40: 2017 winner **Adam Hadwin** (T12/-2), 2011 winner **Gary Woodland** (T32/E), and 2008 winner **Sean O'Hair** (T32/E), the last man into this week's field (replaced **Matthew NeSmith**, who withdrew with a back injury before the first round)
- **Rory Sabbatini** (T96/+3) officially becomes the 70th player in history to make at least 600 PGA TOUR starts