



## TOURNAMENT NOTES

### 2022 Fortinet Championship

Sept. 12-18 • 1st of 44 FedExCup Regular Season events  
 Napa, California  
 Silverado Resort and Spa (North Course) • Par 72 • 7,123 yds.  
**Purse \$8 million**  
**Winner \$1.44 million + 500 FedExCup pts.**  
 156 players • 72-hole stroke-play  
**Defending champion Max Homa**

### BROADCAST SCHEDULE

ALL TIMES ET

	ESPN	PGOLF
<b>THU.</b>	10 a.m. - 9 p.m.	6-9 p.m.
<b>FRI.</b>	10 a.m. - 9 p.m.	6-9 p.m.
<b>SAT.</b>		6-9 p.m.
<b>SUN.</b>		6-9 p.m.



## 2022-23 PGA TOUR WINNERS

### FedExCup Playoffs

TOUR Championship.....
BMW Championship.....
FedEx St. Jude Championship.....

### FedExCup Regular Season

Wyndham Championship.....
3M Open.....
Barracuda Championship.....
The Open Championship.....
Barbasol Championship.....
Genesis Scottish Open.....
John Deere Classic.....
Rocket Mortgage Classic.....
Travelers Championship.....
U.S. Open.....
RBC Canadian Open.....
the Memorial Tournament.....
Charles Schwab Challenge.....
PGA Championship.....
AT&T Byron Nelson.....
Wells Fargo Championship.....
Mexico Open at Vidanta.....
Zurich Classic of New Orleans.....
RBC Heritage.....
Masters Tournament.....
Valero Texas Open.....
Corales Puntacana Championship.....
WGC-Dell Tech. Match Play.....
Valspar Championship.....
THE PLAYERS Championship.....
Puerto Rico Open.....
Arnold Palmer Invitational.....
The Honda Classic.....
The Genesis Invitational.....
WM Phoenix Open.....
AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am.....
Farmers Insurance Open.....
The American Express.....
Sony Open in Hawaii.....
Sentry Tournament of Champions.....
The RSM Classic.....
Cadence Bank Houston Open.....
World Wide Technology Championship.....
Butterfield Bermuda Championship.....
THE CJ CUP @ SUMMIT.....
ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP.....
Shriners Children's Open.....
Sanderson Farms Championship.....
Fortinet Championship.....

*Italics* First-time PGA TOUR winners

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## TOP STORYLINES

The 2022-23 PGA TOUR Season kicks off this week at the Fortinet Championship, with every PGA TOUR member starting at zero in the race for the FedExCup title. Each of the last three winners of the Fortinet Championship has gone on to qualify for the TOUR Championship, highlighted by Max Homa's fifth-place finish in the FedExCup last season.

Season	Winner	FedExCup Rank
2021-22	Max Homa	No. 5
2020-21	Stewart Cink	No. 26
2019-20	Cameron Champ	No. 24

This will be the final season of the PGA TOUR's wraparound schedule, which debuted in 2013-14. Since then, the Fortinet Championship has been the TOUR's season-opening event each year with the exception of 2019-20. Beginning this season, the top 70 players at the conclusion of the Wyndham Championship will qualify for the FedExCup Playoffs, while the top 125 will not be finalized until the end of 2023.

Five players in the field at the Fortinet Championship will be competing at next week's Presidents Cup at Quail Hollow. Defending champion **Max Homa** is the lone U.S. Team member in the field, while **Corey Connors** (Canada), **Cam Davis** (Australia), **Hideki Matsuyama** (Japan) and **Taylor Pendrith** (Canada) will compete for the International Team.

There are 28 members in the 2022-23 PGA TOUR rookie class and 27 are scheduled to compete in the Fortinet Championship (all but Dean Burmester). Five of the 27 (Trevor Cone, Nico Echavarria, Harrison Endycott, Vincent Norrman, Kevin Roy) will be competing in their first PGA TOUR event.

2022-23 PGA TOUR rookies (**bold** in field)

<b>Tyson Alexander</b>	<b>Nico Echavarria</b>	<b>Harry Hall</b>	<b>Augusto Núñez</b>	<b>Kyle Westmoreland</b>
<b>Erik Barnes</b>	<b>Austin Eckroat</b>	<b>S.H. Kim</b>	<b>Kevin Roy</b>	<b>Carson Young</b>
Dean Burmester	<b>Harrison Endycott</b>	<b>Philip Knowles</b>	<b>Matti Schmid</b>	<b>Kevin Yu</b>
<b>Eric Cole</b>	<b>Tano Goya</b>	<b>Brandon Matthews</b>	<b>Sam Stevens</b>	<b>Carl Yuan</b>
<b>Trevor Cone</b>	<b>Brent Grant</b>	<b>Taylor Montgomery</b>	<b>Davis Thompson</b>	
<b>Thomas Detry</b>	<b>Ben Griffin</b>	<b>Vincent Norrman</b>	<b>Trevor Werbylo</b>	

Five players that qualified for the season-ending TOUR Championship are in the field, led by defending champion **Max Homa**, who finished in a tie for fifth in the FedExCup. Others in the field that advanced to the TOUR Championship include **Tom Hoge** (No. 10), **Hideki Matsuyama** (No. 11), **Corey Connors** (No. 26) and **Sahith Theegala** (No. 28).

Four of the last six FedExCup Champions have won a tournament in the fall portion of the season before going on to win the season-long race. Most recently, Rory McIlroy won THE CJ CUP last fall and went on to win the 2022 FedExCup. The other players to do so in the last six seasons are Justin Thomas (2016 CIMB Classic, 2017 FedExCup), Justin Rose (2017 WGC-HSBC Champions, 2018 FedExCup) and Patrick Cantlay (2020 ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP, 2021 FedExCup).

At No. 16 in the Official World Golf Ranking, **Hideki Matsuyama** is the highest-ranked player in the field. Matsuyama finished T6 at the 2021 Fortinet Championship, his third top-10 in five starts at the event (T3/2013, T3/2014), and went on to finish the ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP three starts later.

Five-time PGA TOUR winner and 2015 PLAYERS Championship winner **Rickie Fowler** is making his first start at the Fortinet Championship since 2010. Fowler finished in the top five in both of his prior starts at the event, falling in a playoff in 2009 and finishing solo-fourth in 2010. With the event moving to Silverado in 2014, Fowler will be making his first start at the venue.

2020 Fortinet Championship winner **Stewart Cink** is making his first start in the event since his victory, as he was unable to defend his title last year. Cink is one of seven past champions in the field, along with **Brendan Steele**, who won the event back-to-back in 2016 and 2017. Steele recorded four top-10s on TOUR last season, tying his career-high.

San Jose native and University of Southern California graduate **Justin Suh** is fully exempt on TOUR this season after leading the 2022 Korn Ferry Tour Regular Season and Finals combined points list. Suh, who finished T58 at the 2021 Fortinet Championship after open qualifying, is considered a first-year member and not a rookie because he made 11 starts (more than seven) during the 2020-21 season.

# FORTINET CHAMPIONSHIP SNAPSHOT

## WINNERS

Year	Player
2021	Max Homa
2020	Stewart Cink
2019	Cameron Champ
2018	Kevin Tway
2017	Brendan Steele
2016	Brendan Steele
2015	Emiliano Grillo
2014	Sangmoon Bae
2013	Jimmy Walker
2012	Jonas Blixt
2011	Bryce Molder
2010	Rocco Mediate
2009	Troy Matteson
2008	Cameron Beckman
2007	Mike Weir

bold in field

## ADDITIONAL STORYLINES

2021 runner-up **Maverick McNealy** went on to finish last season No. 35 in the FedExCup Playoffs and Eligibility Points List, the best result of his career, and advanced to the BMW Championship for the third consecutive season. McNealy has two runner-up finishes on TOUR and seeks his first career victory in his 94th start.

**Harris English** was limited to 12 starts during the 2021-22 season after undergoing surgery to repair a torn labrum in his hip. In 2021, English won twice on TOUR, advanced to the TOUR Championship for the second consecutive season and competed in the Ryder Cup for the first time in his career. He missed nearly five months on TOUR last season between the Sony Open in Hawaii and the Memorial Tournament presented by Workday and failed to qualify for the FedExCup Playoffs. English is making his sixth start at the Fortinet Championship and first since 2019.

**Harry Higgs** missed the FedExCup Playoffs for the first time in his three-year PGA TOUR career last season and enters the 2022-23 season playing out of the 126-150 category. Higgs, the last player in the field, earned one of his two career runner-up finishes on TOUR at the 2020 Fortinet Championship, where he shot a career-low 62 in the second round.

As a rookie last season, **Nick Hardy** finished No. 126 in the final 2021-22 FedExCup Playoffs and Eligibility Points List, less than one point behind No. 125 Kelly Kraft. He finished No. 10 at Korn Ferry Tour Finals to enter the season playing out of the Korn Ferry Tour graduates category, but was granted four starts on a Minor Medical Extension. If he makes the cut in any of his first four starts of the season, he will move to Major Medical category for the remainder of the season (fully exempt). Hardy did not compete on TOUR between the Zurich Classic of New Orleans and RBC Canadian Open (six weeks) due to a wrist injury.

Four-time PGA TOUR winner **Aaron Baddeley** advanced from a 6-for-2 playoff at the open qualifier on Monday. Baddeley has made 14 starts at the Fortinet Championship, highlighted by a T4 in 2018 (finished one stroke out of the three-man playoff).

Rookie **Taylor Montgomery**, who finished No. 26 on both the Regular Season and Finals points lists on the Korn Ferry Tour in 2021, earned his PGA TOUR card for the 2022-23 season by finishing No. 5 on the 2022 Regular Season points list. Montgomery made two starts on TOUR last season, including a T11 at the Farmers Insurance Open competing on a sponsor exemption.

**Chris Gotterup**, who won the 2022 Jack Nicklaus Award as the Division I Player of the Year at Oklahoma, is competing on a sponsor exemption. Gotterup made nine starts on TOUR last season, recording two top-10s (T7/Puerto Rico Open as an amateur, T4/John Deere Classic) and qualifying for Korn Ferry Tour Finals (finished T37).

## 2021 LEADERBOARD

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Max Homa	67	72	65	65	269 (-19)
2	Maverick McNealy	68	64	70	68	270 (-18)
3	Mito Pereira	67	67	70	68	272 (-16)
T4	Marc Leishman	69	71	68	65	273 (-15)
T4	Talor Gooch	69	70	66	68	273 (-15)
T6	Five players					275 (-13)

## STRENGTH OF FIELD STATS

Top 10 FedExCup ('22)	2	Max Homa (5)
Top 30 FedExCup ('22)	5	
Top 25 OWGR	3	Hideki Matsuyama (16)
Top 50 OWGR	5	
PGA TOUR winners	71	Jason Day (12)
Past champions	7	Defending: Max Homa
FedExCup Champions	1	Brandt Snedeker (2012)
PLAYERS winners	4	Most recent: Webb Simpson (2018)
Major winners	9	2 Masters, 3 U.S. Open, 3 PGA, 1 Open

## TOURNAMENT SCORING RECORDS

Category	Value	Player	Year
Low 18-hole score	61	6 players; most recent: Ricky Barnes	2018 (R2)
Low 36-hole score	128	John Mallinger	2012
Low 54-hole score	194	Troy Matteson	2009
Low 72-hole score	262	5 players; most recent: Jamie Lovemark, Rickie Fowler, Troy Matteson	2009
Holes-in-one	14	Most recent: Grayson Murray	2019 (R2, No. 2)
Largest 18-hole lead	3	Nick O'Hern	2012
Largest 36-hole lead	4	John Mallinger	2012
Largest 54-hole lead	4	Sangmoon Bae	2014
Largest margin of victory	2	4 players; most recent: Stewart Cink	2020
Best come from behind win	4	Brendan Steele	2016
Playoffs	5	Most recent: Kevin Tway def. Ryan Moore, Brandt Snedeker	2018
Wire-to-wire winners	1	Rocco Mediate	2010

## SCORECARD: SILVERADO RESORT and SPA (NORTH COURSE)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	TOTAL
436	197	424	407	538	417	212	360	557	3,548	422	182	391	458	412	189	571	375	575	3,575	7123
4	3	4	4	5	4	3	4	5	36	4	3	4	4	4	3	5	4	5	36	72