



2022 WM Phoenix Open
(15th of 47 events in the 2021-22 PGA TOUR Season)

Scottsdale, Arizona
TPC Scottsdale

February 10-13, 2022
Par/Yards: 35-36—71/7,261

FedExCup points: 500 (winner)
Purse: \$8.2 million (\$1,476,000 winner)

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, February 12, 2022

Weather: Sunny with a high of 82. Wind NE 10-20 mph.

Third-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Name	Score
1	Sahith Theegala	66-64-69—199 (-14)
2	Brooks Koepka	66-66-68—200 (-13)
T3	Scottie Scheffler	68-71-62—201 (-12)
T3	Patrick Cantlay	67-66-68—201 (-12)
T3	Talor Gooch	70-64-67—201 (-12)
T3	Xander Schauffele	67-65-69—201 (-12)

Things to Know

- Sahith Theegala posts 2-under 69 to secure the second 54-hole lead of his career (0-for-1 to date)
- Defending champion Brooks Koepka is one off the lead in bid to become the seventh player to successfully defend a WM Phoenix Open title
- Beginning on No. 10 Scottie Scheffler records the round of the week, tying the back-nine record (29) at TPC Scottsdale en route to a 9-under 62
- Xander Schauffele (T3) seeks to become the first player to win on the PGA TOUR after finishing runner-up the year prior since Dustin Johnson at the 2020 Masters Tournament (T2/2019)
- Sam Ryder used a 54-degree wedge from 124 yards at the par-3 16th to make his first ace on the PGA TOUR; first hole-in-one on No. 16 since 2015 (Francesco Molinari/R3)

Third-Round Lead Notes

- 8 Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win the WM Phoenix Open since 2000 (most recent: Rickie Fowler/2019)
- 5 Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win in 2021-22 (most recent: Tom Hoge/AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am)

Sahith Theegala (1st/-14)

Category	Entering the week
Age	24 (December 4, 1997)
FedExCup	88
OWGR	318
Starts – wins – top-10s in PGA TOUR career	23-0-1
Starts – wins – top-10s on TOUR in 2021-22	10-0-1
Starts – wins – top-10s at WM Phoenix Open	0-0-0

- Posts 2-under 69 to secure 54-hole lead heading into the final round of the WM Phoenix Open; is 0-for-1 to date with the 54-hole lead/co-lead (2021 Sanderson Farms Championship/T8)
- Seeks to become the first Sponsor Exemption to win on the PGA TOUR since Martin Laird (2020 Shriners Children’s Open):

Sponsor Exemptions to Win on TOUR Since 2010

Name	Tournament
Martin Laird	2020 Shriners Children’s Open
Matthew Wolff	2019 3M Open
Billy Hurley III	2016 Quicken Loans National
Padraig Harrington	2015 Honda Classic
Lee Westwood	2010 FedEx St. Jude Classic

- Earned his way to the TOUR this season by virtue of the Top 50 from the 2020-21 Korn Ferry Tour category
- Claimed three top-10 finishes in 11 starts on the Korn Ferry Tour in 2021, highlighted by a T4 at the Nationwide Children’s Hospital Championship
- PGA TOUR rookie made his TOUR debut as an amateur at 2017 Genesis Invitational (T49) after winning the Collegiate Showcase to earn a spot in the field
- Making his 24th career start on TOUR and 22nd as a professional; lone top-10 finish (T8) came earlier this season at the Sanderson Farms Championship, where he led by a stroke after three rounds

Miscellaneous Notes

- Defending champion **Brooks Koepka** is one off the lead entering Sunday; with a win, would become the seventh player to successfully defend a WM Phoenix Open title; also looks to become the first player to successfully defend a PGA TOUR title since Viktor Hovland earlier this season at the World Wide Technology Championship at Mayakoba

Players to Successfully Defend a WM Phoenix Open Title

Name	Successfully Defended
Hideki Matsuyama	2017
Johnny Miller	1975
Arnold Palmer	1962, 1963
Lloyd Mangrum	1953
Jimmy Demaret	1950
Ben Hogan	1947

- **Scottie Scheffler** (T3) had the round of the week, tying the back nine record (29) at TPC Scottsdale en route to a 9-under 62; becomes the seventh player to shoot 29 on the back nine (most recent: Russell Henley/R2/2021); marks his fifth career round of 62 or better hit all 18 greens in regulation for the first time in his career on TOUR (241st round)
- **Sam Ryder** used a 54-degree wedge from 124 yards at the par-3 16th to make his first ace on the PGA TOUR; first hole-in-one on No. 16 since 2015 (Francesco Molinari/R3)
- **Patrick Cantlay** (T3) looks to become the first player to win the WM Phoenix Open in his debut since Brooks Koepka (2015); has the second-longest current streak of rounds at par or better on TOUR (30, two behind Jon Rahm’s 32)
- **Xander Schauffele** (T3) seeks to become the first player to win on the PGA TOUR after finishing runner-up the year prior since Dustin Johnson at the 2020 Masters Tournament (T2/2019)
- **Kevin Chappell** (T29) is making his last start on a Major Medical Extension. Here are the scenarios heading into Sunday:
 - **Solo-5th, 3-way T4 or better:** Major Medical category for the remainder of the season (needs 109.127 FedExCup points)
 - **Solo-34th, 4-way T33 or better (up to 2-way T5):** 126-150 category for the remainder of the season (needs 21.580 points)
 - **2-way T34 or worse:** Beyond 150 category until the next reshuffle (after Genesis) when he will move into the Reorder category