



## 2023 BMW Championship

(Second of three FedExCup Playoffs events)

Olympia Fields, Illinois  
Olympia Fields Country Club (North)

August 17-20, 2023  
Par/Yards: 70/7,366

FedExCup Points: 2,000 (winner)  
Purse: \$20 million (\$3.6 million/winner)

### First-Round Notes – Thursday, August 17, 2023

**Weather:** Due to thunderstorms, the start of the first round was delayed for two hours and began at 10:26 a.m. CT. Partly cloudy and breezy. High of 78. Wind NW 12-18 mph, with gusts to 30 mph.

### First-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	R1
T1	Rory McIlroy	65 (-5)
T1	Brian Harman	65 (-5)
T3	Matt Fitzpatrick	66 (-4)
T3	Sahith Theegala	66 (-4)
T3	Chris Kirk	66 (-4)
T3	Wyndham Clark	66 (-4)
T3	Scottie Scheffler	66 (-4)
T3	Rickie Fowler	66 (-4)

### Rory McIlroy (T1/-5)

- Holds the first-round lead/co-lead for the fifth time at the BMW Championship, the most of any player at any PGA TOUR event on record (1983-present): 2012/won, 2014/T8, 2018/5<sup>th</sup>, 2021/4<sup>th</sup>, 2023/TBD
- Marks his 21<sup>st</sup> career 18-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR, the most of any player since his professional debut on TOUR in 2009; is 3-for-20 converting the first-round lead/co-lead to victory (2011 U.S. Open, 2012 BMW Championship, 2014 Open Championship)
- Leads the field in Strokes Gained: Tee to Green (3.603)
- Enters the week at No. 3 in the FedExCup as he seeks his fourth FedExCup title (2016, 2019, 2022)
- In search of his 25<sup>th</sup> PGA TOUR victory and third of the season (THE CJ CUP in South Carolina, Genesis Scottish Open)
- Has six top-10 finishes in 12 prior BMW Championship starts, including a win in 2012

### Brian Harman (T1/-5)

- Holds the first-round lead/co-lead for the third time on the PGA TOUR; is 1-for-2 to date converting to victory (2014 John Deere Classic/won, 2014 RSM Classic/T41)
- Leads the field in Proximity to the hole (22'6")
- Best finish in nine prior BMW Championship starts is T12 in 2020 at Olympia Fields Country Club
- Enters the week at No. 9 in the FedExCup as he seeks to become the first player to win The Open Championship and FedExCup in the same season

### First-Round Lead Notes

- 8 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win the BMW Championship since 2000 (most recent: Justin Thomas/2019)
- 5 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win individual stroke-play events on TOUR in 2022-23 (most recent: Lee Hodges/3M Open)

### Miscellaneous Notes

- Highlighted by the longest hole-out of his PGA TOUR career (167 yards for eagle on the par-4 14<sup>th</sup> hole), **Sahith Theegala** (T3) opens with a 4-under 66
- 2023 Rocket Mortgage Classic winner **Rickie Fowler** (T3/-4) posts his 16<sup>th</sup> consecutive par-or-better round at the BMW Championship; currently No. 12 in the FedExCup, looking to advance to the TOUR Championship for the first time since 2019
- Following wins in each of the last two weeks (Wyndham Championship, FedEx St. Jude Championship), **Lucas Glover**

(T23/E) is seeking to become the first player to win three consecutive weeks on TOUR since Tiger Woods in 2006 (PGA Championship, WGC-Bridgestone Invitational, Deutsche Bank Championship)

- Additional notable opening-round scores:
  - World No. 1 and 2023 PLAYERS champion **Scottie Scheffler** (T3/66/-4)
  - 2023 U.S. Open champion **Wyndham Clark** (T3/66/-4)
  - FedExCup leader **Jon Rahm** (T12/68/-2)
  - 2021 and 2022 BMW Championship winner **Patrick Cantlay** (T12/68/-2); the last player to win the same event three straight years is Steve Stricker at the John Deere Classic (2009, 2010, 2011)

#### **FedExCup Playoffs notes**

The top-30 players at the conclusion of the BMW Championship will advance to the TOUR Championship.

#### **Players projected to move into top 30**

<b>Player</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>YTD Rank</b>	<b>Proj. Rank</b>
Sahith Theegala	T3	No. 31	No. 16
Matt Fitzpatrick	T3	No. 40	No. 29

#### **Players projected to move out of top 30**

<b>Player</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>YTD Rank</b>	<b>Proj. Rank</b>
Emiliano Grillo	T45	No. 23	No. 31
Sam Burns	T30	No. 30	No. 32