



2023 John Deere Classic

(The 38th of 44 events in the PGA TOUR Regular Season)

Silvis, Illinois
TPC Deere Run

July 6 – 9, 2023
Par/Yards: 35-36—71/7,289

FedExCup Points: 500 (winner)
Purse: \$7,400,000 (\$1,332,000)

First-Round Notes – Thursday, July 6, 2023

Weather: Mostly sunny. High of 81. Wind NW 8-14 mph, gusting to 18 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

Jonas Blixt 62 (-9)
Grayson Murray 64 (-7)
Six players 65 (-6)

Things to Know

- Jonas Blixt matches his career-low 18-hole score with 62 (-9), including his first sub-30 score for nine holes (29)
- Last time Blixt held the lead after any round on TOUR: R2/2019 Charles Schwab Challenge
- Grayson Murray posts his lowest round on TOUR since 2020 American Express (64/R1)
- Greyson Sigg, Adam Schenk and Cameron Young are the only players at 6-under or better yet to win on TOUR
- J.T. Poston sits T23 at 3-under in a bid to become the fourth player to successfully defend a John Deere Classic title
- For the second year in a row, 62 leads after the opening round

First-Round Lead Notes

- 3 First-round leaders/co-leaders at the John Deere Classic to win since moving to TPC Deere Run in 2000 (John Senden/2006, Brian Harman/2014, J.T. Poston/2022)
- 4 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win on PGA TOUR in 2022-23 (most recent: Jon Rahm/Masters Tournament)

Jonas Blixt (1st/-9)

Category	Entering the week
Age	39 (April 24, 1984)
Country	Sweden
FedExCup	No. 206
OWGR	No. 842
Starts-wins-top-10s (career)	229-3-13
Starts-wins-top-10s (season)	8-0-0
Starts-wins-top-10s (JDC)	4-0-0

- In his 660th official round on the PGA TOUR, notches two eagles and six birdies en route to a 9-under 62, matching his career-low 18-hole score on TOUR (R3/2015 Wyndham Championship)
- Eagles at Nos. 2 and 14 mark his fifth time with multiple eagles in a round (most recent, 2021 AT&T Byron Nelson); had made zero eagles in his previous 10 rounds at TPC Deere Run
- Back-nine 29 (-7) marks the first sub-30 nine-hole score of his PGA TOUR career
- Holds first-round lead/co-lead for the second time on TOUR (2014 Greenbrier Classic/T35); last time with the lead/co-lead after any round on TOUR: R2/2019 Charles Schwab Challenge/5th
- Making his 230th TOUR start, three-time PGA TOUR winner (2012 Fortinet Championship, 2013 Greenbrier Classic, 2017 Zurich Classic of New Orleans with Cameron Smith as teammate) is playing on past champion status this season
- Made three cuts in eight starts this season (T20/AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, T64/Puerto Rico Open, 72nd/Mexico Open at Vidanta)
- Made one cut in four Korn Ferry Tour appearances this year (T7/Astara Golf Championship)
- Made one cut in four appearances at the John Deere Classic (T62/2015)

Miscellaneous Notes

- **Grayson Murray** (2nd/-7) posts his lowest round on TOUR since the 2020 American Express (64/R1); seeks his second PGA TOUR victory in his 99th start since winning the 2017 Barbasol Championship; won his first Korn Ferry Tour title at the 2016 Nationwide Children's Championship and claimed his second at the 2023 AdventHealth Championship in May; made two cuts in eight PGA TOUR starts this season (T15/Puerto Rico Open, 33rd/Zurich Classic of New Orleans with Wesley Bryan as teammate)
- With six runner-up results on TOUR, including one this season at the WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play when he lost the final to Sam Burns, 2022 PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year **Cameron Young** (T3/-6) seeks his first PGA TOUR victory; five of the last nine winners at this event were first-time winners on TOUR; at No. 19 in the Official World Golf Ranking, is the highest-ranked player in the field
- **Adam Schenk** (T3/-6) opens with 65 or better for the fourth time this season (65/ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP/T16, 63/Butterfield Bermuda Championship/T29, 65/Rocket Mortgage Classic/7th, 65/John Deere Classic/TBD); owns two runner-up finishes this season (Valspar Championship, Charles Schwab Challenge)
- **Greyson Sigg** (T3/-6) posts his 13th consecutive par-or-better score on TOUR, the longest such streak of his career
- **Garrick Higgo** (T3/-6), who sits No. 84 in the FedExCup Playoffs and Eligibility Points List, was one of 11 players to record a bogey-free round on Thursday
- Former Pepperdine standout and sponsor exemption **William Mouw** (T9/-5) posts 5-under 66 in his second PGA TOUR start (MC/2022 U.S. Open); came into this week off four consecutive Korn Ferry Tour starts since turning professional, making the cut in each and posting all 16 rounds under-par
- **Peter Kuest** (T14/-4), who finished T4 at last week's Rocket Mortgage Classic to earn a spot in the field this week, cards six birdies and one eagle en route to 4-under 67; was one of three players to make eagle at the drivable 360-yard, par-4 14th hole (Chris Kirk, Jonas Blixt)
- In his bid to become the fourth player to successfully defend a John Deere Classic title, **J.T. Poston** cards a 3-under 68 to sit T23 (Deane Beman/1972, David Frost/1993 and Steve Stricker/2010 and 2011)
- Making his 21st consecutive start in the John Deere Classic, 2012 champion **Zach Johnson** posts a 1-over 72, his eighth over-par score in 75 rounds at this event; combined with his final-round 74 in 2022, it marks just the first time since 2002 (74-72/MC) in his tournament debut that he has posted consecutive over-par rounds at this event
- **Reid Martin** (T115/+1), a former caddie on the PGA TOUR and LPGA Tour, posts first-round 72 after advancing out of the pre-qualifier (69) and the Monday qualifier (62)