



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

Memphis, Tennessee
 TPC Southwind

August 11-14, 2022
 Par/Yards: 70/7,243

FedExCup Points: 2,000 (winner)
 Purse: \$15,000,000 (\$2,700,000/winner)

Second-Round Notes – Friday, August 12, 2022

Weather: Partly cloudy. High of 91. Wind NNE 10-15 mph.

36-hole cut: 69 players at 2-under 138 from a field of 120 professionals.

Second-Round Leaderboard

J.J. Spaun	62-67—129 (-11)
Sepp Straka	64-66—130 (-10)
Troy Merritt	65-65—130 (-10)
Denny McCarthy	66-65—131 (-9)
Brian Harman	66-66—132 (-8)
Tony Finau	64-68—132 (-8)
Cameron Smith	67-65—132 (-8)
Ryan Palmer	65-67—132 (-8)

Things to Know

- J.J. Spaun takes second career 36-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR in his first start at TPC Southwind
- Sepp Straka snaps a streak of six missed cuts and sets career-low 36-hole total (130)
- In search of his first PGA TOUR title since 2018, Troy Merritt opens with matching 65s
- Tony Finau seeks to become first player to successfully defend their title in a FedExCup Playoffs event
- In his first start since his Open Championship victory, Cameron Smith posts a 65 to sit T5
- FedExCup leader Scottie Scheffler misses the cut by one stroke

Second-Round Lead Notes

- 4 Second-round leader/co-leader to win the FedEx St. Jude Championship in the FedExCup era (2007-present); most recent: Dustin Johnson/2020/TPC Boston
- 12 Second-round leaders/co-leaders to win individual stroke-play events on TOUR in 2021-22 (most recent: Joohyung Kim, Wyndham Championship)

J.J. Spaun (1st/-11)

Category	Entering the Week
Age	31 (August 21, 1990)
FedExCup	No. 25
OWGR	No. 98
PGA TOUR starts	157
PGA TOUR wins	1
PGA TOUR top-10s	13
Starts in 2021-22	27
Wins in 2021-22	1
Top-10s in 2021-22	3
Starts at FedEx St. Jude Championship	3
Wins at FedEx St. Jude Championship	0
Top-10s at FedEx St. Jude Championship	0

- Posts 67 to take his second career 36-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR (2017 Shriners Children's Open/T10)
- 36-hole total of 129 marks his career-low on TOUR (previous: 131, 2017 Shriners Children's Open)
- T8 at the Rocket Mortgage Classic represents his only top-10 finish since his maiden PGA TOUR win at the Valero Texas Open in April; one of 12 first-time TOUR winners this season (including Sepp Straka)
- 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
- Advanced to the BMW Championship once in his three previous FedExCup Playoffs appearances (finished No. 62)

Sepp Straka (T2/-10)

- Birdies four of his final five holes for a 66, marking his career-low 36-hole total of 130 (previous: 131, 2020 Shriners Children's Open/T43, 2019 Wyndham Championship/T39)
- Enters the week having missed his last six cuts; has not played the weekend on TOUR since the Memorial Tournament presented by Workday (T45)
- Records back-to-back rounds in the 60s for the first time since the third and final rounds of the 2022 RBC Heritage
- Three top-10s this season include his first career PGA TOUR victory at The Honda Classic
- Looks to advance to the BMW Championship for the first time in his fourth FedExCup Playoffs appearance

Troy Merritt (T2/-10)

- 36-hole total of 130 eclipses his previous season low of 135 (three times, most recent: Valspar Championship)
- Records his third consecutive 65 on TOUR dating back to the final round of the Rocket Mortgage Classic
- Two-time PGA TOUR winner seeks his first title since the 2018 Barbasol Championship
- Two top-10s this season: AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am (T4), Valero Texas Open (T4)
- Making his eighth appearance in the FedExCup Playoffs; best career FedExCup finish: No. 56/2015

Miscellaneous Notes

- **Denny McCarthy** (4th/-9) holes out for eagle on the par-4 sixth hole from 153 yards en route to a 65; owns a career-high five top-10s this season including a season-best T5 at the Memorial Tournament presented by Workday; has never advanced to the BMW Championship in three previous Playoffs appearances
- **Tony Finau** (T5/-8) posts a 68 for his 11th 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); No player has successfully defended their title at any FedExCup Playoffs event (2007-present); Finau defeated Cameron Smith in a playoff in the first event of the FedExCup Playoffs at Liberty National Golf Club in 2021
- In his first start since winning The Open Championship, **Cameron Smith** (T5/-8) posts a second-round 65 in search of his fourth PGA TOUR victory this season to tie Scottie Scheffler for the most this season; three players have won in back-to-back starts this season (Scottie Scheffler: WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play, Masters Tournament; Xander Schauffele: Travelers Championship, Genesis Scottish Open; Tony Finau: 3M Open, Rocket Mortgage Classic)
- Making his FedExCup Playoffs debut, **Will Zalatoris** (T17/-6) rebounds from a first-round 71 with a bogey-free 63, his lowest round on TOUR since the second round of the 2022 The American Express
- FedExCup No. 1 **Scottie Scheffler** (MC/-1) misses fourth cut of the season and first since the Genesis Scottish Open
- Four former FedExCup champions miss the cut: **Rory McIlroy** (2019, 2016), **Justin Rose** (2018), **Jordan Spieth** (2015) and **Billy Horschel** (2014)
- **Alex Noren** (neck), **John Huh** (back) and **Scott Piercy** (back) withdraw during the second round

Players projected to move into top 70

Player	Position	YTD Rank	Proj. Rank
Adam Scott	T9	77	53
Ryan Palmer	T5	110	56
Wyndham Clark	T17	79	62
Andrew Putnam	T17	87	67

Players projected to move out of top 70

Player	Position	YTD Rank	Proj. Rank
Cam Davis	T60	66	71
Brendon Todd	T46	68	72
John Huh	WD	67	74
Lanto Griffin	DNP	69	78

