



2022 THE CJ CUP in South Carolina (5th of 47 events in the 2022-23 PGA TOUR Season)

Ridgeland, South Carolina October 17-23, 2022 FedExCup Points: 500 (winner)
Congaree Golf Club Par/Yards: 36-35—71/7,655 Purse: \$10,500,000/\$1,890,000

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, October 22, 2022

Weather: Sunny. High of 74. Wind NE 6-12 mph.

Third-Round Leaderboard

Rory McIlroy 66-67-67—200 (-13) K.H. Lee 68-67-66—201 (-12) Kurt Kitayama 66-65-70—201 (-12) Jon Rahm 69-62-70—201 (-12)

Two players 203 (-10)

Things to Know

- Rory McIlroy makes two eagles and posts his second consecutive 67 to take his 17th career 54-hole lead/co-lead
- McIlroy looks to reclaim World No. 1 and earn the second successful title defense of his career
- Jon Rahm birdies three of his final seven holes to sit one stroke back
- K.H. Lee seeks to become first player from Korea to win THE CJ CUP
- With two career runner-up finishes, Kurt Kitayama looks to claim his first TOUR title
- THE CJ CUP was launched in 2017 as Korea's first official PGA TOUR event and has been played in the U.S. since 2020 due to the challenges of COVID-19

Third-Round Lead Notes

- 3 Third-round leader/co-leaders to win the THE CJ CUP (most recent: Justin Thomas/2019)
- 1 Third-round leader/co-leaders to win in 2022-23 (Tom Kim/Shriners Children's Open)

Rory McIlroy (1st/-13)

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| Category | Rory McIlroy |
| Age | 33 (May 4, 1989) |
| FedExCup | - |
| OWGR | No. 2 |
| Starts – wins – top-10s in PGA TOUR career | 220-22-105 |
| Starts – wins – top-10s on TOUR in 2022-23 | Season debut |
| Starts – wins – top-10s at THE CJ CUP | 2-1-1 |

- Eagles two par 5s Nos. 4 and 12 for a second consecutive 67
- Records two eagles in a round for the fifth time in his TOUR career and first since round one of the 2020 Genesis Invitational
- Leads the field in Strokes Gained: Off the Tee (5.083)
- Can reclaim World No. 1 with a win or solo second if Scottie Scheffler (T47) finishes no higher than a two-way tie for second and lower than solo 34th
- Seeks his 23rd career PGA TOUR win and second successful title defense (2022 RBC Canadian Open)
- Looks to join Tiger Woods (2008 Farmers Insurance Open) as the only reigning FedExCup champion to win his season debut
- Third career appearance at THE CJ CUP (T21/2020, Won/2021); overcame a two-stroke deficit in the final round at The Summit Club in 2021

Marks his 17th 54-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR and is 9-for-16 converting the victory:

| Tournament | Result |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 2011 Masters Tournament | T15 |
| 2011 U.S. Open | Won |
| 2012 The Honda Classic | Won |
| 2012 PGA Championship | Won |
| 2014 The Honda Classic | T2 |
| 2014 The Open Championship | Won |
| 2014 PGA Championship | Won |
| 2014 TOUR Championship | T2 |
| 2015 Wells Fargo Championship | Won |
| 2016 WGC-Cadillac Championship | T3 |
| 2019 RBC Canadian Open | Won |
| 2019 WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational | T4 |
| 2019 WGC-HSBC Champions | Won |
| 2020 The Genesis Invitational | T5 |
| 2022 RBC Canadian Open | Won |
| 2022 The Open Championship | 3 rd |

Miscellaneous notes

- 36-hole co-leader **Jon Rahm (T2/-12)** sat 2-over through No. 11 before making birdie on three of his final seven holes for a 70; has come from behind to win in four of his six standard stroke-play victories on the PGA TOUR
- Rahm in search of first TOUR title since the 2022 Mexico Open at Vidanta; making his first start of the 2022-23 PGA
 TOUR season, has made two appearances on the DP World Tour since the 2022 TOUR Championship and won the
 Acciona Open de España
- Seeking to become the first Korean to win THE CJ CUP, **K.H.** Lee (**T2/-12**) hits 16 of 18 greens, the most of any player in round three, and posts a 66; captured both TOUR victories in come-from-behind fashion (1 stroke, 2021 AT&T Byron Nelson; 4 strokes, 2022 AT&T Byron Nelson)
- Lee qualified for his first TOUR Championship in 2022 following a T5 at the BMW Championship; finished No. 25 in the 2022 FedExCup
- 36-hole co-leader **Kurt Kitayama (T2/-12)** opens with birdies on two of his first three holes before posting 70; seeks his first career PGA TOUR title following two runner-up results in his first full season on TOUR in 2021-22 (T2/2022 Mexico Open at Vidanta; 2/2022 Genesis Scottish Open)
- Coming off his first full season on the PGA TOUR, **Taylor Moore (T5/-10)** birdies the par-4 18th for a 67 and ties his best career position through 54 holes on TOUR (2022 Wyndham Championship, finished T5)
- Wyndham Clark (T18/-6) makes the first hole-in-one of his PGA TOUR career at the par-3 10th hole (181 yards)
- The 2022 CJ CUP in South Carolina is the sixth edition of THE CJ CUP and Congaree Golf Club is the fourth different venue to host the event (third in the United States). After three years in South Korea at Nine Bridges (2017-2019), the tournament moved to Las Vegas for two years (Shadow Creek in 2020 and The Summit Club in 2021).