



2023 RSM Classic
(7th of 7 FedExCup Fall Events)

St. Simons Island, Georgia
Sea Island Golf Club (Seaside)
Sea Island Golf Club (Plantation)

November 16-19, 2023
Par/Yards: 35-35—70/7,005
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FedExCup points: 500 (winner)
Purse: \$8.4 million (\$1,512,000 winner)

Completed First-Round Notes – Friday, November 17, 2023

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First-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	Course	Total
T1	Austin Eckroat	PL	65 (-7)
T1	Denny McCarthy	PL	65 (-7)
T3	Eric Cole	PL	66 (-6)
T3	Cameron Young	PL	66 (-6)
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Austin Eckroat (T1/-7) – PL

- Making his debut appearance at The RSM Classic, opens with a 7-under 65 on the Plantation Course and holds the first-round lead/co-lead for the first time on the PGA TOUR
- Closes the round with five straight birdies on Nos. 14-18, equaling his best birdie streak on TOUR (third occasion and first since the first round of the 2022 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am at Monterey Peninsula Country Club)
- Making 32nd start of the season, with a career-best runner-up finish at THE CJ CUP Byron Nelson
- Entered the week No. 87 in the FedExCup Fall standings; Nos. 51-60 in the standings at the conclusion of The RSM Classic will qualify for two Signature Events in 2024 via The Next 10 (AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, The Genesis Invitational)

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- Plays the final five holes in 5-under (birdie-birdie-birdie-par-eagle) for a 7-under 65 on the Plantation Course
- Holds first-round lead/co-lead for the third time on TOUR (2019 CJ CUP Byron Nelson/T23, 2023 Travelers Championship/T7)
- Finished a career-best No. 33 in the FedExCup and is one of 13 players in the field to finish inside the top 50 in the standings
- Making his 30th start of the season, with a career-best seven top-10 and 14 top-25 finishes
- Has two top-10 finishes in six starts in The RSM Classic (T8/2019, T10/2021)

Additional Player Notes

- **Davis Thompson** (T3/-6/PL), son of RSM Classic Tournament Director Todd Thompson, finished runner-up by one stroke to Jon Rahm at the 2023 American Express, his best finish in 42 TOUR starts; entered the week No. 76 in the FedExCup
- **Eric Cole** (T3/-6/PL) opens with a 66 on the Plantation Course, his 31st par-or-better score in his last 33 rounds on TOUR; is the only rookie in the 2022-23 class who qualified for the BMW Championship, finishing No. 43 in the FedExCup; The RSM Classic is the final event of consideration for the Arnold Palmer Award, given annually to the PGA TOUR's Rookie of the Year
- Reigning PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year **Cameron Young** (T3/-6/PL) records a bogey-free 6-under 66 on the Plantation Course and sits T3 with rookies Thompson and Cole
- **Matt Kuchar** (T6/-5/SS) posts the round of the day on the Seaside Course with a 5-under 65; only player in the top 10 who played the Seaside Course
- Rookie **Ludvig Åberg** (T6/-5/PL), who turned professional following the NCAA Championship in May and became the first player to join the TOUR directly out of college by finishing No. 1 in the PGA TOUR University Ranking, cards a 5-under 67 at the Plantation Course in his second start at The RSM Classic (MC/2021)
- Two-time RSM Classic champion **Robert Streb** (T11/-4/SS) posts a 66 on the Seaside Course in his 300th TOUR start

- **Davis Love III** (T103/E/PL), host of The RSM Classic, opens with an even-par 72 at the Plantation Course in his 790th start on TOUR; Love's 790 starts rank third all-time behind Mark Brooks (803) and Jay Haas (799)
- **C.T. Pan** withdrew during the first round with a left wrist injury



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