



## 2024 CJ CUP Byron Nelson

(20th of 36 events in the FedExCup Regular Season)

TPC Craig Ranch  
McKinney, Texas

May 2-5, 2024  
Par/Yards: 36-35—71/7,414

FedExCup Points: 500 (winner)  
Purse: \$9.5 million (\$1.71 million/winner)

### COMPLETED First-Round Notes – Friday, May 3, 2024

**Thursday Weather:** Mostly cloudy. High of 83. Wind SE 10-15 mph.

**Suspension of play:** One-hour delay to first-round tee times due to inclement weather. Preferred lies were utilized in the first round. Round one was suspended due to darkness at 8:06 p.m. CT with nine players to complete the round.

**Friday Weather:** Partly cloudy. High of 68. Wind E 3-6 mph.

**Resumption:** The first round resumed at 8:15 a.m. CT and concluded at 8:32 a.m. The second round began as scheduled at 6:50 a.m.

### First-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	R1
1	Matt Wallace	63 (-8)
T2	Taylor Pendrith	64 (-7)
T2	Alex Noren	64 (-7)
T2	Chesson Hadley	64 (-7)
T2	Jake Knapp	64 (-7)
T2	Davis Riley	64 (-7)
T2	Kelly Kraft	64 (-7)
T2	Taiga Semikawa	64 (-7)

### Matt Wallace (1<sup>st</sup>/-8)

- After being 5-under through six holes to start his round, Englishman produces a bogey-free 8-under 63, his career-low score in 319 rounds on the PGA TOUR (previous: 64/three times/most recently, 2024 WM Phoenix Open/R2)
- Holds 18-hole lead/co-lead for the second time on TOUR (2020 RSM Classic/T37)
- Takes the No. 1 spot in the Aon Swing 5 where the top five FedExCup points earners from the Corales Puntacana Championship, Zurich Classic of New Orleans, and THE CJ CUP Byron Nelson will earn spots in the Wells Fargo Championship
- Makes 108<sup>th</sup> PGA TOUR start and second appearance at this event (MC/73-73/2022)
- In his 12<sup>th</sup> start this season is yet to post a top-10; best this season is T17 at the Valspar Championship
- 2023 Corales Puntacana Championship winner is a four-time winner on the DP World Tour
- Ten of the last 15 champions at THE CJ CUP Byron Nelson have been international players, including the last four titles

### Miscellaneous Notes

- Canada's **Taylor Pendrith** (T2/-7) owns two top-10s this season (T10/Sony Open in Hawaii, T9/Farmers Insurance Open) and comes into the week off consecutive T11 results (Corales Puntacana Championship, Zurich Classic of New Orleans)
- In his fourth appearance at THE CJ CUP Byron Nelson, Sweden's **Alex Noren** (T2/-7) posts his fourth round of 64 or better at this event (64/R1/2024, 63/R2/2022, 64/R4/2022, 64/R2/2021)
- With five consecutive birdies on holes 5 through 9, **Chesson Hadley** (T2/-7) ties his career-best consecutive birdies
- 2024 Mexico Open at Vidanta winner **Jake Knapp** (T2/-7) seeks his second TOUR title in his rookie season
- **Davis Riley** (T2/-7) matches his low round of the season (64/The Sentry/R4); finished T9 at this event in 2022
- Sponsor exemption **Kelly Kraft** (T2/-7) seeks his first TOUR win in his 201<sup>st</sup> start; owns three runner-up finishes on TOUR – one each in 2017, 2018 and 2019
- Japan's **Taiga Semikawa** (T2/-7) makes 10<sup>th</sup> PGA TOUR start, first at THE CJ CUP Byron Nelson and fifth this season; best finish in nine prior starts on TOUR is T30 at the 2024 Sony Open in Hawaii; four-time winner on the Japan Golf Tour
- After advancing in a 3-for-2 playoff at the Monday qualifier, **Brad Hopfinger** (T9/-6) closes birdie-eagle for a bogey-free 65 in his PGA TOUR debut

- In his 500<sup>th</sup> career TOUR start, 12-time PGA TOUR winner **Zach Johnson** (T15/-5) is the third player to cross the 500-starts milestone this season (Ryan Palmer, Charley Hoffman)
- PGA TOUR rookie **Raul Pereda** (T53/-3) aces the 236-yard seventh hole with a 4-iron in his tournament debut; marks the longest hole-in-one on TOUR since the 2021 Wells Fargo Championship when Corey Connors holed a 254-yard ace at hole No. 6
- 16-year-old sponsor exemption **Kris Kim** (T53/-3) chips in for eagle on his final hole (No. 9) in his first round on TOUR
- **Sean O'Hair**, **Russell Knox** and **Sungjae Im** all withdrew ahead of the opening round and **Taylor Montgomery** withdrew after the first round; **S.Y. Noh** (-2) replaced Im and played in a featured group with defending champion **Jason Day** (T15/-5) and Dallas native **Jordan Spieth** (T53/-3)