



2022 TOUR Championship
(Finale of the FedExCup Playoffs)

Atlanta, Georgia
East Lake Golf Club

August 25-28, 2022
Par/Yards: 35-35—70/7,346 yards

FedExCup Bonus Pool: \$75 million
Winner receives \$18 million

First-Round Notes – Thursday, August 25, 2022

Weather: Mostly Cloudy. Scattered Showers. High of 80. Wind S 4-8 mph. Preferred lies were utilized in round one.

Position	Player	Start	R1	Total
1	Scottie Scheffler	-10	65 (-5)	-15
2	Xander Schauffele	-6	66 (-4)	-10
3	Matt Fitzpatrick	-3	64 (-6)	-9
T4	Joaquin Niemann	-2	64 (-6)	-8
T4	Patrick Cantlay	-8	70 (E)	-8

Things to Know

- FedExCup leader Scottie Scheffler leads by five strokes, tying the largest lead after any round since Starting Strokes was implemented in 2019 (5/Dustin Johnson/2020/R3)
- The No. 1 seed has gone on to win each of the last two years (Dustin Johnson/2020, Patrick Cantlay/2021)
- Xander Schauffele has been inside the top 10 of the leaderboard at the TOUR Championship in 18 of 21 rounds
- U.S. Open champion Matt Fitzpatrick (3rd/-9) leads contingent of nine first-time participants with bogey-free 64, tied for low round of the day (other: Joaquin Niemann)
- 2021 FedExCup Champion Patrick Cantlay, who started the day at -8, eagles the par-5 18th hole for even-par 70; no player has ever won back-to-back FedExCup titles

First-Round Lead Notes

- 15 First-round leaders/co-leaders at the TOUR Championship to go on to win (most recent: Patrick Cantlay/2021)
- 7 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win individual stroke-play events on TOUR in 2021-22 (most recent: Tony Finau, Rocket Mortgage Classic)

Scottie Scheffler (1st/-15)

Category	Entering the week
Age	26 (June 21, 1996)
FedExCup	1
OWGR	1
Starts – wins – top-10s in PGA TOUR career	87-4-25
Starts – wins – top-10s on TOUR in 2021-22	24-4-10
Starts – wins – top-10s at TOUR Championship	2-0-1

- Leads by five strokes, the largest lead after any round at the TOUR Championship since Starting Strokes was implemented in 2019 (5/Dustin Johnson/2020/R3); Since 2019, no player has ever led by more than two strokes after the first round
- Third 18-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR (most recently: 2022 Charles Schwab Challenge/P2); 0-for-2 in converting to victory
- Has spent 24 of the last 25 weeks at No. 1 in the FedExCup standings; first took over the top spot after winning the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard, fell to No. 2 after Will Zalatoris won the FedEx St. Jude Championship and moved back to No. 1 after a T3 at last week's BMW Championship
- Two players (three times) entered the FedExCup Playoffs at No. 1 in the FedExCup standings and went on to win the FedExCup: Tiger Woods (2007, 2009) and Jordan Spieth (2015)
- Three players who entered the TOUR Championship at No. 1 in the FedExCup standings went on to win the FedExCup: Tiger Woods (2009), Dustin Johnson (2020), Patrick Cantlay (2021)

- Three players (four times) entered the TOUR Championship at No. 1 in the Official World Golf Ranking and went on to win the FedExCup: Tiger Woods (2007, 2009), Justin Rose (2018), Dustin Johnson (2020)
- Makes third consecutive TOUR Championship start (5th/2020, T22/2021)
- During the 2021-22 Regular Season, won four PGA TOUR titles in six-week stretch, including the WM Phoenix Open, Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard, WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play and Masters Tournament; Jordan Spieth is the only player to win the Masters and FedExCup in the same season (2014-15)
- No player has won five times in a season on TOUR since Justin Thomas in 2016-17
- Bobby Locke (6 wins, 1947) and Joe Kirkwood Sr. (5 wins, 1923) are the only players to win their first five PGA TOUR titles in the same season

Miscellaneous notes

- **Xander Schauffele** (2nd/-10), who entered the week No. 4 in the FedExCup and began at 6-under, opens with 66, his 19th round in the 60s in 21 rounds at East Lake; Schauffele has advanced to the TOUR Championship in all six seasons on the PGA TOUR, with a win in his rookie season (2016-17) and has finished in the top 10 in all five starts (1st/2017, T7/2018, 2nd/2019, T2/2020, T5/2021)
- In his TOUR Championship debut, U.S. Open champion **Matt Fitzpatrick** (3rd/-9) posts a bogey-free 64, tying his career-low score on TOUR (five times, most recently 2022 RBC Canadian Open/R1); Fitzpatrick is one of nine first-time participants in the field
- Two 2021-22 PGA TOUR Rookies are in the field: **Cameron Young** (T9/-6), **Sahith Theegala** (28th/+1)
- In his third straight TOUR Championship appearance, **Joaquin Niemann** (T4/-6) opens with a 64, his low score and just second round in the 60s at East Lake (67/R3/2020); 64 marks his lowest round on TOUR since a 63 in the first and second rounds of his 2022 Genesis Invitational win
- 2016 and 2019 FedExCup Champion **Rory McIlroy** (T6/-7), who opened the round with a triple bogey-7 and bogey-4, leads the field with eight birdies (next: 6, K.H. Lee, Justin Thomas)
- **Jon Rahm** (T9/-6) is one of two players to finish in the top 10 in each of the first two FedExCup Playoffs events this season (other: Adam Scott); Rahm was the only player to accomplish this feat in 2021, as he has eight consecutive top-10s in the Playoffs (dating back to the start of the 2019 Playoffs), the longest such streak in the FedExCup era