



#### 2024 CJ CUP Byron Nelson

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

TPC Craig Ranch May 2-5, 2024 FedExCup Points: 500 (winner)

McKinney, Texas Par/Yards: 36-35—71/7,414 Purse: \$9.5 million (\$1.71 million/winner)

Second-Round Notes – Friday, May 3, 2024

Weather: Mostly cloudy. High of 79. Wind SE 10-15 mph. Preferred lies were utilized in the second round.

### **Cut notes:**

- 65 professionals and one amateur at 6-under 136 from a field of 155 professionals and one amateur
- Lowest 36-hole cut on TOUR since the 2022 Butterfield Bermuda Championship
- Matches the lowest 36-hole cut in tournament history (2021)

## **Second-Round Leaderboard**

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	Total
1	Jake Knapp	64	64	128 (-14)
T2	Troy Merritt	67	62	129 (-13)
T2	Matt Wallace	63	66	129 (-13)
4	Kelly Kraft	64	66	130 (-12)

### Jake Knapp (1<sup>st</sup>/-14)

- PGA TOUR rookie opens 64-64, becoming the third player to shoot 64 or better in first two rounds of THE CJ CUP Byron Nelson (others: Scottie Scheffler/64-64/2023, Tiger Woods/64-64/1997)
- 2024 Mexico Open at Vidanta winner seeks to become the first rookie to win twice on TOUR in the same season since Xander Schauffele (2017 Greenbrier Classic, 2017 TOUR Championship)
- One of five first time winners to win on TOUR this season (others: Nick Dunlap/The American Express, Matthieu Pavon/Farmers Insurance Open, Austin Eckroat/Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches, Stephan Jaeger/Texas Children's Houston Open)
- Holds his second 36-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR (2024 Mexico Open at Vidanta/Won)
- 128 marks career-best opening 36-hole score on TOUR (previous: 131/2024 Mexico Open at Vidanta)
- Making his tournament debut; last player to win THE CJ CUP Byron Nelson in their debut was Aaron Wise in 2018
- Last rookie winner of THE CJ CUP Byron Nelson: Aaron Wise (2018)
- Including his win, has three top-five finishes in 11 prior starts this season (T3/Farmers Insurance Open, T4/Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches)

### **Miscellaneous Notes**

- Troy Merritt (T2/-13) records a 9-under 62 during the second round, his lowest round on TOUR since 2019 at Liberty National Golf Course (62/R1/T12)
- After equaling his career low round on TOUR with a bogey-free 8-under 63, 18-hole leader **Matt Wallace** (T2/-13) cards a 5-under 66; the 2023 Corales Puntacana Championship winner and four-time winner on the DP World Tour is making his second start at this event (MC/73-73/2022)
- At 16 years, 7 months, 3 days, **Kris Kim** (T36/-7) becomes the youngest player to make a cut on the PGA TOUR since Kyle Suppa at the 2015 Sony Open in Hawaii and youngest in tournament history (previous: Jordan Spieth/2010)
- Past CJ CUP Byron Nelson champions in the field: Jason Day (T54/-6), Sung Kang (T54/-6), Adam Scott (T25/-8), K.H. Lee
  (T13/-9)
- World No. 20 and Dallas native Jordan Spieth (MC/-4) misses the cut for the second time in 12 appearances (MC/2017)
- C.T. Pan (lower back) and Norman Xiong (back) withdrew due to injury during the second round

• 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 via the Aon Swing 5, while the top 10 players in the FedExCup standings not otherwise exempt through THE CJ CUP Byron Nelson will qualify via the Aon Next 10

# Aon Swing 5 standings

Player	Position thru R2	Projected FedExCup Points
Billy Horschel		300.000
Matt Wallace	T2	247.85
Troy Merritt	T2	247.116
Chad Ramey	MC	167.167
Kelly Kraft	4	165.531