



2023 Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard
(18th of 44 events in the 2022-23 PGA TOUR Regular Season)

Orlando, Florida
Bay Hill Club & Lodge

March 2-5, 2023
Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,466

FedExCup points: 550 (winner)
Purse: \$20 million (\$3.6 million winner)

Completed Second-Round Notes – Saturday, March 4, 2023

Saturday weather: Partly sunny. High of 73. Wind SW 10-15 mph.

Suspension summary: Play was suspended due to darkness on Friday at 6:47 p.m. ET with two players left to complete their round. The second round resumed at 6:56 a.m. ET and was completed at 7:08 a.m.

Cut: 71 professionals and one amateur at 2-over 146 from a field of 119 professionals and one amateur.

Second-Round Leaderboard

Kurt Kitayama	67-68—135 (-9)
Jordan Spieth	68-69—137 (-7)
Xander Schauffele	68-70—138 (-6)
Corey Connors	72-66—138 (-6)

Things to Know

- Kurt Kitayama holds his third 36-hole lead/co-lead of the season, the most of any player
- Kitayama is the first player to record a 68 or better in each of the first two rounds of the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard since Keegan Bradley in 2019
- 13-time PGA TOUR winner Jordan Spieth is two strokes back in his second start at the event (T4/2021)
- Viktor Hovland makes his fourth career hole-in-one (TOUR-best third ace since the start of the 2021-22 season) at No. 7
- Ludvig Aberg, No. 1 in the PGA TOUR University Velocity Global Ranking, stands T9, the best 36-hole position of any amateur in a TOUR event since Chris Gotterup at the 2022 Puerto Rico Open (T6)
- First-round leader and World No. 1 Jon Rahm cards a 4-over 76, his highest score since the 2022 PGA Championship (76/R3)
- 2-over marks the highest 36-hole cut of the season

Second-Round Lead Notes

- 9 Second-round leaders/co-leaders to win the Arnold Palmer Invitational since 2000 (most recent: Tyrrell Hatton, 2020)
- 5 Second-round leaders/co-leaders to win on TOUR in 2022-23 (most recent: Scottie Scheffler/WM Phoenix Open)

Kurt Kitayama (1st/-9)

Category	Entering the week
Age	30 (January 14, 1993)
FedExCup	No. 39
OWGR	No. 46
Starts – wins – top-10s in PGA TOUR career	49-0-4
Starts – wins – top-10s on TOUR in 2022-23	8-0-1
Starts – wins – top-10s at the Arnold Palmer Invitational	Tournament debut

- Third 36-hole lead/co-lead of the season, breaking a tie with Max Homa and Andrew Putnam for most of any player (first two: THE CJ CUP in South Carolina/finished 2nd, AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am/T29)
- First player to record a 68 or better in each of the first two rounds of the Arnold Palmer Invitational since Keegan Bradley in 2019
- Making 50th career PGA TOUR start and tournament debut
- Three-time runner-up on TOUR (T2/2022 Mexico Open at Vidanta, 2nd/2022 Genesis Scottish Open, 2nd/2022 CJ CUP in South Carolina)

Jordan Spieth (2nd/-7)

- First time in the top two after 36 holes since the 2022 BMW Championship (T2)

- Leads the field in Strokes Gained: Tee to Green and Strokes Gained: Around the Green
- Making second appearance at the Arnold Palmer Invitational (T4/2021)
- One top-10 in six starts this season (T6/WM Phoenix Open)
- 13-time PGA TOUR winner (most recent: 2022 RBC Heritage)

Ludvig Aberg (a) (T9/-4)

- Highest 36-hole position by an amateur in a PGA TOUR event since Chris Gotterup at the 2022 Puerto Rico Open (T6)
- First amateur to make the cut at the Arnold Palmer Invitational since Viktor Hovland in 2019
- Last amateur to finish in the top 10 of a TOUR event: Michael Thorbjornsen, 2022 Travelers Championship (4th)
- Last amateur to win a TOUR event: Phil Mickelson, 1991 Northern Telecom Open
- Second time in the top 10 after 36 holes on TOUR (T10 after the second round of the 2021 Butterfield Bermuda Championship; finished T51 in TOUR debut)
- Fourth career PGA TOUR start and first since the 2022 Valero Texas Open (MC)
- No. 1 in PGA TOUR University Velocity Global Ranking (Texas Tech); the player in that position after the stroke-play portion of the 2023 Division I NCAA Championship will earn PGA TOUR status for the remainder of the season (first open tournament after NCAA Championship: RBC Canadian Open)

Miscellaneous notes

- **Xander Schauffele** (T3/-6) is making his second start at the event and first since 2020 (T24)
- **Matt Fitzpatrick** (T5/-5) has finished in the top 10 in each of the last four years at the Arnold Palmer Invitational, the longest active streak (second: Chris Kirk/2)
- World No. 4 **Patrick Cantlay** (T5/-5) is making his tournament debut
- **Justin Thomas** (T5/-5) is making his first start at the Arnold Palmer Invitational since his rookie season (T49/2015)
- First-round leader and World No. 1 **Jon Rahm** (T13/-3) cards a 4-over 76, his highest score since the third round of the 2022 PGA Championship (76/R3); Rahm's last 76-or-higher in a non-major: 77, 2022 PLAYERS Championship (R4)
- **Viktor Hovland** (T20/-2) makes a hole-in-one at No. 7 (183 yards), his fourth career ace on TOUR and first since the 2022 BMW Championship (R4);

Most holes-in-one on TOUR since the start of the 2021-22 season

3, Viktor Hovland
 2, Ryan Armour
 2, Wyndham Clark
 2, Adam Hadwin

- **Byeong Hun An** WD before the start of his second round due to a wrist injury
- **Kamaiu Johnson** was disqualified after signing an incorrect scorecard