



## 2022 FedEx St. Jude Championship

(First of three FedExCup Playoffs events)

Memphis, Tennessee August 11-14, 2022 TPC Southwind Par/Yards: 70/7,243

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

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, August 13, 2022

Weather: Mostly sunny. High of 89. Wind NNE 5-10 mph.

#### **Third-Round Leaderboard**

J.J. Spaun 62-67-68—197 (-13) Sepp Straka 64-66-68—198 (-12) Will Zalatoris 71-63-65—199 (-11) Trey Mullinax 66-67-66—199 (-11) Cameron Smith 67-65-67—199 (-11)

### Things to Know

- In search of his second win this season, J.J. Spaun takes his third career 54-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR in his first start at TPC Southwind; projected No. 2 in FedExCup as he seeks first TOUR Championship start
- Sepp Straka seeks to advance to the BMW Championship for the first time in his fourth FedExCup Playoffs appearance
- With eight top-10 finishes this season, Will Zalatoris seeks his first PGA TOUR win to join Camilo Villegas as the only player to win his maiden TOUR title at a FedExCup Playoffs event
- With a win, Cameron Smith would overtake Scottie Scheffler as World No. 1
- Tony Finau (T8) seeks to become first player to successfully defend a title in a FedExCup Playoffs event

### **Third-Round Lead Notes**

- Third-round leader/co-leader to win the FedEx St. Jude Championship in the FedExCup era (2007-present); most recent: Dustin Johnson/2020/TPC Boston
- Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win individual stroke-play events on TOUR in 2021-22 (most recent: Tony Finau, Rocket Mortgage Classic)

## J.J. Spaun (1st/-13)

| Category                               | <b>Entering the Week</b> |
|--|--------------------------|
| 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                        |

• Seeks second win on TOUR, posts 2-under 68 to take his third career 54-hole lead/co-lead in his first start at TPC Southwind; has converted one of two attempts into a win (2022 Valero Texas Open)

- 197 marks his career-low 54-hole total on TOUR (previous: 199; 2018 World Wide Technology Championship at Mayakoba; 2017 The RSM Classic)
- 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)
- Seeks second win to become the ninth player with multiple titles this season (also: Sepp Straka, Trey Mullinax)
- 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 (2/-12)

- Posts 68 after a bogey on the par-4 18<sup>th</sup>, falls to solo-second
- Looks to advance to the BMW Championship for the first time in his fourth FedExCup Playoffs appearance
- Entered the week with a streak of six missed cuts; had not played the weekend since the Memorial Tournament (T45)
- Three top-10s this season include his first career PGA TOUR victory at The Honda Classic

### Will Zalatoris (T3/-11)

- Seeks first PGA TOUR victory in 56<sup>th</sup> career start; only one player has made a FedExCup Playoffs event his maiden TOUR title: Camilo Villegas, 2008 BMW Championship
- Eight top-10s this season marks the most among players without a win

| Most Top-10s on TOUR in 2021-22 Season |         |        |  |  |
|--|---------|--------|--|--|
| Player                                 | Top-10s | Win(s) |  |  |
| Patrick Cantlay                        | 10      | 1      |  |  |
| Scottie Scheffler                      | 9       | 4      |  |  |
| Justin Thomas                          | 9       | 1      |  |  |
| Matt Fitzpatrick                       | 9       | 1      |  |  |
| Sam Burns                              | 8       | 3      |  |  |
| Rory McIlroy                           | 8       | 2      |  |  |
| Sungjae Im                             | 8       | 1      |  |  |
| Will Zalatoris                         | 8       | 0      |  |  |

- Three runner-ups this season, including the U.S. Open (T2) and playoff losses at the Farmers Insurance Open and PGA Championship; one of two players with multiple playoff losses in 2021-22 (other: Patrick Cantlay, WM Phoenix Open, RBC Heritage); There have been seven playoffs on TOUR this season
- In one previous start at TPC Southwind, finished T8 at the 2021 WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational after rounds of 66-66-67-69
- Reigning Arnold Palmer Award winner for PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year, was not eligible for the FedExCup Playoffs in 2020-21; Joined the PGA TOUR as a Special Temporary Member and collected enough non-member FedExCup points to earn fulltime membership for the 2021-22 season (only a win would have made him eligible for the Playoffs)

### **Miscellaneous Notes**

- With a win, **Cameron Smith** (T3/-11) would overtake Scottie Scheffler as World No. 1; in his first start since winning The Open Championship, is 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)
- Trey Mullinax (T3/-11) seeks his second win this season (Barbasol Championship) and looks to advance to the BMW Championship for the first time in his second FedExCup Playoffs appearance; in two previous starts at TPC Southwind (FedEx St. Jude Classic) finished T6 in 2018
- Sam Burns (T8/-9) was one of three players in a playoff at the 2021 WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational at TPC Southwind along with Hideki Matsuyama and champion Abraham Ancer
- Tyler Duncan (T6/-10) seeks his first top-10 on TOUR since his lone PGA TOUR victory at the 2019 RSM Classic
- **Hayden Buckley** (T8/-9) leads contingent of 18 rookies who qualified for FedExCup Playoffs; Entered the week No. 95 and is projected to move to No. 59 and qualify for BMW Championship
- Tony Finau (T8/-9) posts 69 for his 12th 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 a 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

South Korea's Sungjae Im (T8/-7) posts low score of the day (63)

## Players projected to move into top 70

| Player         | Position | YTD Rank | Proj. Rank |
|----------------|----------|----------|------------|
| Tyler Duncan   | Т6       | 118      | 57         |
| Wyndham Clark  | T8       | 79       | 51         |
| Andrew Putnam  | T8       | 87       | 55         |
| Hayden Buckley | T8       | 95       | 59         |
| Adam Scott     | T25      | 77       | 64         |

# Players projected to move out of top 70

| Player         | Position | YTD Rank | Proj. Rank |
|----------------|----------|----------|------------|
| Brendon Todd   | T52      | 68       | 74         |
| Alex Smalley   | MC       | 61       | 72         |
| Anirban Lahiri | MC       | 63       | 73         |
| John Huh       | WD       | 67       | 75         |
| Lanto Griffin  | DNP      | 69       | 77         |