



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

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, April 29, 2023

Weather: Sunny. High of 82. Wind SW 8-12 mph, gusting to 14 mph in the afternoon.

Third-Round Leaderboard

Tony Finau	65-64-65—194 (-19)
Jon Rahm	67-68-61—196 (-17)
Akshay Bhatia	68-65-63—196 (-17)
Brandon Wu	66-64-67—197 (-16)
Will Gordon	67-66-67—200 (-13)

Things to Know

- Tony Finau seeks his sixth PGA TOUR title and fourth since finishing runner-up at the 2022 Mexico Open at Vidanta
- Finau’s score of 18-under 194 sets the 54-hole tournament record
- World No. 1 and FedExCup leader Jon Rahm ties his career-low score on TOUR with a bogey-free 10-under 61
- Rahm’s 61 sets the 18-hole tournament record
- Defending champion Rahm sits two strokes back in bid to successfully defend on TOUR for the first time in seven tries
- Special Temporary Member Akshay Bhatia seeks to become the first Special Temporary Member to win on TOUR since Tom Kim at the 2022 Wyndham Championship

Third-Round Lead Notes

- 1 Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win the Mexico Open at Vidanta (Jon Rahm, 2022)
- 14 Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win on TOUR in 2022-23 (most recent: Matt Fitzpatrick/RBC Heritage)

Tony Finau (1st/-19)

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

- Career-low opening 54-hole score: 194 (previous: 195/2022 Rocket Mortgage Classic)
- Eighth 54-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR and is 2-for-7 converting the victory (2022 Rocket Mortgage Classic, 2022 Cadence Bank Houston Open); has finished no worse than fifth when holding at least a share of the 54-hole lead
- PGA TOUR wins (5): 2016 Puerto Rico Open, 2021 FedEx St. Jude Championship, 2022 3M Open, 2022 Rocket Mortgage Classic, 2022 Cadence Bank Houston Open
- With a win, would have four victories in his last 18 starts (span of 280 days)
- Seeks to become the fourth multiple winner this season (Jon Rahm, Max Homa, Scottie Scheffler)
- Owns nine top-25s in 12 starts this season and has made 11 of 12 cuts 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 and is one of four players in the field that has won on TOUR this season (Nico Echavarria, Jon Rahm, Matt Wallace)
- Making his second appearance at the Mexico Open at Vidanta after posting a final-round 63 to finish T2 (2022)

Jon Rahm (T2/-17)

- Ties his career-low score on TOUR with a third-round 10-under 61 (previous: 61/2020 WGC Mexico Championship/R3, 2022 Sentry Tournament of Champions/R3)
- Bogey-free 61 sets 18-hole score tournament record (previous: 63) and marks his 52nd career bogey-free round on TOUR
- Hit 17 of 18 greens in regulation for the 11th time on TOUR
- 2022 Mexico Open at Vidanta champion has never successfully defended a title in six previous attempts on TOUR

Finish	Result on PGA TOUR as Defending Champion
TBD	2023 Mexico Open at Vidanta
T12	2022 U.S. Open
T9	2021 BMW Championship
WD	2021 Memorial Tournament presented by Workday
7th	2021 Zurich Classic of New Orleans (with partner Ryan Palmer)
6th	2019 American Express
T29	2018 Farmers Insurance Open

- Seven-time DP World Tour winner has successfully defended one title on DP World Tour (Open de España in 2018, 2019)
- Would become the fourth player to successfully defend a title this season (Max Homa, Rory McIlroy, Scottie Scheffler)
- There were five successful title defenses on TOUR last season (most since 2007)
- Has four wins this season, including the Masters Tournament; with a win, would become the first player to win five times in a season since Justin Thomas in 2016-17
- Has \$13,623,540 in Official Money in 11 starts this season, and with at least a two-way tie for third or better would set the TOUR record for most Official Money earned in a single season (most: \$14,046,910/Scottie Scheffler/2021-22)

Akshay Bhatia (T2/-17)

- Matches career low on TOUR with an 8-under 63 (R2/2022 RSM Classic, R2/2023 Corales Puntacana Championship)
- Seeks his first career TOUR title in his 28th start (best: 2nd/2023 Puerto Rico Open)
- Last Special Temporary Member to win on TOUR: Tom Kim/2022 Wyndham Championship
- Last left-handed player to win on TOUR: Garrick Higgo/2021 Palmetto Championship at Congaree
- One of three players that have joined PGA TOUR as Special Temporary Members this season, all are in the field this week (Ryan Gerard, Nicolai Hojgaard)
- Has unlimited sponsor exemptions for the remainder of the season as he seeks his PGA TOUR card for the 2024 season

Miscellaneous notes

- **Brandon Wu** (4th/-16) 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); with a win, would become the eighth first-time winner on TOUR this season
- Making his PGA TOUR debut as a sponsor exemption, **Raul Pereda** (T17/-8) would qualify for next week's Wells Fargo Championship with a T10 or better