



2022 Butterfield Bermuda Championship
(6th of 47 events in the 2022-23 PGA TOUR Season)

Southampton, Bermuda
 Port Royal Golf Course

October 27-30, 2022
 Par/Yards: 36-35—71/6,828

Purse: \$6,500,000

First-Round Notes – Thursday, October 27, 2022

Weather: Overcast with occasional light showers. High of 79. Wind SSE 6-12 mph, gusting to 15 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

Austin Smotherman	62 (-9)
Harrison Endycott	62 (-9)
Arjun Atwal	63 (-8)
Adam Schenk	63 (-8)
Scott Brown	63 (-8)
Denny McCarthy	63 (-8)
Robby Shelton	63 (-8)

Things to Know

- Austin Smotherman and Harrison Endycott each record a career-best 9-under 62 and both hold a lead/co-lead for the first time after any round on TOUR
- 49-year-old Arjun Atwal got into the field Thursday morning when Nicholas Lindheim withdrew; his 63 marks the first time in 10 years that Atwal has shot 63 or better on TOUR
- PGA TOUR rookie Kevin Yu makes three eagles in a single round (Nos. 2, 7 and 17) en route to 7-under 64
- The Butterfield Bermuda Championship is a fourth-year PGA TOUR event and for the third consecutive season is a standalone event with the winner receiving 500 FedExCup points
- Bermuda is one of eight countries/territories hosting at least one of the nine PGA TOUR events outside of the United States this season
- Lucas Herbert, in Australia for a wedding, is the first player since Erik Van Rooyen (2022 Barracuda Championship) to not attempt a title defense on TOUR

First-Round Lead Notes

- 0 No first-round leader/co-leader has won the Butterfield Bermuda Championship
- 0 No first-round leader/co-leader has won in the 2022-23 PGA TOUR Season

Comparing the co-leaders (entering the week)

Category	Austin Smotherman	Harrison Endycott
Age	28 (May 19, 1994)	26 (May 26, 1996)
FedExCup	97	75
OWGR	303	313
Starts – wins – top-10s in PGA TOUR career	29-0-1	3-0-0
Starts – wins – top-10s on TOUR in 2022-23	3-0-0	3-0-0
Starts – wins – top-10s at Butterfield Bermuda Championship	1-0-0	0-0-0

Austin Smotherman (T1/-9)

- In his 30th TOUR start, records career-best 9-under 63 in his 92nd round on TOUR (previous: 65/R1/2022 Wyndham Championship)
- Requires 23 putts to score nine birdies and nine pars while hitting 14 of 18 greens in regulation
- Holds the lead/co-lead for the first time after any round on TOUR

- In 2021, shot 76-67 to miss the cut in his only prior appearance at this event
- Former SMU golfer has made three cuts in three starts this season (T25/Fortinet Championship, T60/Shriners Children's Open, T67/Sanderson Farms Championship) after retaining his PGA TOUR exempt status following his rookie season in 2021-22
- Winner on PGA TOUR Latinoamerica (2018 59Abierto Mexicano de Golf) and Korn Ferry Tour (2020 Simmons Bank Open for the Snedeker Foundation)
- Lone top-10 on TOUR came at 2022 Barracuda Championship (8th)

Harrison Endycott (T1/-9)

- After starting with back-to-back bogeys on Nos. 10 and 11, notches seven birdies and two eagles (Nos. 17 and 7) en route to his lowest score on TOUR in his 11th career round
- Marks the first time he holds a lead/co-lead after any round on TOUR
- Before this week five players had made two eagles in a single round this season, with Thomas Detry (T8/-7) the only one of those five in the field this week
- Scorecard features 11 3s in 18 holes
- PGA TOUR rookie from Sydney, Australia earned PGA TOUR status via the Korn Ferry Tour, including a win at the 2022 HomeTown Lenders Championship

Arjun Atwal (T3/-8)

- Alternate learned he was in the field 20 minutes before he teed off in his 250th PGA TOUR start when Nicholas Lindheim withdrew due to a back injury
- Last time he shot 63 or better on TOUR was 10 years ago (63/R2/2012 RSM Classic)
- Most recent PGA TOUR start was 2022 3M Open, where he was disqualified after a first-round 73 for failing to sign his scorecard
- Turns 50 in March and intends to compete on PGA TOUR Champions; has won on the PGA TOUR, Korn Ferry Tour, DP World Tour, Asian Tour
- In 2010, Monday qualified for the Wyndham Championship and went on to hoist the tournament trophy, the first Monday qualifier in 24 years to win a PGA TOUR event, and the most recent until Corey Connors achieved the feat at 2019 Valero Texas Open
- Collected his last official victory at the 2014 Dubai Open on the Asian Tour

Miscellaneous Notes

- **Adam Schenk** (T3/-8) notches his ninth consecutive round of par or better this season having finished T12 (Shriners Children's Open) and T16 (ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP) in his last two starts; finished T26 at this event in 2020 in his only prior appearance
- 2013 Puerto Rico Open winner **Scott Brown** (T3/-8) seeks to improve on his one prior appearance in Bermuda (T39/2021)
- **Denny McCarthy** (T3-8) closed with three consecutive birdies to match his best score in 12 prior rounds at Port Royal Golf Course (63/R4/2020); in three previous starts at this event has posted T15, T4 and T39
- **Robby Shelton** (T3/-8) missed the cut with 76-76 in his only prior appearance in Bermuda in 2019
- **Harry Higgs** (T8/-7) makes his second appearance at this event; continues to perform at Port Royal Golf Course after finishing runner-up to Brendon Todd in 2019 with scores of 66-65-65-68
- PGA TOUR rookie **Thomas Detry** (T8/-7) was 5-under after seven holes before finishing with back-to-back birdies to post his lowest score on TOUR in his 59th official round
- **Scott Gutschewski** (T16/-6) is playing his final medical start this week and needs to earn 131 points (solo 4th or better) to move into the top of the Major Medical category; requires a T38 (2-way tie or better) to continue the rest of the season out of the 126-150 category; should he not reach either of these goals, he will lose his PGA TOUR membership
- 2020 Butterfield Bermuda Championship winner **Brian Gay** (T29/-5) has finished in the top-15 in each appearance at this event (T3/2019, Won/2020, T12/2021)
- **Kramer Hickok** (T96/-1) continues his streak at Port Royal Golf Course as the only player in tournament history to play all 13 rounds in par or better
- Four local Bermuda players are in the field: **Jarryd Dillas** (T85/-2), **Nick Jones** (T110/E), **Michael Sims** (T127/+2), **Kim Swan** (131/+18)
- **Tommy Gainey** withdrew after the first round