



**2022 FedEx St. Jude Championship** (First of three FedExCup Playoffs events)

Memphis, Tennessee	August 11-14, 2022	FedExCup Points: 2,000 (winner)
TPC Southwind	Par/Yards: 70/7,243	Purse: \$15,000,000 (\$2,700,000/winner)

## First-Round Notes – Thursday, August 11, 2022

Weather: Light rain in the morning with chance of afternoon showers. High of 88. Wind NNE 6-12 mph.

#### **First-Round Leaderboard**

Si Woo Kim	62 (-8)
J.J. Spaun	62 (-8)
Sahith Theegala	63 (-7)
J.T. Poston	64 (-6)
Tony Finau	64 (-6)
K.H. Lee	64 (-6)
Sepp Straka	64 (-6)

#### Things to Know

- For the first time, the FedEx St. Jude Championship kicks off the 16th edition of the FedExCup Playoffs, taking on the history of the first Playoffs event held annually since 2007 when the FedExCup began (most recently: THE NORTHERN TRUST won by Tony Finau in 2021 at Liberty National Golf Club)
- Si Woo Kim holes out for eagle on final hole (No. 18) for career-low nine-hole score (28)
- J.J. Spaun ties career-low score on TOUR; one of two players with field-best eight birdies (other: Tony Finau)
- Tony Finau (T4) seeks to become first player to win three consecutive starts on TOUR since Dustin Johnson during the 2016-17 season
- Rookie Sahith Theegala cards bogey-free 63 in first FedExCup Playoffs appearance
- Entering the week at No. 125 in the FedExCup, Rickie Fowler (T8) cards a 65, his lowest round on TOUR since a 63 at THE CJ CUP @ SUMMIT in October 2021

#### **First-Round Lead Notes**

- 1 First-round leader/co-leader to win the FedEx St. Jude Championship in the FedExCup era (2007-present) Patrick Reed (2016)
- 7 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win individual stroke-play events on TOUR in 2021-22 (most recent: Tony Finau, Rocket Mortgage Classic)

# Comparing the co-leaders (entering the week) Category Si Woo

Category	Si Woo KIm	J.J. Spaun
Age	27 (June 28, 1995)	31 (August 21, 1990)
FedExCup	No. 48	No. 25
OWGR	No. 62	No. 98
PGA TOUR starts	213	157
PGA TOUR wins	3	1
PGA TOUR top-10s	24	13
Starts in 2021-22	27	27
Wins in 2021-22	0	1
Top-10s in 2021-22	1	3
Starts at FedEx St. Jude Championship	6	3
Wins at FedEx St. Jude Championship	0	0
Top-10s at FedEx St. Jude Championship	0	0

## Si Woo Kim (T1/-8)

- 62 marks third career score of 62 or better on TOUR: 60/2016 Wyndham Championship/R2, 62/2020 Wyndham Championship/R3
- Career-low, nine-hole score with back-nine 28 (previously: 29/2016 Wyndham Championship/Won)
- Holed out for eagle on No. 18 from 168 yards, second-longest career hole out (best: 216/2016 Travelers Championship)
- Sets low nine-hole score on the back nine at TPC Southwind (previously: 29, six times; most recent: Lee Westwood/2010)
- Second 18-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR (2019 Valero Texas Open/T4)
- First sub-par score in seven rounds at TPC Southwind (2021 WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational/70-70-75-78; 2016 FedEx St. Jude Classic/70-73)
- Three-time PGA TOUR winner (2016 Wyndham Championship, 2017 PLAYERS Championship, 2021 The American Express)
- Withdrew after the third round of last week's Wyndham Championship due to illness
- Making seventh start in the FedExCup Playoffs in as many attempts; finished No. 17 in the 2016 FedExCup, his first season on TOUR and his lone appearance at the TOUR Championship

## J.J. Spaun (T1/-8)

- Bogey-free 62 ties career-low round on TOUR (2017 RSM Classic/R3)
- Fourth 18-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR; 0-for-3 in converting to victory; most recent: 2021 AT&T Byron Nelson/T47
- Making first start at TPC Southwind and fourth at the FedEx St. Jude Championship (best: T54/2017/Glen Oaks Club)
- Making fourth start in the FedExCup Playoffs and first since 2019; Entered the week at No. 25 in the FedExCup after winning his maiden PGA TOUR title at the Valero Texas Open in April

## **Miscellaneous Notes**

- Sahith Theegala (3<sup>rd</sup>/-7) posts 7-under 63 in first FedExCup Playoffs appearance, his best round since his career-low 62 in the second round of The American Express; One of five rookies in the top 40 in the FedExCup standings, Theegala entered the week at No. 39 in the FedExCup; One of three rookies with five or more top-10s on the season: Cameron Young/7, Davis Riley/6, Sahith Theegala/5
- **Tony Finau** (T4/-6) records a 64 for his 10th consecutive round in the 60s on TOUR; following back-to-back wins in his last two TOUR starts, seeks to become the first player to win three consecutive starts on TOUR since Dustin Johnson during the 2016-17 season (The Genesis Invitational, WGC-Mexico Championship, WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play)
- Entering the week at No. 125 in the FedExCup, **Rickie Fowler** (T8/-5) posted a 65, his best round on TOUR since a thirdround 63 at THE CJ CUP @ SUMMIT in October 2021; the five-time PGA TOUR winner missed the FedExCup Playoffs for the first time in 12 seasons in 2021, finishing the season No. 134 in the FedExCup standings.
- Adam Scott (T18/-4), one of two players who has qualified for the FedExCup Playoffs in each season since the inception
  of the FedExCup in 2007 (other: Matt Kuchar), posted a 4-under 66, his 29<sup>th</sup> round of 66 or better in the Playoffs (tied for
  second most of any player); Scott has 18 top-10s in the FedExCup Playoffs, the second most of any player (most:
  23/Dustin Johnson).

## FedExCup Playoffs notes

The top-70 players at the conclusion of the FedEx St. Jude Championship will advance to the BMW Championship.

## Players projected to move into top 70

Player	Position	YTD Rank	Proj. Rank
Lee Hodges	T8	99	64
Michael Thompson	T8	103	68
James Hahn	T8	108	69
Adam Scott	T18	77	59

## Players projected to move out of top 70

Player	Position	YTD Rank	Proj. Rank
Brendon Todd	T60	68	78
Anirban Lahiri	T86	63	74
John Huh	T111	67	76
Lanto Griffin	DNP	69	82