



WELLS FARGO
CHAMPIONSHIP

2024 Wells Fargo Championship
(21st of 36 events in the FedExCup Regular Season)

Charlotte, North Carolina
Quail Hollow Club

May 9-12, 2024
Par/Yards: 35-36—71/7,558

FedExCup points: 700 (winner)
Purse: \$20 million (\$3.6 million/winner)

First-Round Notes – Thursday, May 9, 2024

Weather: Cloudy. High of 79. Wind SW 12-22 mph. The start of the first round was delayed 1 hour due to a dangerous weather situation and began at noon ET. Preferred lies were in effect during the first round.

First-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	R1
1	Xander Schauffele	64 (-7)
T2	Collin Morikawa	67 (-4)
T2	Alex Noren	67 (-4)
T2	Rory McIlroy	67 (-4)

Xander Schauffele (1st/-7)

- Opens the Wells Fargo Championship with a 64, his fourth round of 64 or better this season, tied for most on the PGA TOUR
- Leads by three strokes, marking the largest 18-hole lead in event history (six players have held a two-stroke lead after round one, most recently Phil Mickelson in 2021)
- Equals the second-largest 18-hole lead this season, second only to Nick Taylor’s five-shot lead at the WM Phoenix Open
- Making fifth start at the Wells Fargo Championship, with a runner-up to Wyndham Clark in 2023; 64 equals his best score in 17 rounds at the event (2023/R3)
- Seven-time TOUR winner is in search of his first win since the 2022 Genesis Scottish Open
- Has seven top-10 finishes in 11 starts this season, second only to Scottie Scheffler’s nine top-10 finishes
- Season-best T2 at THE PLAYERS Championship, finishing one behind Scheffler
- Will extend his TOUR-leading consecutive made cuts streak this week to 46 (Scheffler second on the list with 35)
- Third career 18-hole lead/co-lead in individual stroke-play events and second this season; 0-for-2 to date converting to victory (2023 U.S. Open/T10, 2024 PLAYERS Championship/T2)
- 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
- Would become the third first-round leader/co-leader to win the event (Jim Furyk/2006, Derek Ernst/2013)
- Leads the field in Strokes Gained: Tee to Green (6.284), Strokes Gained: Approach the Green (3.681), Strokes Gained: Around the Green (2.429)

Miscellaneous notes

- Three-time Wells Fargo Championship winner **Rory McIlroy** (T2/-4), who claimed his 25th career win at the Zurich Classic of New Orleans (with teammate Shane Lowry) in his most recent start, is seeking to win in consecutive starts for the first time since 2022 (TOUR Championship, THE CJ CUP in South Carolina)
- In search of his first win in his 174th PGA TOUR start, Sweden’s **Alex Noren** (T2/-4) equals his best round at the event with a 4-under 67 (R1/2017/Eagle Point GC)
- **Collin Morikawa** (T2/-4) opens with a 4-under 67, his 14th straight under-par opening round in individual stroke-play events; last over-par opening round came at the 2023 Open Championship (73)
- **Justin Thomas** (T5/-3), who qualified via the Aon Next 10, posts 3-under 68 in his sixth start at the Wells Fargo Championship, with his best result coming in his debut in 2015 (T7); won the 2017 PGA Championship at Quail Hollow Club and compiled a 4-1-0 record for the United States at the 2022 Presidents Cup
- Last week’s CJ CUP Byron Nelson winner **Taylor Pendrith** (T31/E) opens with an even-par 71; qualified for the event via the Aon Swing 5 (No. 1 in the standings)
- Defending champion **Wyndham Clark** (T49/+2) opens with a 2-over 73; no player has ever successfully defended the event
- **Hideki Matsuyama** WD prior to the first round with a back injury