



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
Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,060

FedExCup points: 500 (winner)
Purse: \$8.4 million (\$1,512,000 winner)

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, November 18, 2023

Weather: Partly cloudy. High of 74. Wind NNW 7-12 mph.

Third-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	Course	R1	R2	R3	Total
1	Ludvig Åberg	PL-SS-SS	67	64	61	192 (-20)
2	Eric Cole	PL-SS-SS	66	66	61	193 (-19)
3	Mackenzie Hughes	PL-SS-SS	68	66	60	194 (-18)
4	Tyler Duncan	SS-PL-SS	68	65	62	195 (-17)
5	Sam Ryder	SS-PL-SS	67	65	65	197 (-15)

Things to Know

- The top three players on the leaderboard all set or tied their career-low score on TOUR (Åberg and Cole card career-low 61s; Hughes ties his career-low with a 60)
- 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
- Åberg 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
- Cole is the only rookie in the 2022-23 class who qualified for the BMW Championship, finishing No. 43 in the FedExCup standings
- Both players are in search of their first career PGA TOUR title; Åberg’s best result on TOUR is a runner-up at the 2023 Sanderson Farms Championship (lost in a playoff) and Cole is a two-time runner-up (P2/2023 Classic in the Palm Beaches, T2/2023 ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP)

Ludvig Åberg (1st/-20) – PL-SS-SS

- First career 54-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR and first time playing in the final group in the final round
- Career-low 61 (previous career-low: 62, R4/2023 Shriners Children’s Open)
- 11th score of 65 or better since joining the PGA TOUR as a member at the RBC Canadian Open, the most of any player in that span (Eric Cole/9, Lucas Glover/9)
- Only player in the field that has not made a bogey; last player to play 72 holes on TOUR without a bogey or worse: Tom Kim, 2022 Shriners Children’s Open (Won)
- Career-low opening 54-hole score of 192; previous career-low opening 54-hole score on TOUR was 197 (2023 Travelers Championship/T24)
- Sixth player with a 54-hole score of 192 or better on TOUR this season (most recent: Lucas Glover/192 and Billy Horschel/192 at the Wyndham Championship)
- Entered the week at No. 96 in the FedExCup Fall standings (currently projected to finish No. 54 with a win) with nine made cuts and seven top-25s – including three top-10s – in 10 prior starts as a professional; also won the 2023 Omega European Masters on the DP World Tour
- Making second start at The RSM Classic and first appearance as a professional (MC/2021)

Eric Cole (2nd/-19) – PL-SS-SS

- Career-low 61 (previous career-low: 62, R4/2023 Shriners Children’s Open)
- Career-low opening 54-hole score of 193; previous career-low opening 54-hole score on TOUR was 199 (2023 Classic in The Palm Beaches/P2)
- Third time playing in the final group in the final round and second consecutive (P2/2023 Classic in The Palm Beaches, T2/2023 ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP)

- Three top-fives in his last four starts on TOUR (4th/Fortinet Championship, T3/Shriners Children's Open, T2/ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP)
- Entered the week as the TOUR's 2022-23 season leader in Total Birdies (526 – 50 more than the next-closest player, Stephan Jaeger), and ranked No. 8 on TOUR this season in Birdie Average (4.31 – 526 total birdies in 122 rounds)

Mackenzie Hughes (3rd/-18) – PL-SS-SS

- Ties his career-low score on the PGA TOUR with a 10-under 60 (R1/2020 Travelers Championship)
- Missed a 16-foot, 5-inch birdie putt at No. 18, missing a birdie attempt for 59 and recording a 60 for the second time in his career (40'8"/R1/2020 Travelers Championship)
- One of two players with multiple rounds of 60 or better on TOUR in the last five seasons, along with Sebastian Munoz; Munoz also carded a 60 at The RSM Classic (R1/2021)
- Three of the nine scores of 60 or better in the last two seasons on TOUR have come at The RSM Classic (60/Munoz/R1/2021, 60/Tyler McCumber/R4/2021, 60/Hughes/R3/2023)

FedExCup Fall Notes

- The top 125 in the FedExCup Fall standings thru The RSM Classic will be exempt into all Full-Field events and THE PLAYERS Championship next season
- 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)
- Player(s) currently projected to move into the top 125: **Ryan Moore** (No. 128 to No. 120)
- Player(s) currently projected to move out of the top 125: **Troy Merritt** (No. 123 to No. 126)
- Player(s) currently projected to move into The Next 10: **Ludvig Åberg** (No. 96 to No. 54)
- Player(s) currently projected to move out of The Next 10: **J.J. Spaun** (No. 59 to No. 62)

Miscellaneous notes

- Nico Echavarria records a hole-in-one at No. 6 (9-iron from 179 yards), his first career ace on TOUR