



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)

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, July 8, 2023

Weather: Partly cloudy. High of 80. Wind NNW 8-12 mph, gusting to 15 mph.

Third-Round Leaderboard

Brendon Todd	66-65-66—197 (-16)
Alex Smalley	66-70-62—198 (-15)
Denny McCarthy	68-64-66—198 (-15)
Adam Schenk	65-66-67—198 (-15)
Peter Kuest	67-67-65—199 (-14)
Eight players	200 (-13)

Things to Know

- Three-time winner Brendon Todd is the only PGA TOUR winner among the top five on the leaderboard
- Eight of the 13 players within three strokes of the lead seek their first PGA TOUR victory
- John Deere Classic has produced 23 first-time PGA TOUR winners, most of any event since 1970
- Alex Smalley matches his low round on TOUR (62)
- Peter Kuest will become eligible for PGA TOUR Special Temporary Membership by completing the tournament
- Jonas Blixt would become the first since 1992 to win this event with an over-par round during the week
- Second-round leader Cameron Young posts double bogey on final hole to sit three back
- J.T. Poston sits T6 at 13-under in a bid to become the fourth player to successfully defend a John Deere Classic title

Third-Round Lead Notes

- 11 Third-round leaders/co-leaders at the John Deere Classic to win since moving to TPC in 2000 (most recent: 2022/J.T. Poston)
- 20 Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win on PGA TOUR in 2022-23 (most recent: Rickie Fowler/Rocket Mortgage Classic)

Brendon Todd (1st/-16)

Category	Entering this week
Age	37 (July 22, 1985)
Country	USA
FedExCup	No. 53
OWGR	No. 78
Starts-wins-top-10s (career)	272-3-25
Starts-wins-top-10s (season)	23-0-4
Starts-wins-top-10s (JDC)	8-0-0

- Holes a par-saving putt from 12 feet, 4 inches on the final hole to post a bogey-free 66 and lead by one stroke
- Holds 54-hole lead/co-lead for the sixth time on TOUR, most recent: 2020 FedEx St. Jude Invitational/T15; converted for the win twice in the prior five (2014 AT&T Byron Nelson, 2019 World Wide Technology Championship)
- Three-time PGA TOUR winner has made one bogey (No. 15/R2), matching Adam Schenk and William Mow as the only players with one bogey through 54 holes
- Birdied six of the 12 par-3 holes to rank No. 1 in par-3 scoring average (2.50)

- TOUR victories: 2014 AT&T Byron Nelson, 2019 Butterfield Bermuda Championship, 2019 World Wide Technology Championship
- A top-10 finish would mark his fifth this season; lone season with more top-10s was 2013-14 when he had seven
- Finished runner-up (with Brandon Wu) to Justin Rose at AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am earlier this season
- After missing the cut in his first six appearances at the John Deere Classic, has made the cut in his last three starts at TPC Deere Run (T18/2019, T43/2022, TBD/2023)
- With a win, would become one of nine players from the University of Georgia with four or more wins on the PGA TOUR, joining Bubba Watson (12), Chris Kirk (5) and six others with four wins: Chip Beck, Harris English, Russell Henley, Kevin Kisner, Billy Kratzert, Tim Simpson

Miscellaneous Notes

- In his third start at this event (T47/2021, T16/2022), **Alex Smalley** (T2/-15) cards 9-under 62, his 11th consecutive round of par-or-better at TPC Deere Run, matching his career low on TOUR (62/twice/most recent: R2/2023 Travelers Championship); proximity to the hole was 16' 5", his best in any round on TOUR (29' 6"/R1, 29' 5"/R2)
- After T7 at Travelers Championship in his last start, **Denny McCarthy** (T2/-15) seeks second consecutive top-10 on TOUR, second in a row at this event (T6/2022) and sixth this season; lost a playoff at the 2023 Memorial Tournament presented by Workday and searches for his first TOUR title in his 160th start
- **Adam Schenk** (T2/-15) went 47 consecutive holes without a bogey before notching his first of the tournament at the par-3 12th hole, matching two players (Zach Johnson/2011, Ted Potter, Jr./2012) with the most consecutive holes without a bogey to start the John Deere Classic (since 2003); has two top-10s in four prior starts at the John Deere Classic (T6/2019, T4/2021); owns two runner-up finishes this season (Valspar Championship, Charles Schwab Challenge)
- **Peter Kuest** (5th/-14), who finished T4 at last week's Rocket Mortgage Classic to earn a spot in the field this week, posts a bogey-free 6-under 65; will become eligible for PGA TOUR Special Temporary Membership by completing the tournament
- First-round leader **Jonas Blixt** (T6/-13) posts back-nine scores of 29-36-30 this week; 29 in the opening-round marked his first sub-30 nine-hole score of his PGA TOUR career; would become the first player since 1992 to win this event with an over-par round during the week (David Frost/72/+2/R4)
- Second-round leader **Cameron Young** (T6/-13) birdies Nos. 16 and 17 before hitting his approach shot into the water on No. 18 for double bogey to fall three strokes back; seeks first PGA TOUR victory; five of the last nine winners at this event were first-time winners on TOUR (most recent, Dylan Frittelli/2019)
- Making his 21st consecutive start in the John Deere Classic, 2012 champion **Zach Johnson** (T39/-8) posts his 68th round of par-or-better at TPC Deere Run (77 rounds)
- Vanderbilt University standout **Gordon Sargent** (T47/-7) will earn one point for making the cut this week as he attempts to become the first player to earn PGA TOUR membership through PGA TOUR University's Accelerated program; entered this week with 16 points and needs to earn 20 points on Accelerated's points scale by the end of his third year of NCAA eligibility to earn PGA TOUR membership – for context, since 2010, only three players would have earned membership through this avenue: Patrick Cantlay/2010, Justin Thomas/2013, Patrick Rodgers/2014
- Ages of the leaders: Todd (37), Smalley (26), McCarthy (30), Schenk (31), Kuest (25); in the last 25 years, the John Deere Classic has been the tournament to produce the most wins by players under the age of 25, with five: Bryson DeChambeau (2017), Jordan Spieth (2015), Jordan Spieth (2013), Sean O'Hair (2005), David Gossett (2001)