



2023 The American Express
(12th of 47 events in the 2022-23 PGA TOUR Season)

La Quinta, California	January 19-22, 2023	FedExCup points: 500 (winner)
PGA WEST PETE DYE STADIUM COURSE	Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,187	Purse: \$8,000,000/\$1,440,000
PGA WEST NICKLAUS TOURNAMENT COURSE	Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,147	
LA QUINTA COUNTRY CLUB	Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,060	

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, January 21, 2023

Weather: Mostly Sunny. High of 64. Wind NW 5-10 mph.

54-hole cut: 69 professionals at 10-under 206 from a field of 155 professionals and one amateur

Third-Round Leaderboard

Jon Rahm	64-64-65—193 (-23) LQ-NT-SC
Davis Thompson	62-64-67—193 (-23) LQ-NT-SC
Christiaan Bezuidenhout	68-67-62—197 (-19) SC-LQ-NT
J.T. Poston	65-66-66—197 (-19) NT-SC-LQ
Tom Kim	69-62-67—198 (-18) LQ-NT-SC
Harry Higgs	70-66-62—198 (-18) SC-LQ-NT
Sam Burns	64-70-64—198 (-18) SC-LQ-NT
Taylor Montgomery	64-69-65—198 (-18) LQ-NT-SC

Things to Know

- 2018 American Express champion Jon Rahm seeks to become the event's 10th multiple winner and the first multiple winner on TOUR this season
- PGA TOUR rookie Davis Thompson searches for his first TOUR title after holding the 18-, 36- and 54-hole leads/co-leads
- South Africa's Christiaan Bezuidenhout and Korea's Tom Kim look to join Rahm (2018) as international winners of this event; five international players have won The American Express since the turn of the century
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- 5 Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win on TOUR in 2022-23 (most recent: Tony Finau/2022 Cadence Bank Houston Open)

Co-leaders (Entering the Week)

Category	Davis Thompson	Jon Rahm
Age	23 (June 5, 1999)	28 (November 10, 1994)
FedExCup	71	4
OWGR	169	4
Starts – wins – top-10s in PGA TOUR career	19-0-1	133-8-65
Starts – wins – top-10s on TOUR in 2022-23	6-0-1	2-1-2
Starts – wins – top-10s at The American Express	0-0-0	4-1-2

Jon Rahm (T1/-23/LQ-NT-SC)

- Hit 17 of 18 greens in regulation; lone bogey resulted from a three-putt from 32' 10" at No. 17

- Holds 54-hole lead/co-lead for eighth time in official strokeplay events on TOUR, winning two of previous seven, including his most recent (2022 Mexico Open at Vidanta); also held 54-hole lead/co-lead at 2019 Zurich Classic of New Orleans (two-man team event) and went on to win
- 2018 American Express champion is making his first start since winning the 2023 Sentry Tournament of Champions; the last player to win in back-to-back starts on TOUR is Rory McIlroy (2022 TOUR Championship, 2022 CJ CUP in South Carolina)
- Seeks to become the first multiple winner on TOUR this season
- Would move from No. 5 to No. 3 in the Official World Golf Ranking with victory on Sunday
- His winning score at this event in 2018 was 266 (-22)
- Final-round scores in four previous appearances at The American Express – 72 (2017), 67 (2018), 67 (2019), 71 (2022)
- Holds the TOUR's longest active made-cuts streak (21) with his last missed cut coming at the 2021 Fortinet Championship

Davis Thompson (T1/-23/LQ-NT-SC)

- First- and second-round leader retains a share of the lead with Jon Rahm after a third-round 5-under 67 at the Stadium Course
- Seeks his first career PGA TOUR title in his 20th start; best career PGA TOUR finish: T9/2022 Fortinet Championship
- Holds first 54-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR; previous-best position: T5/2022 Fortinet Championship (finished T9)
- Would become the first player since Adam Long in 2019 to pick up his first PGA TOUR victory at The American Express
- Last rookie winner on TOUR: Tom Kim/2022 Wyndham Championship
- After winning the Korn Ferry Tour's REX Hospital Open in Georgia on his 23rd birthday (June 5, 2022), went on to earn his rookie card for the PGA TOUR
- In addition to competing on the 2021 U.S. Walker Cup team, was the No. 1 ranked player in the first PGA TOUR University rankings, which ultimately resulted in him automatically advancing to the final stage of the 2021 Korn Ferry Tour qualifying tournament

Miscellaneous Notes

- With 24 birdies or better through three rounds, **J.T. Poston** (T3/-19) surpasses his previous career-best of 22 birdies or better through 54-holes at a single event (2019 Rocket Mortgage Classic)
- With 10-under 62 at Nicklaus Tournament Course, **Christiaan Bezuidenhout** (T3/-19) posts career-low 18-hole score on TOUR in his 181st round on TOUR
- **Tom Kim** (T5/-18) posts back-to-back bogeys (Nos. 10 and 11) en route to 5-under 67 on the Stadium Course; the last time Kim dropped shots on consecutive holes in a single round on TOUR was 2022 BMW Championship (R3/Nos. 7 and 8)
- **Harry Higgs** (T5/-18) notches career-best 12 birdies in a round en route to 10-under 62 at Nicklaus Tournament Course, bettering his nine birdies in the first round of the 2021 CJ CUP @ SUMMIT
- With rounds of 64-70-64, **Sam Burns** (T5/-18) joins Rahm (64-64-65) and Thompson (62-64-67) as the only players with multiple rounds of 64 or better through 54 holes
- PGA TOUR Rookie **Taylor Montgomery** (T5/-18) birdies his final two holes on the Stadium Course to move into the top-five; makes ninth start this season with seven top-15 finishes in his first eight starts (T57/Cadence Bank Houston Open)
- After hitting his tee shot into the penalty area on his final hole (No. 9), **Dylan Wu** (T9/-17) saves par to post career-low 11-under 61 in his 33rd career start on TOUR; previous low on TOUR was 64 (-8) in the opening round of 2022 Butterfield Bermuda Championship; ties tournament low round at Nicklaus Tournament Course (61/Will Zalatoris/R2/2022)
- If **Scottie Scheffler** (T9/-17) finishes in the top-10 on Sunday, it will mark the first time in his career to post top-10 finishes in four consecutive official starts on TOUR; was the only player bogey-free through 36 holes and recorded his first bogey on his final hole of the day (No. 18/Stadium Course)
- In his bid for a fourth consecutive top-10 finish in his fifth start at The American Express, **Patrick Cantlay** sits T49 at 11-under



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