



2024 PGA Championship (23<sup>rd</sup> of 36 FedExCup Regular Season Events)

Valhalla Golf Club Louisville, Kentucky May 16-19, 2024 Par/Yards: 35-36-71/7,609 FedExCup Points: 750 (winner) Purse: TBA

## First-Round Notes – Thursday, May 16, 2024

Weather: Mostly cloudy. High of 80. Wind WSW 5-10 mph. Suspension of play: Ten-minute delay to first-round tee times due to fog.

## **First-Round Leaderboard**

Pos.	Player	R1
1	Xander Schauffele	62 (-9)
T2	Tony Finau	65 (-6)
T2	Sahith Theegala	65 (-6)
T2	Mark Hubbard	65 (-6)
T5	Seven players	66 (-5)

## Xander Schauffele (1<sup>st</sup>/-9)

- Seven-time PGA TOUR winner and Olympic gold medalist in 2020 seeks his first major championship title in his 175<sup>th</sup> start on TOUR and 28<sup>th</sup> start in a major championship
- Ties 18-hole scoring record in major championships, a record he already shared (Branden Grace/R3/2017 Open Championship, Rickie Fowler/R1/2023 U.S. Open, Xander Schauffele/R1/2023 U.S. Open)
- Three-stroke margin ties largest 18-hole lead in PGA Championship history (Dick Hart/1963/T17, Bobby Nichols/1964/Won, Raymond Floyd/1982/Won)
- Holds first-round lead/co-lead for the fourth time in individual stroke play events on TOUR:
  - 2024 Wells Fargo Championship (2<sup>nd</sup>)
  - 2024 THE PLAYERS Championship (T2)
  - o 2023 U.S. Open (T10)
- Also held the first-round lead/co-lead at the 2019 TOUR Championship (which utilized FedExCup Starting Strokes) and with teammate Patrick Cantlay en route to winning the 2022 Zurich Classic of New Orleans
- Owns top-20 finishes in his last eight major championship starts, dating to the 2022 PGA Championship; best finish in the PGA Championship (T10/2020); best finish in any major (T2/2018 Open Championship, T2/2019 Masters Tournament)
- Enters this week on a TOUR-leading streak of 46 consecutive made cuts
- At No. 3, one of five players among the top-10 of the Official World Golf Ranking who seek their first major championship victory
- Sits second in the current FedExCup standings, 1,976 points behind leader Scottie Scheffler

## **Miscellaneous Notes**

• A total of 64 players are under par, a record for the most players under par after the first round at the PGA Championship (previous: 60/2006/Medinah Country Club)

- **Tony Finau** (T2/-6) posts his second-lowest 18-hole score in 113 major championship rounds (64/R3/2019 Masters Tournament)
- Sahith Theegala (T2/-6) owns one top-10 result in eight previous major championship appearances (9<sup>th</sup>/2023 Masters Tournament)
- A win for Mark Hubbard (T2/-6), Robert MacIntyre (T5/-5), Thomas Detry (T5/-5) or Maverick McNealy (T5/-5) would mark their first on the PGA TOUR; last player to earn his first title on TOUR at a major championship: Matt Fitzpatrick (2022 U.S. Open)
- **Rory McIlroy** (T5/-5) matches his opening-round 66 in the 2014 PGA Championship at Valhalla Golf Club, which he went on to win, the most recent of his four major titles
- **Tom Hoge** (T5/-5) owns four rounds in the 60s at major championships (15<sup>th</sup> start), with all four coming at the PGA Championship (68/R2/2020, 69/R4/2022, 66/R1/2022, 66/R1/2024)
- 21-year-old **Tom Kim** (T5/-5) makes his fourth appearance in the PGA Championship, missing the cut in each of his prior three (2020, 2022, 2023); finished T2 at the 2023 Open Championship
- **Collin Morikawa** (T5/-5) posts his lowest opening round in a major championship; owns eight top-10s in 17 major championship starts, including victories at the 2020 PGA Championship and the 2021 Open Championship
- World No. 1 Scottie Scheffler (T12/-4) holes out from 167 yards for an eagle-2 at the opening hole en route to a 4-under 67, extending his streak to 41 consecutive rounds at par-or-better dating to an evenpar final-round 70 at the 2023 TOUR Championship; marks the third consecutive year that a player makes eagle on a par-4 on his first hole of the PGA Championship (Scott Stallings/2023, Jesse Mueller/2022)
- **Tiger Woods** (T85/+1) posts his best start in a major championship since the 2022 Masters Tournament when he opened with a 1-under 71
- Adam Scott (T85/+1) cards 17 pars and a bogey (No. 14) in his 91<sup>st</sup> consecutive major championship start, the longest active streak for consecutive starts in major championships