



**2024 Hero World Challenge
PGA TOUR Challenge Season Event (unofficial)**

**Albany Golf Course
Albany, Bahamas**

**December 5-8, 2024
Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,449**

Purse: \$5,000,000

First-Round Notes – December 5, 2024

Weather: Partly sunny. High of 78. Wind E 4-8 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

| Pos. | Player | R1 |
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| 1 | Cameron Young | 64 (-8) |
| 2 | Justin Thomas | 66 (-6) |
| T3 | Akshay Bhatia | 67 (-5) |
| T3 | Ludvig Åberg | 67 (-5) |
| T3 | Patrick Cantlay | 67 (-5) |
| T3 | Scottie Scheffler | 67 (-5) |
| T3 | Sahith Theegala | 67 (-5) |

Cameron Young (1st/-8)

- Hits 12 of 13 fairways and 16 of 18 greens in regulation with 28 putts en route to a bogey-free 64 (-8)
- Eight birdies ties Nick Dunlap for most birdies in Thursday’s opening round
- Marks his low 18-hole score in nine rounds at this event; previous: 68 (twice, R3 and R4/2022)
- Makes third appearance at the Hero World Challenge (15th/2023, 3rd/2022)
- Lone player in the field yet to win on the PGA TOUR
- One stroke shy of the best opening round in tournament history (63/Michael Campbell/2005)

Additional Player Notes

- After playing the front nine in even par, **Justin Thomas** (2nd/-6) adds six birdies on the back nine, including four consecutive on hole Nos. 14-17; owns top-five finishes in his four most recent appearances at the Hero World Challenge (3rd/2023, 5th/2022, T5/2021, T5/2019)
- **Patrick Cantlay** (T3/-5) was 6-under on the five par-5 holes, including an eagle at No. 11, best of any player
- Defending champion **Scottie Scheffler** (T3/-5) has never shot an over-par 18-hole score at the Hero World Challenge (13 rounds)
- Three of the eight players making their tournament debuts sit T3 at 5-under (**Ludvig Åberg, Akshay Bhatia, Sahith Theegala**); others making their tournament debut: **Nick Dunlap** (T8/-4), **Robert MacIntyre** (T8/-4), **Russell Henley** (T12/-3), **Aaron Rai** (16th/-1), **Matthieu Pavon** (T18/+2)
- Sponsor exemption recipient **Nick Dunlap** (T8/-4), a nominee for the Arnold Palmer Award as PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year, reached 7-under through 15 holes before closing bogey, par, double bogey