



**2023 Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard**  
**(18<sup>th</sup> 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)**

**Final-Round Notes – Sunday, March 5, 2023**

**Weather:** Mostly cloudy. High of 84. Wind W 4-8 mph.

**Final Leaderboard**

Kurt Kitayama	67-68-72-72—279 (-9)
Rory McIlroy	73-69-68-70—280 (-8)
Harris English	69-72-69-70—280 (-8)
Patrick Cantlay	68-71-74-68—281 (-7)
Jordan Spieth	68-69-74-70—281 (-7)
Scottie Scheffler	68-72-68-73—281 (-7)
Tyrrell Hatton	71-72-66-72—281 (-7)

**Things to Know**

- Kurt Kitayama wins the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard, earning his first PGA TOUR victory in his 50th career start
- Kitayama becomes the first player since Robert Gamez in 1990 to win in his tournament debut
- Kitayama becomes the second first-time winner of the season and first since Adam Svensson at The RSM Classic
- Kitayama becomes the first player to record a triple bogey in the final round (No. 9) and go on to win on TOUR since Viktor Hovland (2020 Puerto Rico Open)
- 2019 winner Rory McIlroy and Harris English finish runner-up
- 2022 champion Scottie Scheffler finishes T4 in his second title defense of the season
- Kitayama, English and Davis Riley earn spots in The 151<sup>st</sup> Open Championship via the Open Qualifying Series
- Jon Rahm finishes T39, snapping a streak of six consecutive top-10s to start the season, and remains No. 1 in the FedExCup standings and Official World Golf Ranking

**Kurt Kitayama (Winner/-9)**

Category	With the victory
Age	30 (January 14, 1993)
FedExCup	No. 6
OWGR	No. 19
Starts – wins – top-10s in PGA TOUR career	50-1-5
Starts – wins – top-10s on TOUR in 2022-23	9-1-2
Starts – wins – top-10s at the Arnold Palmer Invitational	1-1-1

- Earns his first PGA TOUR title in his 50th career start at the age of 30 years, 1 month, 19 days
- Collects 550 points and moves from No. 39 to No. 6 in the FedExCup standings, the highest position of his career
- Moves from No. 46 to No. 19 in the Official World Golf Ranking, the highest position of his career
- Becomes the first player since Robert Gamez in 1990 to win in his Arnold Palmer Invitational debut
- Second player to earn his first PGA TOUR victory this season (Adam Svensson/The RSM Classic)
- Previous-best result on TOUR: runner-up, three times (T2/2022 Mexico Open at Vidanta, 2<sup>nd</sup>/2022 Genesis Scottish Open, 2<sup>nd</sup>/2022 CJ CUP in South Carolina)
- Converts first 54-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR
- One of 12 third-round leader/co-leader to win on TOUR this season
  - Justin Rose, AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am
  - Scottie Scheffler, WM Phoenix Open
  - Jon Rahm, The Genesis Invitational
  - Chris Kirk, The Honda Classic
  - Nico Echavarria (Puerto Rico Open)

- Becomes the 14<sup>th</sup> third-round leader/co-leader to win the Arnold Palmer Invitational since 2000
- With a triple bogey on No. 9, becomes the first player to record a triple bogey in the final round and go on to win on TOUR since Viktor Hovland at the 2020 Puerto Rico Open (No. 11)
- 279 is the highest 72-hole total by a winner since Scottie Scheffler won the 2022 Arnold Palmer Invitational (283)
- 9-under is the highest 72-hole total by a winner since Xander Schauffele won the 2022 Genesis Scottish Open (-7)

#### Open Qualifying Series (OQS)

- The top three players not otherwise exempt were eligible for spots in The 151<sup>st</sup> Open Championship via the Open Qualifying Series
- Winner Kurt Kitayama, Harris English (T2) and Davis Riley (T8) received the exemptions
- If a player that received a spot would have qualified via the Official World Golf Ranking on June 1, his exemption will go to the next-highest finisher not otherwise exempt (maximum of one additional qualifier), so Trey Mullinax (T8) will earn a spot in The Open if Kitayama, English or Riley is in the top 50 on June 1
- The Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard is one of four events on the PGA TOUR schedule this season included in the OQS
- Remaining events: Wells Fargo Championship, the Memorial Tournament presented by Workday, Genesis Scottish Open

#### Miscellaneous notes

- 2018 Arnold Palmer Invitational champion **Rory McIlroy** (T2/-8) was in search of his 24th PGA TOUR title; has finished worse than T13 just once (T27/2016) in nine starts at the event
- After entering the week with four missed cuts in his last five starts (T12/The Genesis Invitational), **Harris English** (T2/-8) finishes runner-up for the fourth time in 295 PGA TOUR starts, marking his best finish on TOUR since winning the 2021 Travelers Championship
- In bid to become the only player in the last 50 years to successfully defend each of his first two PGA TOUR titles (WM Phoenix Open), World No. 2 **Scottie Scheffler** finished T4; the last player to successfully defend multiple titles in a season was Tiger Woods in 2007
- 2020 Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard winner **Tyrrell Hatton** (T4/-7) was seeking to become the first player to pick up first two PGA TOUR career wins in the same tournament since K.H. Lee (2021-22 AT&T Byron Nelson)
- World No. 1 **Jon Rahm** finishes T39, snapping a streak of six consecutive top-10s to start the season