



SANDERSON FARMS

2023 Sanderson Farms Championship
(2nd of 7 FedExCup Fall Events)

Jackson, Mississippi
Country Club of Jackson

October 5-8, 2023
Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,461

FedExCup points: 500 (winner)
Purse: \$8.2 million (\$1,476,000/winner)

First-Round Notes – Thursday, October 5, 2023

Weather: Mostly cloudy with occasional showers. High of 84. Wind SSW 10-15 mph, with gusts to 20 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	Total
1	Chesson Hadley	64 (-8)
T2	Henrik Norlander	65 (-7)
T2	Brandon Wu	65 (-7)
T4	Seven players	66 (-6)

Chesson Hadley (1st/-8)

- Bogey-free 8-under 64 marks his 12th straight par-or-better opening round in individual stroke-play events on the PGA TOUR; last over-par opening round (77) came at the Corales Puntacana Championship in March
- Represents his best round on TOUR since closing with a 64 at the 2022 Wyndham Championship
- Leads the field in Strokes Gained: Tee to Green (+3.909) and Scrambling (3 of 3/T1)
- Holds the first-round lead/co-lead for the fourth time on TOUR (0-for-3 to date in converting to victory: 2018 PLAYERS Championship/T11, 2021 John Deere Classic/T34, 2023 RBC Canadian Open/T43); marks his first outright 18-hole lead
- Has one victory (2014 Puerto Rico Open) in 255 PGA TOUR starts
- Sits No. 122 in the FedExCup standings as he attempts to finish inside the Top 125 for the fifth time in the last six seasons
- Making seventh start at the event, with a runner-up finish by five shots to Ryan Armour in 2017 his best outing
- Six first-round leaders/co-leaders have won the event since 2000 (most recent: Cameron Champ/2018)

Additional Player Notes

- **Henrik Norlander** (T2) equals his best score of the season (2022 World Wide Technology Championship/R3) in individual stroke-play events with a 65; making his seventh start at the event, with back-to-back T4s in 2020 and 2021
- **Brandon Wu** (T2) opens with a 65, one shy of his career-low opening-round score on TOUR (2022 Wyndham Championship/finished T8); opened with 69s in both prior starts at the Sanderson Farms Championship, missing the cut in 2021 and finishing T39 in 2022
- **Ludvig Åberg** (T11), a member of the winning European Ryder Cup team last week in Italy, cards an opening-round 67 in his debut appearance at the Sanderson Farms Championship
- Defending champion **Mackenzie Hughes** (T65) opens with a 70 in bid to join Max Homa (Fortinet Championship), Rory McIlroy (THE CJ CUP) and Scottie Scheffler (WM Phoenix Open) as players to successfully defend a title this season

FedExCup Fall Notes

- The 2023 Sanderson Farms Championship is the second of seven events in the FedExCup Fall, a group of tournaments after the TOUR Championship to help finalize eligibility for the 2024 PGA TOUR season; as part of the PGA TOUR's return to a calendar-based schedule in 2024, all seven events will be played twice as part of the 2022-23 season
- Nos. 1-50 in the FedExCup standings through the TOUR Championship are locked in their positions while Nos. 51 and beyond carry their FedExCup points into the Fall; Nos. 51-60 through the FedExCup Fall will qualify for two Signature Events in 2024: AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am and The Genesis Invitational
- Currently projected to move into Nos. 51-60: **Sam Ryder** (T11; from No. 61 to No. 56)
- Currently projected to fall out of Nos. 51-60: J.J. Spaun (not in field; from No. 60 to No. 61)
- The Top 125 will be exempt into all Full-Field events and THE PLAYERS next season and Nos. 126-150 will earn Korn Ferry Tour status and conditional status on TOUR next season
- Currently projected to move into the Top 125: **Henrik Norlander** (T2; from No. 142 to No. 98), **Erik van Rooyen** (T11; from No. 126 to No. 124), **Russell Knox** (T4; from No. 140 to No. 125)
- Currently projected to fall out of the Top 125: **MJ Daffue** (T65; from No. 120 to No. 126), **C.T. Pan** (T27; from No. 123 to No. 127), **Patton Kizzire** (T91; from No. 124 to No. 131)