



# 2023 3M Open (43<sup>rd</sup> of 44 events in the 2022-23 FedExCup Regular Season)

Blaine, Minnesota July 27-30, 2023 Purse: \$7,800,000 (winner: \$1,404,000)

TPC Twin Cities Par/Yards: 35-36—71/7,431

## COMPLETED First-Round Notes - Friday, July 28, 2023

**Weather:** Partly cloudy. High of 89. Wind NE 8-12 mph, gusting to 18 mph. Due to inclement weather, round one was suspended for the day Thursday at 6:59 p.m. CT with 21 players having not completed their round. The first round resumed Friday at 7:56 a.m. and concluded at 8:43 a.m. The second round began as scheduled at 6:45 a.m.

#### First-Round Leaderboard

Lee Hodges	63 (-8)
Hideki Matsuyama	64 (-7)
Brandt Snedeker	64 (-7)
Tyler Duncan	64 (-7)
Kevin Streelman	64 (-7)

#### First-Round Lead Notes

- No first-round leader/co-leader has won the 3M Open
- Four first-round leaders/co-leaders have won in individual stroke-play events on TOUR this season (most recent: Jon Rahm/Masters Tournament)

### Lee Hodges (1<sup>st</sup>/-8)

- First-round 63 is one stroke shy of his lowest round on TOUR (62/R1/2022 American Express) and marks his 10<sup>th</sup> bogey-free round this season; owns 22 bogey-free rounds on TOUR (199 rounds)
- Holds first-round lead/co-lead for the second time on TOUR in his 65<sup>th</sup> start; shot 62 to lead/co-lead at the 2022 American Express (T3)
- Enters the week at No. 74 in the FedExCup standings, 15 points behind No. 70 (K.H. Lee); top 70 after next week's Wyndham Championship advance to the Playoffs
- Second appearance at the 3M Open (T16/2022; was T11 through 54 holes before final-round 73)
- Two top-10s in 29 starts this season (T7/THE CJ CUP in SC, T6/Valero Texas Open)
- Best finish on TOUR: T3/2022 American Express
- Won the 2020 WinCo Foods Portland Open on the Korn Ferry Tour; qualified for the FedExCup Playoffs in his rookie season on TOUR (2021-22), finishing No. 76 in the FedExCup standings

#### **Miscellaneous Notes**

- **Hideki Matsuyama** (T2/-7) opens with a 7-under 64 for the second time in three appearances at the 3M Open; shot 64 to sit T2 in 2019, eventually finishing T7; opened with 77 in 2022 but withdrew with a wrist injuring before the second round
- Brandt Snedeker (T2/-7) posts his lowest round on TOUR since 2020 Shriners Children's Open (63/R3); finished T59 at the 2022 Fortinet Championship before undergoing experimental sternum surgery on December 1 to heal a problem that has plagued him since 2016; didn't play again until the Memorial Tournament presented by Workday (T41); missed four cuts in four starts heading into this week; was T11 in 2021 in his only prior start at the 3M Open
- **Tyler Duncan** (T2/-7) has two top-3 finishes (3<sup>rd</sup>/The Honda Classic, T3/Corales Puntacana Championship) and 17 missed cuts in 27 starts this season
- Kevin Streelman (T2/-7) makes an eagle on No. 18 and has now played that hole 5-under in five rounds at this event
- Justin Suh (T6/-6), No. 1 on the 2022 Korn Ferry Tour, made his first cut on the PGA TOUR at the 2019 3M Open (T58)
- Defending champion **Tony Finau** (T9/-5), at No. 10 the highest ranked player in the FedExCup standings in the field this week, was 6-under through six holes before a 1-over inward nine led to a 5-under 66
- **Justin Thomas** (T44/-2) enters the week at No. 75 in the FedExCup standings, 23 points behind No. 70 (K.H. Lee); top 70 after next week's Wyndham Championship advance to the Playoffs

- Former University of Minnesota golfer **Alex Gaugert** (T151/+6), who advanced in a playoff at the Monday qualifier to make his first start on TOUR, played in the same group as **Eric van Rooyen** (T24/-3), for whom he caddies on the PGA TOUR
- Sponsor exemptions with local ties: Frankie Capan III (T24/-3), Eric Rolland (T123/+2), Derek Hitchner (T123/+2), Thomas Lehman (T149/+5), Caleb VanArragon (T149/+5)
- 2021 3M Open winner Cameron Champ withdrew before the first round and was replaced by Chris Stroud (T83/E)
- Scott Piercy withdrew after his opening round