



2023 Grant Thornton Invitational

PGA TOUR Challenge Season event (unofficial)

Naples, Florida

December 8-10, 2023

Purse: \$4 million

Tiburón Golf Club

Par 72/Yards: 7,382 (PGA TOUR), 6,595 (LPGA)

Winner: \$1 million (\$500,000 each)

Final-Round Notes – Sunday, December 10, 2023

Weather: Partly cloudy. High of 80. Wind S at 12-16 mph, gusting to 22 mph.

Format: Three-round 54-hole stroke-play event with 16 teams of two. R1/Scramble, R2/Foursomes, **R3/Modified Four-Ball**

Modified Four-ball: Both players tee off. They then switch balls for their second shots and play that same ball until it is holed. The lower score of the partners is then counted as the team score for the hole.

Final-Round Leaderboard

Jason Day/Lydia Ko	58-66-66 —190 (-26)
Corey Connors/Brooke Henderson	59-69-63 —191 (-25)
Ludvig Åberg/Madelene Sagstrom	60-72-60 —192 (-24)
Denny McCarthy/Megan Khang	57-71-65 —193 (-23)
Tony Finau/Nelly Korda	56-70-67 —193 (-23)
Lucas Glover/Leona Maguire	57-69-68 —194 (-22)
Rickie Fowler/Lexi Thompson	60-68-66 —194 (-22)
Nick Taylor/Ruoning Yin	58-70-67 —195 (-21)
Sahith Theegala/Rose Zhang	58-74-64 —196 (-20)
Joel Dahmen/Lilia Vu	61-72-63 —196 (-20)
Justin Rose/Charley Hull	58-72-66 —196 (-20)
Harris English/Celine Boutier	63-69-65 —197 (-19)
Russell Henley/Mel Reid	64-71-66 —200 (-16)
Cameron Champ/Allisen Corpuz	59-78-65 —202 (-14)
Billy Horschel/Andrea Lee	64-71-67 —202 (-14)
Tom Hoge/Cheyenne Knight	66-71-66 —203 (-13)

Jason Day/Lydia Ko (1st/-26)

- Second-round leaders held a one-stroke lead heading into the final hole and made par to claim victory over Canadian's Corey Connors and Brooke Henderson in the inaugural Grant Thornton Invitational
- At No. 19 in the Official World Golf Ranking, Day marks the highest ranked player in the field, while Ko is No. 11 in the Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings
- Day is a four-time Presidents Cup participant for the International Team; Ko is a two-time Olympic medalist (2016 Rio Olympics/Silver, 2020 Tokyo Olympics/Bronze)
- Aussie recorded eight top-10s in 2022-23 season, highlighted by his 13th PGA TOUR title at the 2023 CJ CUP Byron Nelson
- Kiwi had two top-10s this season (best: 3rd/BMW Ladies Championship)
- Ko, a 19-time LPGA Tour winner, including two majors, was named 2022 Rolex Player of the Year and won the 2022 CME Group Tour Championship at Tiburón Golf Club
- Ko now has bookend wins in 2023; won her first start in 2023 at the Aramco Saudi Ladies International on the Ladies European Tour
- \$500,000 share of winner's check represents the largest first-place prize on the LPGA Tour in 2023 outside of the major championships and the CME Group Tour Championship

Corey Connors/Brooke Henderson (2nd/-25)

- Opened eagle, birdie, double bogey before adding a second eagle at par-4 ninth when Connors holed out from 203 yards with a 5-iron to be the only team with multiple eagles in the final round; with five birdies on the back nine, including four in a row on Nos. 12-15, team held the solo-lead briefly more than once before finishing one stroke shy
- Connors (No. 34) and Henderson (No. 12) are the top-ranked male and female Canadian golfers in the world
- Both represented Canada at the Olympic Games in Tokyo in 2020, with Henderson also appearing at the 2016 Olympics in Rio

- Connors won his second PGA TOUR title at the 2023 Valero Texas Open and finished the season with five top-10 finishes; played for the International Team in the 2022 Presidents Cup
- Henderson is the winningest Canadian golfer in history, adding her 13th victory at the 2023 Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions last January

Miscellaneous Notes

- The Grant Thornton Invitational is a first-year PGA TOUR Challenge Season event (unofficial) and the first mixed-team co-sanctioned event between the PGA TOUR and LPGA Tour since John Daly and Laura Davies won the final JCPenney Classic in 1999
- After a 12-under 60 in the opening-round Scramble format followed by an even-par 72 in Foursomes, **Ludvig Åberg/Madelene Sagstrom** (3rd/-24) post the low final-round 60 in the Modified Four-ball that included an 8-under 28 on the back nine