



PRE-TOURNAMENT NOTES 2023 3M OPEN



TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

July 24-30 • 43rd of 44 FedExCup Regular Season events
Blaine, Minnesota
TPC Twin Cities • Par 71 • 7,431 yds.
Purse \$7.8 million • Winner \$1,404,000 + 500 FedExCup pts.
156 players • 72-hole stroke play
Defending champion Tony Finau

BROADCAST SCHEDULE (ET)

	ESPN+	GOLF	CBS
R1	7:45 a.m.-7 p.m.	4-7 p.m.	
R2	7:45 a.m.-7 p.m.	4-7 p.m.	
R3	8 a.m.-6 p.m.	1-3 p.m.	3-6 p.m.
R4	8 a.m.-6 p.m.	1-3 p.m.	3-6 p.m.

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2022-23 PGA TOUR SEASON

FedExCup Playoffs

TOUR Championship.....
BMW Championship.....
FedEx St. Jude Championship.....

FedExCup Regular Season

Wyndham Championship.....
3M Open.....
Barracuda Championship..... *Akshay Bhatia*
The Open Championship..... Brian Harman
Barbasol Championship..... *Vincent Norrman*
Genesis Scottish Open..... Rory McIlroy (2)
John Deere Classic..... Sepp Straka
Rocket Mortgage Classic..... Rickie Fowler
Travelers Championship..... Keegan Bradley (2)
U.S. Open..... Wyndham Clark (2)
RBC Canadian Open..... Nick Taylor
the Memorial Tournament..... Viktor Hovland
Charles Schwab Challenge..... Emiliano Grillo
PGA Championship..... Brooks Koepka
AT&T Byron Nelson..... Jason Day
Wells Fargo Championship..... *Wyndham Clark*
Mexico Open at Vidanta..... Tony Finau (2)
Zurich Classic of New Orleans... *Davis Riley/Nick Hardy*
RBC Heritage..... Matt Fitzpatrick
Masters Tournament..... Jon Rahm (4)
Valero Texas Open..... Corey Conners
Corales Puntacana Championship... *Matt Wallace*
WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play..... Sam Burns
Valspar Championship..... *Taylor Moore*
THE PLAYERS Championship.... *Scottie Scheffler* (2)
Puerto Rico Open..... *Nico Echavarria*
Arnold Palmer Invitational..... *Kurt Kitayama*
The Honda Classic..... Chris Kirk
The Genesis Invitational..... Jon Rahm (3)
WM Phoenix Open..... *Scottie Scheffler*
AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am..... Justin Rose
Farmers Insurance Open..... Max Homa (2)
The American Express..... Jon Rahm (2)
Sony Open in Hawaii..... Si Woo Kim
Sentry Tournament of Champions..... Jon Rahm
The RSM Classic..... *Adam Svensson*
Cadence Bank Houston Open..... Tony Finau
World Wide Technology Championship.. Russell Henley
Butterfield Bermuda Championship.. Seamus Power
THE CJ CUP in South Carolina..... Rory McIlroy
ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP..... Keegan Bradley
Shriners Children's Open..... Tom Kim
Sanderson Farms Championship ..Mackenzie Hughes
Fortinet Championship..... Max Homa

Italics First-time PGA TOUR winners

TOP STORYLINES

The 3M Open is the 43rd of 44 PGA TOUR events in the FedExCup Regular Season, with just two weeks remaining until the start of the FedExCup Playoffs. New in 2023, only the top 70 in the FedExCup standings will qualify for the FedEx St. Jude Championship (the first Playoffs event), down from 125 (2009-2022). Notable players outside the top 70 in the FedExCup standings include No. 75 Justin Thomas, No. 90 Gary Woodland and No. 118 Billy Horschel.

Tony Finau, the second-highest-ranked player in the field at No. 19 in the Official World Golf Ranking, is making his second start this season as the defending champion, previously missing the cut at the Rocket Mortgage Classic. With wins this season at the Cadence Bank Houston Open and the Mexico Open at Vidanta, Finau is one of six players with multiple titles on TOUR this season, along with Jon Rahm (4), Max Homa (2), Scottie Scheffler (2), Wyndham Clark (2), Keegan Bradley (2) and Rory McIlroy (2). With a win, Finau would become the fourth player to successfully defend a title this season, joining Homa (Fortinet Championship), McIlroy (THE CJ CUP) and Scheffler (WM Phoenix Open) and the second with three or more victories this season, joining Rahm.

Justin Thomas is currently No. 75 in the FedExCup standings with two weeks remaining until the start of the FedExCup Playoffs. Thomas, in his ninth season as a TOUR member, has never missed the Playoffs. He has advanced to the TOUR Championship in each of the last seven seasons and finished in the top 10 in the standings in the last six, including his FedExCup title in 2017. Thomas has the most PGA TOUR wins (15) and major championship titles (2) of any player in the field and is also the most recent PLAYERS Championship winner (2021) and FedExCup Champion (2017).

24 players in the field are making the trip from The Open Championship, including three that finished in the top 10: **Sepp Straka** (T2), **Emiliano Grillo** (T6) and **Cameron Young** (T8).

Straka has a win (John Deere Classic) and a T2 (The Open Championship) in his last two starts, becoming the first player to win on TOUR and finish runner-up in his next start since Jordan Spieth in 2022 (Won/RBC Heritage, 2nd/AT&T Byron Nelson). Straka is No. 15 in the FedExCup standings, the second-highest of any player in the field (Finau/10), and is attempting to qualify for the TOUR Championship for the second consecutive season.

Grillo, who won the Charles Schwab Challenge earlier this season for his second career PGA TOUR title, has two top-fives in three starts at the 3M Open, including a T2 in 2022. His T6 at The Open Championship was his first career top-10 in a major.

At No. 15 in the Official World Golf Ranking, Young is the highest-ranked player in the field. He is also the highest-ranked player in the OWGR that has not won on the PGA TOUR. Young is making his tournament debut at the 3M Open.

Patrick Rodgers lost in a playoff to Akshay Bhatia at last week's Barracuda Championship, earning the fourth runner-up of his career and second via playoff (2018 RSM Classic). Since Rodgers joined the PGA TOUR at the start of the 2015-16 season, he has made 219 starts, the most of any player without a win in that span (second: 212, Scott Stallings). The last player to lose in a playoff and win the following week was Patrick Cantlay in 2022 (lost in a playoff at the RBC Heritage, won the Zurich Classic of New Orleans the following week with partner Xander Schauffele).

Two-time PGA TOUR winner **Sungjae Im** finished T2 at the 2022 3M Open and is making his 150th career start on the PGA TOUR. Since the start of his rookie season, only two players have made more starts on the PGA TOUR than Im's 147 (149/Tom Hoge, 149/Adam Schenk). Im has seven top-10s this season but none in his last eight starts.

Stillwater, Minnesota native **Frankie Capan III** is competing on a sponsor exemption. Capan is currently No. 34 on the Korn Ferry Tour Points List and the top 30 at the end of the season will earn PGA TOUR cards for 2024. This is his third career start on the PGA TOUR (MC/2016 Puerto Rico Open, MC/2023 U.S. Open).

WINNERS

Year	Player
2022	Tony Finau
2021	Cameron Champ
2020	Michael Thompson
2019	Matthew Wolff

bold in field

ADDITIONAL STORYLINES

2023 PGA TOUR University No. 1 **Ludvig Aberg** is making his sixth start since joining the PGA TOUR directly out of Texas Tech University, with his best result coming at the John Deere Classic (T4). Aberg is No. 146 in the FedExCup standings and is eligible for the 2023 FedExCup Playoffs if he finishes in the top 70 in the FedExCup standings through next week's Wyndham Championship. He is exempt through next season via PGA TOUR University.

Paul Haley II is playing on the PGA TOUR for the eighth consecutive week, the longest active streak of any player in the field. Haley, in his second season as a TOUR member and first since 2013, is No. 132 in the FedExCup standings.

The four Open Qualifiers for the 3M Open are **Kaito Onishi**, **Noah Hofman**, **Alex Gaugert** and **Daniel Gale**. Onishi is making his fourth start on the PGA TOUR this season and second as an Open Qualifier. He got into the ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP via the Japan Golf Tour (76th), received a sponsor exemption for the Sony Open in Hawaii (MC) and most recently got into the John Deere Classic as an Open Qualifier. This is Gale's second consecutive year getting into the 3M Open via Open Qualifying (MC/2022). Gaugert, who regularly caddies for Erik van Rooyen, played collegiately at the University of Minnesota and will make his PGA TOUR debut, as will Hofman.

The 18th hole at TPC Twin Cities was the most difficult par 5 on the PGA TOUR schedule last season, playing to an average of 5.105. There were 85 bogeys made (the most of any par 5 in 2021-22), 23 double bogeys (second-most behind No. 13 at TPC River Highlands) and 12 scores higher than double bogey (most). Only two other par 5s, including major championships, averaged an over-par score in 2021-22, and the only par 5 that has played harder to date in 2022-23 is the 14th at Los Angeles Country Club during the U.S. Open.

Hardest par 5s on the PGA TOUR in 2021-22

Avg to par	Tournament	Course	Hole No.
+0.105	3M Open	TPC Twin Cities	18
+0.026	The American Express	Nicklaus Tournament Course	15
+0.003	ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP	Accordia Golf Narashino Country Club	14
0.000	AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am	Monterey Peninsula Country Club	6
-0.009	AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am	Pebble Beach Golf Links	14

FedExCup Playoffs bubble entering the 3M Open (* in field)

66	Keith Mitchell*	26 pts ahead of 70	71	David Lingmerth	6 pts behind 70
67	Ben Taylor*	22 pts ahead of 70	72	Davis Thompson*	8 pts behind 70
68	Ben Griffin*	10 pts ahead of 70	73	Shane Lowry	11 pts behind 70
69	Sam Ryder*	8 pts ahead of 70	74	Lee Hodges*	15 pts behind 70
70	K.H. Lee*	--	75	Justin Thomas*	23 pts behind 70

2022 LEADERBOARD

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Tony Finau	67	68	65	67	267 (-17)
T2	Emiliano Grillo	67	65	67	71	270 (-14)
T2	Sungjae Im	65	70	67	68	270 (-14)
T4	James Hahn	69	70	67	65	271 (-13)
T4	Tom Hoge	67	68	66	70	271 (-13)
T4	Scott Piercy	65	64	66	76	271 (-13)
T7	Three players					274 (-10)

STRENGTH OF FIELD STATISTICS

Top 10 FedExCup	1	Tony Finau (10)
Top 30 FedExCup	3	
Top 10 OWGR	0	
Top 50 OWGR	11	Cameron Young (15)
PGA TOUR winners	75	Justin Thomas (15)
Past champions	2	Defending: Tony Finau
FedExCup Champions	3	Most recent: Justin Thomas (2017)
PLAYERS winners	2	Most recent: Justin Thomas (2021)
Major winners	7	Most: Justin Thomas (2)

TOURNAMENT RECORDS

Category	Value	Player	Year
Low 18-hole score	62	4 players; most recent: Lucas Glover	2019 (R4)
Low 36-hole score	128	Bryson DeChambeau	2019
Low 54-hole score	198	5 players; most recent: Michael Thompson and Richy Werenski	2020
Low 72-hole score	263	Matthew Wolff	2019
Holes-in-one	3	3 players; most recent: Bo Van Pelt	2020 (R1, No. 8)
Largest 18-hole lead	2	Scott Piercy	2019
Largest 36-hole lead	3	Scott Piercy	2022
Largest 54-hole lead	4	Scott Piercy	2022
Largest margin of victory	3	Tony Finau	2022
Best come from behind win	5	Tony Finau	2022
Playoffs	-	-	-
Wire-to-wire winners	-	-	-