



2023 Mexico Open at Vidanta
(The 28th of 44 events in the 2022-23 PGA TOUR Regular Season)

Vallarta, Mexico
 Vidanta Vallarta Resort

April 27-30, 2023
 Par/Yards: 35-36—71/7,456

FedExCup points: 500 (winner)
 Purse: \$7,700,000/\$1,386,000

Second-Round Notes – Friday, April 28, 2023

Weather: Sunny. High of 83. Wind SW 16-24 mph, gusting to 32 mph in the afternoon.

36-hole cut: 73 professionals at 2-under 140 from a field of 141 professionals and three amateurs

Second-Round Leaderboard

Tony Finau	65-64—129 (-13)
Erik van Rooyen	64-66—130 (-12)
Brandon Wu	66-64—130 (-12)
Andrew Putnam	67-66—133 (-9)
Will Gordon	67-66—133 (-9)
Eric Cole	65-68—133 (-9)
Austin Smotherman	63-70—133 (-9)
Akshay Bhatia	68-65—133 (-9)

Things to Know

- Tony Finau seeks his sixth PGA TOUR title and fourth since finishing runner-up at this event last year
- Finau’s score of 13-under 129 sets a 36-hole tournament record
- With a win, South Africa’s Erik van Rooyen would join Spain’s Jon Rahm as the second international winner of this event
- Brandon Wu seeks first TOUR title; finished T2 (with Tony Finau and Kurt Kitayama) at this event in 2022
- Andrew Putnam is the only PGA TOUR winner among the five players at 9-under
- Mexico’s Raul Pereda sits T12 at 7-under in his PGA TOUR debut while playing on a sponsor exemption
- Defending champion and World No. 1 Jon Rahm sits T12, six strokes back at 7-under

Second-Round Lead Notes

- 1 Second-round leaders/co-leaders to win the Mexico Open at Vidanta (Jon Rahm, 2022)
- 7 Second-round leaders/co-leaders to win on TOUR in 2022-23 (last: Matt Wallace, Corales Puntacana Championship)

Tony Finau (1st/-13)

Category	Entering the week
Age	33 (September 14, 1989)
FedExCup	11
OWGR	16
Starts – wins – top-10s in PGA TOUR career	228-5-57
Starts – wins – top-10s on TOUR in 2022-23	12-1-3
Starts – wins – top-10s at the Mexico Open	1-0-1

- Follows opening-round 65 with 64 to sit 13-under 129; last time he was better than 129 through 36 holes he went on to win (127, 2022 Cadence Bank Houston Open)
- Holds the 36-hole lead/co-lead for the fifth time on TOUR, converting for the win once (2022 Cadence Bank Houston Open); also held a share of the 36-hole lead with teammate Cameron Champ at 2021 Zurich Classic of New Orleans (T17)
- Hits 16 of 18 greens in regulation for the second consecutive day to rank No. 1 in Greens in Regulation
- Marks his third round of 64 or better this season (62/R2/Cadence Bank Houston Open, 64/R3/Farmers Insurance Open)
- Has made 11 cuts in 12 events this season; his two most recent starts mark his only finishes outside the top-25 this season (T26/Masters Tournament, T31/RBC Heritage)
- Second-highest ranked player in the field at No. 16 is one of four players in the field that has won on TOUR this season (Nico Echavarria, Jon Rahm, Matt Wallace)

- Posted a final-round 63 to finish T2 at this event last year
- Comparison of his first 36 holes at the 2022 Mexico Open at Vidanta vs. first 36 holes this week:

Category	2022	This week
36-hole position	T47	Leader
Total Birdies	7	15
Bogeys or worse	4	2
Putts missed inside seven feet	6	0
Strokes Gained: Putting	-5.33	+4.87

Miscellaneous notes

- **Erik van Rooyen** (T2/-12) owns two top-10s in 13 starts this season (T6/The American Express, T10/Valspar Championship); seeks his second PGA TOUR title (2021 Barracuda Championship)
- **Brandon Wu** (T2/-12) closes with three consecutive birdies en route to 7-under 64; owns two runner-up results in 56 starts on TOUR, including T2 at this event last year when he posted a final-round 63 (T2/2023 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am); is 25-under in his last four rounds at Vidanta Vallarta (66-63 on the weekend in 2022); leads the field in Driving Accuracy, hitting 24 of 26 fairways
- **Andrew Putnam** (T4/-9) is 8-under on the back nine this week; owns two top-five finishes this season (T2/ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP, T4/Sony Open in Hawaii)
- **Will Gordon** (T4/-9) is one of three players with just one bogey through 36 holes (Austin Smotherman, Jimmy Walker); seeks his second top-10 this season, with his first coming in Mexico (T3/World Wide Technology Championship)
- Making his first appearance at this event, **Eric Cole** (T4/-9) sits in his best position through 36 holes in his 21st start on TOUR (previous: T5/2023 Honda Classic/finished P2)
- With a win, first-round leader **Austin Smotherman** (T4/-9) would join 10 players who have won titles on a Pathway Tour (PGA TOUR Latinoamerica, PGA TOUR Canada, PGA TOUR Series-China), Korn Ferry Tour and PGA TOUR; won the 2018 Abierto Mexicano de Golf in Tijuana on PGA TOUR Latinoamerica and the 2020 Simmons Bank Open for the Snedeker Foundation on the Korn Ferry Tour
- **Akshay Bhatia** (T4/-9) has not made a bogey on the front nine this week
- **Cameron Champ** (T9/-8), who finished T6 at this event last year, opens with two rounds in the 60s for the first time on TOUR since October at the ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP; before this week, his most recent sub-70 round on TOUR was November (69/R2/World Wide Technology Championship)
- Defending champion and World No. 1 **Jon Rahm** (T12/-7) posts an eagle at the par-5 sixth hole, his 13th eagle this season, tied most of any player; double-bogey at the par-3 ninth hole marked his first double bogey in 99 holes at Vidanta Vallarta
- Making his PGA TOUR debut as a sponsor exemption, Mexico's **Raul Pereda** (T12/-7) bogeys his final two holes en route to 1-under 70; holes out from 249 yards at No. 16 (his seventh hole); 249 yards is the longest hole-out by any player on TOUR this season
- After starting with five consecutive birdies, **Scott Piercy** (T25/-5) was 9-under through 15 holes and threatening to break the tournament 18-hole scoring record (63) before finishing double bogey-bogey; his two lowest rounds this season have come in Mexico (64/R1/World Wide Technology Championship, 65/R2/Mexico Open at Vidanta)
- Two of the seven players from Mexico advance to the weekend - **Raul Pereda** (T12/-7) and **Sebastian Vazquez** (T62/-2)