



2023 3M Open

(43rd of 44 events in the 2022-23 FedExCup Regular Season)

Blaine, Minnesota
TPC Twin Cities

July 27-30, 2023

Purse: \$7,800,000 (winner: \$1,404,000)
Par/Yards: 35-36—71/7,431

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, July 29, 2023

Weather: Partly cloudy. High of 82. Wind NW 8-14 mph, gusting to 20 mph.

Third-Round Leaderboard

Lee Hodges	63-64-66—193 (-20)
J.T. Poston	66-66-66—198 (-15)
Tony Finau	66-66-67—199 (-14)
Aaron Baddeley	69-66-65—200 (-13)

Third-Round Lead Notes

- Two third-round leaders/co-leaders have won the 3M Open (2019/Matthew Wolff, 2020/Michael Thompson)
- 22 third-round leaders/co-leaders have won in individual stroke-play events on TOUR this season (most recent: Brian Harman/The Open Championship)
- The last time there were 54-hole leads of five strokes or more in back-to-back weeks on the PGA TOUR was in June 2019 (Chez Reavie/Travelers Championship, Nate Lashley/Rocket Mortgage Classic); at last week's Open Championship, Brian Harman led by five strokes after the third round

Lee Hodges (1st/-20)

- After setting his career-best 127 through 36 holes on the strength of a 63-64 start, offset two bogeys with two birdies to make the turn with an even-par 35; on the inward nine, added birdies at 10, 11, 13, 16 and 18 to sign for a 5-under 66
- His 193 marks the tournament's 54-hole scoring record, previously held by Scott Piercy (195/2022)
- First of two bogeys on the week came at the second hole in round three
- Only other occasion to hold a 54-hole lead/co-lead on the PGA TOUR resulted in a T3 at the 2022 American Express
- 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; projected to move to No. 33 with a win
- In only previous 3M Open appearance, finished T16 in 2022
- Seeks a third top-10 finish in his 30th PGA TOUR start this season (T7/THE CJ CUP in SC, T6/Valero Texas Open)
- Looks to improve on his career-best TOUR finish of T3 at the 2022 American Express
- Qualified for the FedExCup Playoffs in his rookie season on TOUR (2021-22), finishing No. 76 in the FedExCup standings

Miscellaneous Notes

- Making his third start in the 3M Open (T28/2021, T11/2022), **J.T. Poston** (2nd/-15) posted a 5-under 66 for the third consecutive round; his only two bogeys through 54 holes came at Nos. 3 and 16 in round one; began this week after netting T6 finishes in two of his last three starts at the John Deere Classic and the following week's Genesis Scottish Open; finished T41 at last week's Open Championship
- As the defending champion and highest ranked player in the FedExCup, **Tony Finau** is solo third at 14-under 199 in his bid to become the fourth player this season to successfully defend a title on TOUR this season and first since Scottie Scheffler (WM Phoenix Open)
- With improved scores each round, **Aaron Baddeley** (4th/-13) followed opening rounds of 69-66 with a 6-under 65 in round three; best finish in three previous 3M Open starts was T23 in his first start of the 2019-20 season; began this week on the heels of two missed cuts (Genesis Scottish Open, Barracuda Championship)
- Following a double-bogey at the par-4 ninth, **Sam Ryder** (T5/-12) birdied seven of his last nine holes, including five straight on Nos. 14-18 to tie the back nine record of 7-under 29 and sign for a 6-under 65; began this week's event at No. 69 in the FedExCup

- On the strength of six birdies and three pars on the front nine, Chinese Taipei native **Kevin Yu** (T11/-10) tied his lowest 9-hole score on the PGA TOUR with a 29 (R1/2023 Travelers Championship); becomes the sixth player to shoot 29 on the front nine at TPC Twin Cities and first since Kevin Chappell (R2/2022)