



PRE-TOURNAMENT NOTES 2023 ROCKET MORTGAGE CLASSIC



TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

June 26-July 3 • 37th of 44 FedExCup Regular Season events
 Detroit, Michigan
 Detroit Golf Club • Par 72 • 7,370 yds.
Purse \$8.8 million • Winner \$1,584,000 + 500 FedExCup pts.
 156 players • 72-hole stroke play
Defending champion Tony Finau

BROADCAST SCHEDULE (ET)

	ESPN+	GOLF	CBS
R1	7 a.m.-6 p.m.	3-6 p.m.	
R2	7 a.m.-6 p.m.	3-6 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
 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 Connors*
 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

Tony Finau won the 2022 Rocket Mortgage Classic, his second victory in as many weeks following his victory at the 2022 3M Open the week prior. In the last 12 months, Finau has won four times on TOUR, including wins this season at the Texas Children's Houston Open and Mexico Open at Vidanta.

Finau is one of 11 players in the field that has won on TOUR this season (multiple winners in **bold**)

Players in the field that have won during the 2022-23 season

Keegan Bradley ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP, Travelers Championship
 Nico Echavarria Puerto Rico Open
Tony Finau Texas Children's Houston Open, Mexico Open at Vidanta
 Nick Hardy Zurich Classic of New Orleans
Max Homa Fortinet Championship, Farmers Insurance Open
 Tom Kim Shriners Children's Open
 Chris Kirk The Honda Classic
 Taylor Moore Valspar Championship
 Davis Riley Zurich Classic of New Orleans
 Adam Svensson The RSM Classic
 Matt Wallace Corales Puntacana Championship

Keegan Bradley won last week's Travelers Championship by three strokes over Brian Harman and Zac Blair, earning his sixth PGA TOUR title and second of the season. With the win, Bradley moved to No. 5 in the FedExCup standings and No. 18 in the Official World Golf Ranking.

Six players in the field finished in the top 10 at last week's Travelers Championship:

Player Finish at 2023 Travelers Championship

Keegan Bradley	Won
Zac Blair	T2
Brian Harman	T2
Chez Reavie	T4
Alex Smalley	T9
Justin Thomas	T9

Max Homa is the highest-ranked player in the field at No. 3 in the FedExCup and No. 9 in the Official World Golf Ranking, on the strength of two wins (Fortinet Championship, Farmers Insurance Open) and eight top-10s this season. Homa will make his fourth start at the Rocket Mortgage Classic (T42/2019, T25/2021, T24/2022).

World No. 20 **Collin Morikawa** will make his Rocket Mortgage Classic debut. The five-time PGA TOUR winner has won four times when making his tournament debut (2019 Barracuda Championship, 2020 PGA Championship, 2020 Workday Charity Open, 2021 Open Championship).

Most wins in tournament debuts on the PGA TOUR since 1983

Player	Wins
Tiger Woods	7
Collin Morikawa	4
Sergio Garcia	4

Justin Thomas enters the week No. 66 in the FedExCup standings, and new for the 2022-23 season, only the top 70 in the FedExCup standings through the Wyndham Championship will qualify for the FedExCup Playoffs. Thomas has finished in the top 10 in the FedExCup standings in each of the last six seasons and has seven consecutive seasons with a win on the PGA TOUR (none this season). The 15-time PGA TOUR winner will be making his first start at the Rocket Mortgage Classic and has won twice when making his tournament debut (2015 CIMB Classic, 2017 THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES).

WINNERS

Year	Player
2022	Tony Finau
2021	Cam Davis
2020	Bryson DeChambeau
2019	Nate Lashley

bold in field

ADDITIONAL STORYLINES

Two-time PGA TOUR winner **Tom Kim** will make his second start at the Rocket Mortgage Classic after finishing seventh in 2022 as a Special Temporary Member. With that top-10, Kim secured his PGA TOUR card for the following season via FedExCup points and earned a spot in the following week's Wyndham Championship, which he went on to win.

Following a T2 at the Travelers Championship last week, **Brian Harman** leads the PGA TOUR with three runner-up finishes this season (others: World Wide Technology Championship, The RSM Classic). Harman has 28 top-10s since the start of the 2017-18 season, the most of any player without a win in that span (second: Tommy Fleetwood, 25).

At No. 17 in the FedExCup, **Rickie Fowler** has seven top-10 finishes on TOUR this season, his most on TOUR in a season since 2016-17 (10). Fowler will be making his fifth consecutive start at the Rocket Mortgage Classic (best: T12/2020).

With a PGA TOUR career-best finish of T2 at last week's Travelers Championship, **Zac Blair** earned 245 points and moved to No. 90 in the FedExCup standings. Blair entered this season on a Major Medical Extension with 24 starts available to earn 437,455 FedExCup points and match No. 125 from the 2020-21 FedExCup standings (Chesson Hadley/440,355). Blair needs 25,482 in his final seven starts to be able to play the remainder of the season (through the FedExCup Fall) out of the Major Medical category. This week will mark his 165th start on TOUR and second appearance at the Rocket Mortgage Classic (T57/2020).

Three of the five players that have joined the PGA TOUR as Special Temporary Members this season are in the field, including **Akshay Bhatia**, **Ryan Gerard** and **Nicolai Hojgaard** (not in the field: Ryan Fox, Min Woo Lee). To earn full status on the PGA TOUR for the 2024 season via non-member points, those players must earn as many or more non-member FedExCup points as No. 125 in the final 2022-23 FedExCup Playoffs and Eligibility Points List, which will run through the FedExCup Fall.

Non-member FedExCup points for Special Temporary Members during the 2022-23 season

Points	Player	Nearest positions in FedExCup Playoffs and Eligibility Points List
417	Akshay Bhatia	Between Nos. 86 and 87
224	Nicolai Hojgaard	Between Nos. 129 and 130
215	Ryan Gerard	Between Nos. 130 and 131

Chase Johnson won THE JOHN SHIPPEN National Golf Invitational at Detroit Golf Club last weekend with rounds of 67-68—135 (-7) to earn a spot in the Rocket Mortgage Classic. Johnson will make his second PGA TOUR start (MC/2021 Memorial Tournament presented by Workday).

2022 LEADERBOARD

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Tony Finau	64	66	65	67	262 (-26)
T2	Patrick Cantlay	70	65	66	66	267 (-21)
T2	Taylor Pendrith	64	65	66	72	267 (-21)
T2	Cameron Young	71	63	65	68	267 (-21)
5	Stephan Jaeger	67	68	65	68	268 (-20)
6	Taylor Moore	67	71	65	66	269 (-19)
7	Tom Kim	69	72	66	63	270 (-18)
T8	J. Spaun, W. Clark					271 (-17)

STRENGTH OF FIELD STATISTICS

Top 10 FedExCup	3	Max Homa (3)
Top 30 FedExCup	8	
Top 10 OWGR	1	Max Homa (9)
Top 50 OWGR	13	
PGA TOUR winners	76	Justin Thomas (15)
Past champions	3	Defending: Tony Finau
FedExCup Champions	2	Most recent: Justin Thomas (2017)
PLAYERS winners	3	Most recent: Justin Thomas (2021)
Major winners	9	Most recent: Justin Thomas

TOURNAMENT RECORDS

Category	Value	Player	Year
Low 18-hole score	63	6 players; most recent: Tom Kim	2022 (R4)
Low 36-hole score	129	Taylor Pendrith	2022
Low 54-hole score	193	Nate Lashley	2019
Low 72-hole score	262	Tony Finau	2022
Holes-in-one (1983-present)	6	Most recent: Rory Sabbatini	2022 (R2, No. 15)
Largest 18-hole lead	2	Davis Thompson	2021
Largest 36-hole lead	1	2 players; most recent: Taylor Pendrith	2022
Largest 54-hole lead	6	Nate Lashley	2019
Largest margin of victory	6	Nate Lashley	2019
Best come from behind win	3	Bryson DeChambeau	2020
Playoffs	1	Cam Davis def. Troy Merritt and Joaquin Niemann	2021
Wire-to-wire winners	1	Nate Lashley	2019