

# PRE-TOURNAMENT NOTES 2023 BUTTERFIELD BERMUDA CHAMPIONSHIP



#### TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

November 6-12 • Sixth of seven FedExCup Fall events Southampton, Bermuda

Port Royal Golf Course - Par 71 - 6,828 yds.

**Purse** \$6.5 million • **Winner** \$1,170,000 + 500 FedExCup pts.

132 players • 72-hole stroke play **2022 champion** Seamus Power

## **BROADCAST SCHEDULE (ET)**

# GOLF R1 1-4 p.m. R2 1-4 p.m. R3 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. R4 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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#### 2022-23 PGA TOUR SEASON

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FedExCup Fall
The RSM Classic
Butterfield Bermuda Championship
World Wide Technology Champ Erik van Rooyen
ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP Collin Morikawa
Shriners Children's Open Tom Kim (2)
Sanderson Farms Championship Luke List
Fortinet Championship Sahith Theegala  FedExCup Playoffs
TOUR Championship Viktor Hovland (3)
BMW Championship Viktor Hovland (2)
FedEx St. Jude Championship Lucas Glover (2)
FedExCup Regular Season
Wyndham Championship Lucas Glover
3M OpenLee Hodges
Barracuda Championship Akshay Bhatia
The Open ChampionshipBrian Harman
Barbasol Championship Vincent Norrman
Genesis Scottish Open Rory McIlroy (2)
John Deere Classic Sepp Straka
Rocket Mortgage ClassicRickie Fowler
Travelers Championship Keegan Bradley (2)
U.S. OpenWyndham Clark (2)
RBC Canadian Open Nick Taylor
the Memorial TournamentViktor Hovland
Charles Schwab Challenge Emiliano Grillo
PGA Championship Brooks Koepka
AT&T Byron Nelson Jason Day
Wells Fargo Championship
Zurich Classic of New Orleans Davis Riley/Nick Hardy
RBC Heritage
Masters Tournament
Valero Texas Open
Corales Puntacana Championship Matt Wallace
WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play Sam Burns
Valspar Championship
THE PLAYERS ChampionshipScottie Scheffler (2)
Puerto Rico Open
Arnold Palmer Invitational Kurt Kitayama
The Honda ClassicChris Kirk
The Genesis Invitational Jon Rahm (3)
WM Phoenix OpenScottie Scheffler
AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-AmJustin Rose
Farmers Insurance OpenMax Homa (2)
The American Express Jon Rahm (2)
Sony Open in HawaiiSi Woo Kim
Sentry Tournament of ChampionsJon Rahm
The RSM Classic
Cadence Bank Houston OpenTony Finau
World Wide Technology Championship Russell Henley Butterfield Bermuda Championship Seamus Power
THE CJ CUP in South CarolinaRory McIlroy
ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIPKeegan Bradley
Shriners Children's OpenTom Kim
Sanderson Farms Championship Mackenzie Hughes
Fortinet Championship Max Homa
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#### **TOP STORYLINES**

**FedExCup Fall:** The 2023 Butterfield Bermuda Championship is the sixth event of the FedExCup Fall, a group of seven tournaments played after the TOUR Championship that finalizes eligibility for the 2024 PGA TOUR Season. Nos. 1-50 in the FedExCup standings through the TOUR Championship are locked in their positions while Nos. 51 and beyond carry their FedExCup points over. Nos. 51-60 through the FedExCup Fall will qualify for two Signature Events in 2024: AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am and The Genesis Invitational. The Top 125 will be exempt into all Full-Field events and THE PLAYERS Championship next season and Nos. 126-150 will earn conditional status on TOUR next season.

Winners of events during the FedExCup Fall receive the same benefits of winners of Full-Field Events during the Regular Season, including 500 FedExCup points, Official World Golf Ranking points, a two-year PGA TOUR exemption (exempt thru 2025) and invitations to The Sentry, THE PLAYERS Championship, Masters Tournament and PGA Championship.

This is the fifth time the Butterfield Bermuda Championship has been played and fourth time it serves as a standalone event with the winner receiving the full 500 FedExCup points. In the event's first year, during the 2019-20 season, the tournament was played as an Additional Event the same week as the WGC-HSBC Champions.

This is the PGA TOUR's third consecutive event played outside the United States, following the ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP in Japan and the World Wide Technology Championship in Mexico. 14 players in the field will have competed in all three tournaments: Tyson Alexander, Akshay Bhatia, Thomas Detry, Ben Griffin, Harry Hall, Nick Hardy, Mark Hubbard, Satoshi Kodaira, David Lingmerth, David Lipsky, Justin Lower, Davis Riley, Brandon Wu and Kevin Yu.

Four players have made the cut in all four editions of the Butterfield Bermuda Championship (bold in field): 2020 champion **Brian Gay**, **Russell Knox**, Denny McCarthy and 2022 champion Seamus Power. Gay has finished T12 or better in each year at the Butterfield Bermuda Championship and has not finished T12 or better at any other PGA TOUR event in that span (last such result at any other PGA TOUR event: T7, 2019 Shriners Children's Open).

Player	2019	2020	2021	2022	In the Field
Brian Gay	T3	Won	T12	T11	Yes
Russell Knox	T11	T16	T12	T49	Yes
Denny McCarthy	T15	T4	T39	T6	No
Seamus Power	T31	T37	T12	Won	No

Two players in the field qualified for the BMW Championship and are exempt for all Signature Events in **2024:** Lucas Glover, who made it to the TOUR Championship and finished No. 18 in the FedExCup standings, and 2019 Butterfield Bermuda Championship winner Brendon Todd, who finished No. 47 in the standings.

Seven other players in the field qualified for the FedExCup Playoffs: Thomas Detry, Ben Griffin, Nick Hardy, Mark Hubbard, Davis Riley, Alex Smalley and Brandon Wu.

Six players in the field have won a tournament this season: Akshay Bhatia (Barracuda Championship), Nico Echavarria (Puerto Rico Open), Lucas Glover (Wyndham Championship, FedEx St. Jude Championship), Nick Hardy (Zurich Classic of New Orleans), Luke List (2023 Sanderson Farms Championship) and Davis Riley (Zurich Classic of New Orleans).

The Next 10 entering the Butterfield Bermuda Championship (bold in field)

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51	Beau Hossler	56	Ben Griffin
52	Matt Kuchar	57	J.J. Spaun
53	Mackenzie Hughes	58	Alex Smalley
54	Taylor Montgomery	59	Sam Ryder
55	Nick Hardy	60	Stephan Jaeger

#### **WINNERS**

bold in field

## **ADDITIONAL STORYLINES**

Late push: Five of the seven players between Nos. 61-67 in the FedExCup standings (just outside The Next 10) are in the field: No. 61 Luke List, No. 62 Thomas Detry, No. 64 Mark Hubbard, No. 65 Davis Riley and No. 67 Brandon Wu.

Top 125 bubble entering the Butterfield Bermuda Championship (bold in field)

Pos.	Player	Exempt thru at least 2024
121	Henrik Norlander	No
122	Peter Malnati	No
123	Andrew Novak	No
124	Maverick McNealy	No*
125	C.T. Pan	No
126	Patton Kizzire	No
127	Zecheng Dou	No
128	Cameron Champ	Yes
129	MJ Daffue	No
130	Austin Smotherman	No

\*McNealy returned from a left shoulder injury at last week's World Wide Technology Championship (MC), his first start on TOUR since the RBC Canadian Open. He may be entitled to a medical extension.

**PGA TOUR debut at 15:** 15-year-old Oliver Betschart earned a sponsor exemption through the local qualifier and will make his PGA TOUR debut. At age 15 years, 3 months, 8 days on Thursday, Betschart will become the fifth-youngest player to make his PGA TOUR debut on record. Betschart is the second 15-year-old to compete at the Butterfield Bermuda Championship, joining fellow Bermuda native Kenny Leseur, who missed the cut in 2019 (15 years, 9 months, 22 days on the day of the first round). This is the second consecutive week that a player younger than 18 has competed on TOUR. 17-year-old Billy Davis got into the World Wide Technology Championship via the Open Qualifier and missed the cut.

# Youngest to make PGA TOUR debut on record

Age	Player	Tournament	Finish
14 years, 3 months, 4 days	Michelle Wie West	2004 Sony Open in Hawaii	MC
14 years, 5 months, 17 days	Guan Tian Liang	2013 Masters Tournament	58th
14 years, 6 months	Andy Zhang	2012 U.S. Open	MC
14 years, 7 months, 24 days	Lorens Chan	2009 Sony Open in Hawaii	MC
15 years, 3 months, 8 days	Oliver Betschart	2023 Butterfield Bermuda Championship	TBD

PGA TOUR rookie **Ben Griffin** held a share of the lead entering the final round of the 2022 Butterfield Bermuda Championship and went on to finish T3, one of his two top-five finishes this season. Griffin, who lost in a playoff at the Sanderson Farms Championship in October, enters the week No. 56 in the FedExCup standings.

# **2022 LEADERBOARD**

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Seamus Power	65	65	65	70	265 (-19)
2	Thomas Detry	64	67	68	67	266 (-18)
T3	Ben Griffin	65	64	66	72	267 (-17)
T3	Patrick Rodgers	65	67	70	65	267 (-17)
T3	Kevin Yu	64	66	67	70	267 (-17)
T6	Aaron Baddeley	65	64	68	71	268 (-16)
T6	Denny McCarthy	63	69	69	67	268 (-16)

# STRENGTH OF FIELD STATISTICS

Top 30 FedExCup	1	Lucas Glover (18)
Top 50 FedExCup	2	
		Lucas Glover (31)
PGA TOUR winners	69	Most: Adam Scott (14)
Past champions	3	Most recent: Lucas Herbert (2021)
FedExCup Champions	0	
PLAYERS winners	1	Adam Scott (2004)
Maior winners	5 . Cir	nk/Dufner/Glover/Scott/Walker (1)

#### **TOURNAMENT RECORDS**

Category	Value	Player	Year
Low 18-hole score	61	Taylor Pendrith	2021
Low 36-hole score	128	Ben Crane	2022
Low 54-hole score	195	Ben Griffin and Seamus Power	2022
Low 72-hole score	260	Brendon Todd	2019
Holes-in-one	None	-	-
Largest 18-hole lead	1	Scottie Scheffler, Peter Malnati	2019, 2020
Largest 36-hole lead	1	Taylor Pendrith, Ben Crane	2021, 2022
Largest 54-hole lead	3	Taylor Pendrith	2021
Biggest come-from-behind win	4	Lucas Herbert	2021
Largest margin of victory	4	Brendon Todd	2019
Playoffs	1	Brian Gay def. Wyndham Clark	2020
Wire-to-wire winners	None	-	-