



PRE-TOURNAMENT NOTES 2023 OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP



TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

July 17-23 - 41st of 44 FedExCup Regular Season events
 Hoylake Wirral, England
 Royal Liverpool - Par 71 - 7,383 yds.
Purse \$16.5 million • **Winner** \$3 million + 600 FedExCup pts.
 156 players • 72-hole stroke play
Defending champion Cameron Smith

BROADCAST SCHEDULE (ET)

	PEACOCK	USA	NBC
R1	1:30-4am/3-4pm	4am-3pm	
R2	1:30-4am/3-4pm	4am-3pm	
R3		5-7am	7am-3pm
R4		4-7am	7am-2pm

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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..... *Vincent Norrman*
 Genesis Scottish Open..... Rory McIlroy (2)
 John Deere Classic..... Sepp Straka
 Rocket Mortgage Classic..... Rickie Fowler
 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 Conners
 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

The Open Championship is the fourth and final major of the season. This is the 151st playing of The Open and the 13th at Royal Liverpool Golf Club (first since 2014). 42 players in the field competed at the 2014 Open Championship, including winner Rory McIlroy and four others that finished in the top 10: Rickie Fowler (T2), Adam Scott (T5), Charl Schwartzel (T7) and Shane Lowry (T9).

Previous Open Championships at Royal Liverpool (and winners)

2014 Rory McIlroy	1947 Fred Daly	1913 J.H. Taylor
2006 Tiger Woods	1936 Alf Pagdham	1907 Arnaud Massy
1967 Roberto de Vicenzo	1930 Bobby Jones	1902 Sandy Herd
1956 Peter Thomson	1924 Walter Hagen	1897 Harold Hilton

World No. 3 and 24-time PGA TOUR winner **Rory McIlroy**, who won last week's Genesis Scottish Open, won The Open Championship the last time it was held at Royal Liverpool (2014). McIlroy has won four majors (2011 U.S. Open, 2012 PGA Championship, 2014 Open Championship, 2014 PGA Championship) but none since the start of the 2014-15 season. McIlroy has 19 top-10s in majors since his most recent title, the most of any player in that span. He is making his 59th start in a major and 34th since winning the 2014 PGA Championship.

Rory McIlroy major championship titles

First 25 majors	Last 33 majors
4 wins	0 wins

Most top-10s in majors since the start of 2015

No.	Player	Wins in that span
18	Rory McIlroy	0
17	Brooks Koepka	5
16	Dustin Johnson	2
13	Jordan Spieth	3
12	Justin Rose	0

With his victory at the Genesis Scottish Open, McIlroy moved to No. 2 in the Official World Golf Ranking and No. 3 in the FedExCup standings. McIlroy now has 24 victories on the PGA TOUR, tying Dustin Johnson and Gary Player for 26th on the all-time wins list. He has finished in the top-10 in each of his last six starts, his longest such streak since he had seven straight in his last seven starts before the 2019-20 season was suspended due to COVID-19. During that span, McIlroy won the FedExCup and reached the No. 1 position in the Official World Golf Ranking.

World No. 1 **Scottie Scheffler** has two wins this season (WM Phoenix Open, THE PLAYERS Championship) and leads the PGA TOUR with 15 top-10s this season and has finished T12 or better in each of his last 18 starts. Scheffler has made two starts at The Open Championship (T8/2021, T21/2022).

Scottie Scheffler season summary

Two wins	One of six players with multiple wins this season
12 top-fives	Most since Jordan Spieth in 2014-15 (12); last with 13 or more: Vijay Singh, Tiger Woods in 2005
15 top-10s	Most since Jon Rahm in 2020-21 (15); last with 16 or more: Vijay Singh in 2005
\$19,016,842	Most Official Money in a season in PGA TOUR history

Jon Rahm enters The Open Championship as the FedExCup leader with four wins this season, including the Masters Tournament. With a win this week, Rahm would become the first player to win five times in a season since Justin Thomas in 2016-17 and the first to win multiple majors in the same year since Jordan Spieth in 2015 (Masters, U.S. Open). Rahm has held the lead in the FedExCup standings since winning The American Express (26 consecutive weeks) and currently has a seven-point lead over Scheffler, the smallest margin he has held at any point in that span.

Rickie Fowler, who snapped a winless drought of more than four years with his victory at the Rocket Mortgage Classic on July 2, finished T2 at the 2014 Open Championship at Royal Liverpool. Since turning professional in 2009, Fowler has nine top-fives and 13 top-10s in majors, tied with Lee Westwood in both categories for the most of any player without a win in that span.

WINNERS

Year	Player
2022	Cameron Smith
2021	Collin Morikawa
2020	Canceled
2019	Shane Lowry
2018	Francesco Molinari
2017	Jordan Spieth
2016	Henrik Stenson
2015	Zach Johnson
2014	Rory McIlroy
2013	Phil Mickelson
2012	Ernie Els
2011	Darren Clarke
2010	Louis Oosthuizen
2009	Stewart Cink
2008	Padraig Harrington
2007	Padraig Harrington
2006	Tiger Woods
2005	Tiger Woods
2004	Todd Hamilton
2003	Ben Curtis
2002	Ernie Els
2001	David Duval
2000	Tiger Woods
1999	Paul Lawrie
1998	Mark O'Meara
1997	Justin Leonard
1996	Tom Lehman
1995	John Daly
1994	Nick Price
1993	Greg Norman
1992	Nick Faldo
1991	Ian Baker-Finch
1990	Nick Faldo
1989	Mark Calcavecchia
1988	Seve Ballesteros
1987	Nick Faldo
1986	Greg Norman
1985	Sandy Lyle
1984	Seve Ballesteros
1983	Tom Watson
1982	Tom Watson
1981	Bill Rogers
1980	Tom Watson
1979	Seve Ballesteros
1978	Jack Nicklaus
1977	Tom Watson
1976	Johnny Miller
1975	Tom Watson
1974	Gary Player
1973	Tom Weiskopf
1972	Lee Trevino
1971	Lee Trevino
1970	Jack Nicklaus
1969	Tony Jacklin
1968	Gary Player
1967	Roberto De Vincenzo
1966	Jack Nicklaus
1965	Peter Thomson
1964	Tony Lema
1963	Bob Charles
1962	Arnold Palmer

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ADDITIONAL STORYLINES

Wyndham Clark is making his first start in a major since winning the U.S. Open, his first career major title and second PGA TOUR victory. Clark, whose first win came earlier in the season at the Wells Fargo Championship, is making his second start in The Open, finishing T76 in his tournament debut in 2022. The last player to win consecutive majors was Jordan Spieth in 2015 (Masters Tournament, U.S. Open). Clark enters the week No. 10 in the Official World Golf Ranking, his first time in the top 10 in his career.

There are four players in the top 10 of the Official World Golf Ranking that have not won a major: No. 4 **Patrick Cantlay**, No. 5 **Viktor Hovland**, No. 6 **Xander Schauffele** and No. 8 **Max Homa**. Those four players have combined for 25 PGA TOUR titles and have all won at least twice since the start of the 2021-22 season.

Player	PGA TOUR wins	Major starts	Best major finish
Patrick Cantlay	8	26	T3 (2019 PGA Championship)
Max Homa	6	16	T13 (2022 PGA Championship)
Viktor Hovland	4	15	T2 (2023 PGA Championship)
Xander Schauffele	7	25	T2 (2018 Open Championship, 2019 Masters)

Justin Thomas enters the week No. 75 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.

12 places in The Open Championship were awarded through The Open Qualifying Series at PGA TOUR events this season.

Players that qualified for The 151st Open through OQS at PGA TOUR events

Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard: Ben Griffin, Trey Mullinax, Davis Riley
 Wells Fargo Championship: Michael Kim, Denny McCarthy, Brendon Todd
 the Memorial Tournament presented by Workday: Andrew Putnam, Adam Schenk, Lee Hodges
 Genesis Scottish Open: Byeong Hun An, David Lingmerth, Nicolai Hojgaard

18 players have made the cut in all three majors this season: Patrick Cantlay, Tony Finau, Tommy Fleetwood, Ryan Fox, Tyrrell Hatton, Viktor Hovland, Dustin Johnson, Brooks Koepka, Shane Lowry, Hideki Matsuyama, Keith Mitchell, Collin Morikawa, Jon Rahm, Patrick Reed, Xander Schauffele, Scottie Scheffler, Cameron Smith and Sahithi Theegala. Scheffler is the only one to finish in the top 10 in all three.

Longest active streak of top-10s in majors: 3, Scottie Scheffler (streak began at 2023 Masters Tournament)
 Longest active streak of made cuts in majors: 16, Jon Rahm (streak began at 2019 U.S. Open)
 Longest active streak of starts in majors: 88, Adam Scott (streak began at 2001 Open Championship)

2022 LEADERBOARD

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Cameron Smith	67	64	73	64	268 (-20)
2	Cameron Young	64	69	71	65	269 (-19)
3	Rory McIlroy	66	68	66	70	270 (-18)
T4	Tommy Fleetwood	72	69	66	67	274 (-14)
T4	Viktor Hovland	68	66	66	74	274 (-14)
T6	Brian Harman	73	68	68	66	275 (-13)
T6	Dustin Johnson	68	67	71	69	275 (-13)
T8	Three players					276 (-12)

STRENGTH OF FIELD STATISTICS

Top 10 FedExCup	10	Jon Rahm (1)
Top 30 FedExCup	30	
Top 10 OWGR	10	Scottie Scheffler (1)
Top 50 OWGR	49	
PGA TOUR winners	71	Phil Mickelsn (45)
Past champions	15	Defending: Cameron Smith
FedExCup Champions	8	Defending: Rory McIlroy
PLAYERS winners	10	Most recent: Scottie Scheffler (2022)
Major winners	31	Most: Phil Mickelson (6)

TOURNAMENT RECORDS

Category	Value	Player	Year
Low 18-hole score	62	Branden Grace	2017 (R3)
Low 36-hole score	129	Louis Oosthuizen	2021
Low 54-hole score	197	Shane Lowry	2019
Low 72-hole score	264	Henrik Stenson	2016
Holes-in-one	16	Jon Thomson	2021 (R2, No. 16)
Largest 18-hole lead	4	Christy O'Connor	1985
Largest 36-hole lead	5	3 players; most recent: Louis Oosthuizen	2010
Largest 54-hole lead	7	Tony Lema	1964
Largest margin of victory	8	Tiger Woods	2000
Best come from behind win	10	Paul Lawrie	1999
Playoffs	10	Most recent: Zach Johnson def. Marc Leishman and Louis Oosthuizen	2015
Wire-to-wire winners	3	Rory McIlroy	2014



PRE-TOURNAMENT NOTES 2023 BARRACUDA CHAMPIONSHIP



TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

July 17-23 • 42nd of 44 FedExCup Regular Season events
Truckee, California
Tahoe Mountain Club (Old Greenwood) • Par 71 • 7,480 yds.
Purse \$3.8 million • **Winner** \$684,000 + 300 FedExCup pts.
156 players • 72-hole Modified Stableford
Defending champion Chez Reavie

BROADCAST SCHEDULE (ET)

GOLF
R1 5-8 p.m.
R2 5-8 p.m.
R3 5-8 p.m.
R4 5-8 p.m.

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WINNERS

Year	Player
2022	Chez Reavie
2021	Erik van Rooyen
2020	Richy Werenski
2019	Collin Morikawa
2018	Andrew Putnam
2017	Chris Stroud
2016	Greg Chalmers
2015	J.J. Henry
2014	Geoff Ogilvy
2013	Gary Woodland
2012	J.J. Henry
2011	Scott Piercy
2010	Matt Bettencourt
2009	John Rollins
2008	Parker McLachlin
2007	Steve Flesch
2006	Will MacKenzie
2005	Vaughn Taylor
2004	Vaughn Taylor
2003	Kirk Triplett
2002	Chris Riley
2001	John Cook
2000	Scott Verplank
1999	Notah Begay III

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TOP STORYLINES

There are just four events (three weeks) remaining in the FedExCup Regular Season, and new in 2023, only the top 70 players at the conclusion of the Wyndham Championship will qualify for the FedExCup Playoffs. 26 players in the field have a chance to move into the top 70 in the FedExCup standings with a win (all players currently at No. 129 or higher in the standings).

31 players in the field at the Barracuda Championship competed at last week's Genesis Scottish Open, including 12 that made the cut, while 87 played in the Barbasol Championship, with nine finishing in the top 10.

Players in the field that made the cut at the Genesis Scottish Open

Sean Crocker (T19)	Maximilian Kieffer (T42)	Tapio Pulkkanen (T35)	Erik van Rooyen (T68)
Harry Hall (T60)	Joakim Lagergren (T54)	Marcel Schneider (T25)	Dale Whitnell (T60)
Calum Hill (T25)	Luke List (T35)	Sebastian Soderberg (T42)	Ashun Wu (T65)

Players in the field that finished in the top 10 at the Barbasol Championship

Vincent Norrman (Won)	Taylor Pendrith (6th)	Akshay Bhatia (T9)	Alexander Levy (T9)
Nathan Kimsey (P2)	Grayson Murray (T7)	Masahiro Kawamura (T9)	Doc Redman (T9)
Trevor Cone (T3)			

PGA TOUR rookie **Vincent Norrman** defeated Nathan Kimsey in a playoff at last week's Barbasol Championship, earning his first career PGA TOUR title. Norrman became the ninth first-time winner of the season (first since Wyndham Clark/Wells Fargo Championship) and second rookie to win on TOUR this season, joining Nico Echavarria (Puerto Rico Open). The last player to earn his first two PGA TOUR titles in consecutive tournaments on the schedule was David Duval in 1997 (Michelob Championship at Kingsmill, Walt Disney World/Oldsmobile Classic). Kimsey's runner-up came in his PGA TOUR debut.

Since 2012, the Barracuda Championship has been played using Modified Stableford scoring. The scoring system allocates points based on the number of strokes taken at each hole, with the goal of achieving the highest overall number of points.

Modified Stableford scoring:

Albatross +8
Eagle +5
Birdie +2
Par 0
Bogey -1
Double bogey or worse -3

Six of the last seven winners of the Barracuda Championship were first-time PGA TOUR winners: 2016/Greg Chalmers, 2017/Chris Stroud, 2018/Andrew Putnam, 2019/Collin Morikawa, 2020/Richy Werenski, 2021/Erik van Rooyen

2022 LEADERBOARD

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Chez Reavie	9	19	9	6	+43
2	Alex Noren	4	12	12	14	+42
3	Martin Laird	10	8	13	7	+38
4	Mark Hubbard	13	12	0	12	+37
5	Scott Gutschewski	6	8	11	10	+35
6	Cam Davis	8	8	12	6	+34
7	Hurly Long	6	5	10	12	+33
8	Austin Smotherman	7	9	6	9	+31

STRENGTH OF FIELD STATISTICS

PGA TOUR winners 48 Brandt Snedeker (9)
Past champions 8 Defending: Chez Reavie
PLAYERS winners 0
Major winners 2 Walker/Ogilvy (1)