



PRE-TOURNAMENT NOTES 2023 JOHN DEERE CLASSIC



TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

July 3-9 • 38th of 44 FedExCup Regular Season events
 Silvis, Illinois
 TPC Deere Run • Par 71 • 7,289 yds.
Purse \$74 million • Winner \$1,332,000 + 500 FedExCup pts.
 156 players • 72-hole stroke play
Defending champion J.T. Poston

BROADCAST SCHEDULE (ET)

	ESPN+	GOLF	CBS
R1	7:45 a.m.-7 p.m.	4-7 p.m.	
R2	7:45 a.m.-7 p.m.	4-7 p.m.	
R3	7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.	1-3 p.m.	3-6 p.m.
R4	7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.	1-3 p.m.	3-6 p.m.

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2022-23 PGA TOUR SEASON

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..... Rickie Fowler
 Travelers Championship..... Keegan Bradley (2)
 U.S. Open..... Wyndham Clark (2)
 RBC Canadian Open..... Nick Taylor
 the Memorial Tournament..... Viktor Hovland
 Charles Schwab Challenge..... Emiliano Grillo
 PGA Championship..... Brooks Koepka
 AT&T Byron Nelson..... Jason Day
 Wells Fargo Championship..... Wyndham Clark
 Mexico Open at Vidanta..... Tony Finau (2)
 Zurich Classic of New Orleans... Davis Riley/Nick Hardy
 RBC Heritage..... Matt Fitzpatrick
 Masters Tournament..... Jon Rahm (4)
 Valero Texas Open..... Corey Conners
 Corales Puntacana Championship... Matt Wallace
 WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play..... Sam Burns
 Valspar Championship..... Taylor Moore
 THE PLAYERS Championship..... Scottie Scheffler (2)
 Puerto Rico Open..... Nico Echavarria
 Arnold Palmer Invitational..... Kurt Kitayama
 The Honda Classic..... Chris Kirk
 The Genesis Invitational..... Jon Rahm (3)
 WM Phoenix Open..... Scottie Scheffler
 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am..... Justin Rose
 Farmers Insurance Open..... Max Homa (2)
 The American Express..... Jon Rahm (2)
 Sony Open in Hawaii..... Si Woo Kim
 Sentry Tournament of Champions..... Jon Rahm
 The RSM Classic..... Adam Svensson
 Cadence Bank Houston Open..... Tony Finau
 World Wide Technology Championship.. Russell Henley
 Butterfield Bermuda Championship.. Seamus Power
 THE CJ CUP in South Carolina..... Rory McIlroy
 ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP..... Keegan Bradley
 Shriners Children's Open..... Tom Kim
 Sanderson Farms Championship.. Mackenzie Hughes
 Fortinet Championship..... Max Homa

Italics First-time PGA TOUR winners

TOP STORYLINES

The John Deere Classic is the 38th of 44 FedExCup Regular Season events, with just seven events played over the next five weeks before the start of the FedExCup Playoffs. New in 2023, the top 70 players at the conclusion of the Wyndham Championship will qualify for the FedExCup Playoffs. There are nine players in the field within the top 50 of the Official World Golf Ranking, the most at the event since 2012 (9), led by reigning PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year and 2022 Presidents Cup participant **Cameron Young** (No. 19), who is making his tournament debut, and No. 29 **Russell Henley**, who finished runner-up at the 2019 John Deere Classic.

J.T. Poston won the 2022 John Deere Classic in wire-to-wire fashion, earning his second career PGA TOUR title and first since the 2019 Wyndham Championship. Poston went on to qualify for the TOUR Championship for the first time in his career and finished the season No. 15 in the FedExCup standings. With a win, Poston would become the fourth player to successfully defend a title this season, joining Max Homa (Fortinet Championship), Rory McIlroy (THE CJ CUP) and Scottie Scheffler (WM Phoenix Open). Five players successfully defended a title during the 2021-22 season, the most since 2007 (5).

Zach Johnson has made 14 consecutive cuts at the John Deere Classic, with his most recent MC coming in 2007. The only other player that has made the cut at the same PGA TOUR event every year since the start of the 2008 season is Matt Kuchar, who has made the cut in each of the last 17 years at the RBC Heritage (DNP/2006). Johnson is making his 21st start at the event, three shy of Jay Delsing for most in tournament history, and with a made cut, would tie D.A. Weibring's tournament record for most total made cuts (18). Johnson has recorded seven top-10s at the event, highlighted by a win in 2012 and runner-up finishes in 2009, 2013 and 2014.

Peter Kuest earned a spot in the John Deere Classic via his top-10 finish at the Rocket Mortgage Classic. Kuest got into last week's event via a 4-for-3 playoff at the Open Qualifier and went on to finish in a three-way tie for fourth. Kuest, who would have earned Special Temporary Membership with a two-way tie for fourth, enters the week needing 2.328 points to earn that status, which he can accomplish with a two-way T76 or better. If Kuest makes the cut and 76 or fewer players in total advance to the weekend, he is guaranteed to earn Special Temporary Membership.

There are seven players in the field that enter the week in the top 30 in the FedExCup standings and only two of the seven have previously qualified for the TOUR Championship.

Players in the field in the top 30 in the FedExCup standings

Rk.	Player	TOUR Championship app.	Career-best FedExCup finish
10	Nick Taylor	None	No. 48 (2019-20)
20	Taylor Moore	None	No. 67 (2021-22)
22	Chris Kirk	1	No. 2 (2013-14)
23	Emiliano Grillo	1	No. 11 (2015-16)
24	Denny McCarthy	None	No. 37 (2021-22)
26	Adam Schenk	None	No. 71 (2018-19)
27	Seamus Power	None	No. 43 (2021-22)

Nick Taylor won the RBC Canadian Open in June, becoming the first Canadian to win his country's national open since Pat Fletcher in 1954. Taylor also has two runner-up finishes this season (WM Phoenix Open, Zurich Classic of New Orleans with partner Adam Hadwin) and a career-high six top-10s. Taylor is making his eighth start at the event, with his best result coming in 2021 (T28).

Taylor Moore, winner of the Valspar Championship, is one of eight first-time winners on TOUR this season. He held a share of the 18- and 36-hole leads at last week's Rocket Mortgage Classic and went on to finish T4, earning his third top-10 of the season. Moore finished T24 at the 2022 John Deere Classic in his tournament debut.

WINNERS

Year	Player
2022	J.T. Poston
2021	Lucas Glover
2020	Canceled
2019	Dylan Frittelli
2018	Michael Kim
2017	Bryson DeChambeau
2016	Ryan Moore
2015	Jordan Spieth
2014	Brian Harman
2013	Jordan Spieth
2012	Zach Johnson
2011	Steve Stricker
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2009	Steve Stricker
2008	Kenny Perry
2007	Jonathan Byrd
2006	John Senden
2005	Sean O'Hair
2004	Mark Hensby
2003	Vijay Singh
2002	J.P. Hayes
2001	David Gossett
2000	Michael Clark II
1999	J.L. Lewis
1998	Steve Jones
1997	David Toms
1996	Ed Fiori
1995	D.A. Weibring
1994	Mark McCumber
1993	David Frost
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1991	D.A. Weibring
1990	Joey Sindelar
1989	Curt Byrum
1988	Blaine McCallister
1987	Kenny Knox
1986	Mark Wiebe
1985	Dan Forsman
1984	Scott Hoch
1983	Danny Edwards
1982	Payne Stewart
1981	Dave Barr
1980	Scott Hoch
1979	D.A. Weibring
1978	Victor Regalado
1977	Mike Morley
1976	John Lister
1975	Roger Maltbie
1974	Dave Stockton
1973	Sam Adams
1972	Deane Beman
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ADDITIONAL STORYLINES

2023 Honda Classic champion **Chris Kirk** is making his seventh start at the John Deere Classic and first since 2018 (top-25 finishes: T22/2011, T22/2013, T23/2018).

2023 Charles Schwab Challenge winner **Emiliano Grillo** finished T2 at the 2022 John Deere Classic in his tournament debut, one of his six career runner-up finishes on TOUR.

Denny McCarthy finished T6 at the 2022 John Deere Classic, his first top-10 in four starts at the event. At No. 34 in the Official World Golf Ranking, McCarthy is the third-highest-ranked player in the field. He enters the week with three top-10s in his last six starts, highlighted by a runner-up at the Memorial Tournament presented by Workday, where he fell in a playoff to Viktor Hovland.

Adam Schenk has two runner-up finishes this season, finishing second both times to players in the field at the John Deere Classic: solo-second at the Valspar Championship (won by Taylor Moore); P2 at the Charles Schwab Challenge (won by Emiliano Grillo). Schenk has two top-10s in four prior starts at the John Deere Classic (T6/2019, T4/2021), the only PGA TOUR event at which he has multiple top-10s.

Seamus Power has held the lead in the FedExCup standings for five weeks this season (most recent: through the Sony Open in Hawaii) but has not recorded a top-10 since earning three straight in the fall (Won/Butterfield Bermuda Championship, T3/World Wide Technology Championship, T5/The RSM Classic). Power finished T8 at the 2021 John Deere Classic, his most recent start at the event.

PGA TOUR rookie **Ludvig Aberg** is making his ninth career PGA TOUR start and fourth since joining the TOUR as a member via PGA TOUR University. Aberg entered the third round of last week's Rocket Mortgage Classic in a tie for third before going on to finish T40 and enters the week No. 188 in the FedExCup standings.

2022 NCAA Division I Men's Individual Championship winner **Gordon Sargent** is competing on a sponsor exemption. Sargent, who recently completed his sophomore year at Vanderbilt, is four points away from becoming the first player to secure a card via PGA TOUR University Accelerated. Sargent, who missed the cut at last week's Rocket Mortgage Classic, has 16 of the 20 required points and would receive one point for a made cut and another for a top-10. He will receive two additional points after competing in the 2023 Walker Cup at St Andrews in September.

2018 John Deere Classic winner **Michael Kim** has three top-10s in 24 starts this season, the same number he had in his first 164 career starts on TOUR (2013 through 2021-22 season). Kim enters the week No. 83 in the FedExCup standings.

2022 LEADERBOARD

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	J.T. Poston	62	65	67	69	263 (-21)
T2	Christiaan Bezuidenhout	69	65	66	66	266 (-18)
T2	Emiliano Grillo	68	64	65	69	266 (-18)
T4	Chris Gotterup	65	67	69	66	267 (-17)
T4	Scott Stallings	67	66	64	70	267 (-17)
T6	Denny McCarthy	66	65	66	71	268 (-16)
T6	Callum Tarren	68	65	65	70	268 (-16)
T8	Two players					269 (-15)

STRENGTH OF FIELD STATISTICS

Top 10 FedExCup	1	Nick Taylor (10)
Top 30 FedExCup	7	
Top 10 OWGR	0	
Top 50 OWGR	9	Cameron Young (19)
PGA TOUR winners	80	Zach Johnson (12)
Past champions	8	Defending: J.T. Poston
FedExCup Champions	1	Brandt Snedeker (2012)
PLAYERS winners	1	Matt Kuchar (2012)
Major winners	5	Zach Johnson (2)

TOURNAMENT RECORDS

Category	Value	Player	Year
Low 18-hole score	59	Paul Goydos	2010 (R1)
Low 36-hole score	126	Steve Stricker	2010
Low 54-hole score	188	Steve Stricker	2010
Low 72-hole score	257	Michael Kim	2018
Holes-in-one (1983-present)	31	Most recent: Kevin Streelman	2022 (R4)
Largest 18-hole lead	3	Troy Matteson	2012
Largest 36-hole lead	5	Dave Eichelberger	1975
Largest 54-hole lead	6	Steve Stricker	2010
Best come-from-behind win	7	Roger Maltbie	1975
Largest margin of victory	8	Michael Kim	2018
Playoffs	10	Most recent: Jordan Spieth def. Tom Gillis	2015
Wire-to-wire winners	3	Most recent: J.T. Poston	2022