



2023 PLAYERS Championship
(20th of 44 events in the 2022-23 PGA TOUR Regular Season)

Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida
TPC Sawgrass (THE PLAYERS Stadium)

March 9-12, 2023
Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,275

FedExCup points: 600 (winner)
Purse: \$25 million (\$4.5 million winner)

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, March 11, 2023

Weather: Sunny. High of 70. Wind NE 5-10 mph.

Third-Round Leaderboard

Scottie Scheffler	68-69-65—202 (-14)
Min Woo Lee	68-70-66—204 (-12)
Cam Davis	69-70-67—206 (-10)
Tommy Fleetwood	72-70-65—207 (-9)
Aaron Rai	73-69-65—207 (-9)
Chad Ramey	64-75-68—207 (-9)
Christiaan Bezuidenhout	68-70-69—207 (-9)

Things to Know

- Scottie Scheffler takes his seventh career 54-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR with a 65, his career low at THE PLAYERS
- Min Woo Lee seeks to become the third player in tournament history to make THE PLAYERS their first career TOUR title
- Having missed five consecutive cuts entering the week, Cam Davis birdies Nos. 17 and 18 to sit solo third
- Tom Hoge sets a new course record at THE PLAYERS Stadium Course with a 10-under 62
- Aaron Rai aces the par-3 17th hole, marking the first PLAYERS Championship with multiple aces at the 17th
- Third-round scoring average of 69.573 marks the lowest scoring average in any round at THE PLAYERS

Third-Round Lead Notes

- 21 Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win THE PLAYERS Championship (most recent: Webb Simpson, 2018)
- 12 Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win on TOUR in 2022-23 (most recent: Kurt Kitayama/Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard), including the last six

Scottie Scheffler (1st/-14)

Category	Entering the week
Age	26 (June 21, 1996)
FedExCup	No. 4
OWGR	No. 2
Starts – wins – top-10s in PGA TOUR career	96-5-31
Starts – wins – top-10s on TOUR in 2022-23	8-1-5
Starts – wins – top-10s at THE PLAYERS	2-0-0

- Birdies two of his final three holes (Nos. 16 and 18) for a 65, his career low in nine rounds at THE PLAYERS
- Seventh 54-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR and 2-for-6 converting the victory (2023 WM Phoenix Open, 2022 Masters Tournament); has finished no worse than third when holding at least a share of the 54-hole lead
- Chipped in for eagle on the par-5 second hole for his first career eagle at THE PLAYERS in 146 holes
- Sits second in Strokes Gained: Approach the Green (7.135) and Greens in Regulation Percentage (41 of 54) through three rounds
- At No. 2 in the world, bidding to become the fourth player since 2013 to win THE PLAYERS Championship after entering the week ranked No. 3 or higher in the Official World Golf Ranking (last: Justin Thomas/2021); projected to return to World No. 1 with a three-way for fifth or better
- Five-time TOUR winner owns five top-10s in eight starts this season, including his win at the WM Phoenix Open; has not finished outside the top 15 on TOUR since THE CJ CUP in South Carolina (T45) in October
- Making his third appearance at THE PLAYERS (2021/CUT, 2022/T55)

Min Woo Lee (2nd/-12)

- Posts a 66 and held a bogey-free streak of 26 holes before bogeying the 18th hole; eagled the par-4 first hole from 112 yards, the 14th in tournament history at THE PLAYERS Stadium Course and first since Brian Harman (2021/R3)
- One top-15 finish in 18 previous starts on TOUR (T14/2022 Masters Tournament)
- Seeks to join Craig Perks (2002) and Tim Clark (2010) as players to make THE PLAYERS Championship their first career PGA TOUR title; would join Hal Sutton (1983) and Craig Perks (2002) with wins in their tournament debut (excluding 1974)
- Owns two DP World Tour victories (2020 Vic Open, 2021 Genesis Scottish Open)
- Qualified for his first PLAYERS at No. 50 in the Official World Golf Ranking following The Honda Classic
- Earns Special Temporary Membership on the PGA TOUR with a finish of solo fourth or better

Miscellaneous notes

- Entering the week having missed five consecutive cuts, **Cam Davis** (3rd/-10) posts a back-nine 31, including birdies on Nos. 17 and 18, for a 67; holds his highest 54-hole position since standing T3 at 2021 Rocket Mortgage Classic, where he earned his first PGA TOUR victory in a playoff (defeated Troy Merritt, Joaquin Niemann)
- **Tommy Fleetwood** (T4/-9) ties his career low at THE PLAYERS with a 7-under 65 (R1/2019); stood 4-over after his first 25 holes and played his next 29 holes in 13-under
- Fleetwood owns two career top-10s at THE PLAYERS (T7/2018, T5/2019) and seeks his first PGA TOUR win in his 111th career start; would become the first Englishman to win THE PLAYERS
- PLAYERS first-timer **Aaron Rai** (T4/-9) makes a hole-in-one at the par-3 17th hole and becomes the first to make birdie-ace-birdie at Nos. 16-18; marks the first time with more than one hole-in-one at the 17th hole in PLAYERS Championship history
- After making the cut on the number, **Tom Hoge** (T8/-8) sets the new course record at THE PLAYERS Stadium Course with a bogey-free, 10-under 62, besting the 63 shared by nine players; began the third round on No. 10 and birdied Nos. 8 and 9 to finish his round
- 18-hole leader and PLAYERS first-timer **Chad Ramey** (T4/-9) rebounds from 75 in round two with 68; would become the sixth player on TOUR to make a quadruple bogey and go on to win since 1983 (No. 17/R2)
- 36-hole leader **Adam Svensson** (T14/-6) posts 3-over 75, including a triple-bogey-7 at the par-4 14th hole
- The third-round scoring average of 69.573 marks the lowest scoring average in any round at THE PLAYERS Championship, breaking the previous record of 70.014 (R4/2018).

Balls in the water at No. 17 (since 2003)

Year	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
2023	18	25	2		45
2022	13	27	7	10	57
2021	35	13	8	10	66
2019	14	6	8	17	45
2018	24	21	6	3	54
2017	19	29	10	11	69
2016	6	9	17	4	36
2015	21	16	3	5	45
2014	12	12	1	3	28
2013	15	9	7	13	44
2012	18	11	4	6	39
2011	12	14	8	6	40
2010	7	8	5	9	29
2009	16	6	4	6	32
2008	20	18	10	16	64
2007	50	21	10	12	93
2006	19	17	12	9	57
2005	7	8	25	28	68
2004	9	10	4	7	30
2003	6	10	3	10	29
Average	17.05	14.5	7.70	9.74	47.15

As part of its Eagles for Impact Challenge, Morgan Stanley will donate \$5,000 for every eagle made at THE PLAYERS to First Tee – a youth development organization that enables kids to build the strength of character that empowers them through a lifetime of new challenges – to help support the recruitment, development and retention of diverse coaches to mentor the next generation.

	Eagles	Donation
R1	12	\$60,000
R2	17	\$85,000
R3	14	\$70,000