



2023 Travelers Championship
(The 36th of 44 events in the 2022-23 PGA TOUR Regular Season)

Cromwell, Connecticut
TPC River Highlands

June 22-25, 2023
Par/Yardage: 35-35—70/6,852

FedExCup Points: 500 to the winner
Purse: \$20 million (\$3.6 million)

First-Round Notes – Thursday, June 22, 2023

Weather: *Mostly cloudy. High of 71. Wind E 6-12 mph.*

First-Round Leaderboard

Denny McCarthy	60 (-10)
Keegan Bradley	62 (-8)
Adam Scott	62 (-8)
Scottie Scheffler	63 (-7)

Things to Know

- Denny McCarthy holds two-stroke lead at the Travelers Championship with a personal-best 10-under 60
- Playing his 500th round on TOUR, McCarthy ties Patrick Cantlay and S.Y. Noh for low round of the season
- 14-time PGA TOUR winner Adam Scott and five-time PGA TOUR winner Keegan Bradley sit T2 at 8-under
- World No. 1 Scottie Scheffler (4th) opens with a TOUR-leading 11th bogey-free round this season
- Reigning FedExCup Champion and World No. 3 Rory McIlroy (T46) records first career ace on TOUR
- 2022 winner Xander Schauffele (T46) has never successfully defended a title in five previous attempts on TOUR

First-Round Lead Notes

- 6 First-round leaders/co-leaders at Travelers Championship to win since 2000: (most recent: Jordan Spieth/2017)
- 4 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win individual stroke-play events on TOUR in 2022-23 (most recent: Jon Rahm/Masters Tournament)

Denny McCarthy (1st/-10)

Category	Entering the week
Age	30 (March 4, 1993)
FedExCup	No. 28
OWGR	No. 33
Starts – wins – top-10s in PGA TOUR career	158-0-19
Starts – wins – top-10s on TOUR in 2022-23	23-0-4
Starts – wins – top-10s at Travelers Championship	5-0-0

- Playing his 500th round on TOUR, posts bogey-free 10-under 60, his low round on TOUR
- Shares low round of the season with Patrick Cantlay (Shriners Children’s Open/R3) and S.Y. Noh (AT&T Byron Nelson/R1)
- Ties lowest opening-round score at the Travelers Championship (Mackenzie Hughes/2020)
- Previous low round on TOUR was a second-round 61 at the 2019 Military Tribute at The Greenbrier (T31)
- Holds second 18-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR (2019 AT&T Byron Nelson; finished T23)
- Seeks to become the 18th player to pick up his first TOUR victory at the Travelers Championship and first since Ken Duke in 2013
- Sixth appearance at Travelers Championship (T47/2018, MC/2019, WD/2020, T73/2021, MC/2022)
- Best finish of PGA TOUR career came earlier this season: P2/the Memorial Tournament presented by Workday

Keegan Bradley (T2/-8)

- Ties career-low nine-hole score with front-nine 29
 - 2023 Travelers Championship/R1/front nine
 - 2022 BMW Championship/R1/front nine

- 2013 AT&T Byron Nelson/R1/front nine
- Lowest opening round on TOUR since 2019 RBC Canadian Open (63)
- Records low score in 45 rounds at the Travelers Championship (previous: 64/R1/2015)
- Making 13th consecutive tournament start (best: T2/2019)
- PGA TOUR victories (5): 2011 AT&T Byron Nelson, 2011 PGA Championship, 2012 WGC-Bridgestone Invitational, 2018 BMW Championship, 2022 ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP

Adam Scott (T2/-8)

- Cards a 62, matching his lowest opening-round score on TOUR (twice previously: 2014 Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard/3rd, 2011 WGC-Bridgestone Invitational/Won)
- Leads the field with 11 birdies; ties his most in a round on TOUR (twice; most recent: 2007 Memorial Tournament presented by Workday/R2)
- Making third start at the Travelers Championship (MC/2010, T13/2021)
- Has three top-10s in 13 starts this season (T5/Wells Fargo Championship, T8/AT&T Byron Nelson, T9/the Memorial Tournament presented by Workday)
- Most recent of 14 PGA TOUR victories: 2020 Genesis Invitational

Additional Notes

- **Scottie Scheffler** (4th) opens with a 7-under 63, his ninth career round of 63 or better and 11th bogey-free round on TOUR this season (most of any player); leads the TOUR with 13 top-10s this season and has finished T12 or better in each of his last 16 starts
- FedExCup leader **Jon Rahm** (T28/-3) is making his fourth start at the event and first since 2020 (T37); with a win, would become the first player to win five times in a season since Justin Thomas in 2016-17
- With an ace on the 214-yard eighth hole, **Rory McIlroy** (T46/-2) records his first hole-in-one on TOUR; making his fifth start at the event and has finished in the top 20 in all four prior starts (T17/2017, T12/2018, T11/2020, T19/2022), marks the only TOUR event at which he has made more than two starts and failed to record a top-10
- Last week's U.S. Open winner **Wyndham Clark** (T46) opens with a 2-under 68; the last player to win a major and win on TOUR the following week was Tiger Woods in 2006 (PGA Championship, WGC-Bridgestone Invitational); made his PGA TOUR debut in 2017 at the event playing on sponsor exemption (MC)
- Defending champion **Xander Schauffele** (T46/-2) has never successfully defended a title in five previous attempts on TOUR; seeks to become the second player to successfully defend a title at this event (Phil Mickelson/2002)
- **Mackenzie Hughes** (illness) withdrew after his round and **Kevin Kisner** (illness) withdrew during his round