



2023 U.S. Open
(35th of 44 events in the 2022-23 PGA TOUR Regular Season)

Los Angeles, California
 Los Angeles Country Club

June 15-18, 2023
 Par/Yards: 35-35—70/7,421 yards

FedExCup points: 600 (winner)
 Purse: \$20 million (\$3.6 million/winner)

First-Round Notes – Thursday, June 15, 2023

Weather: Mostly cloudy. High of 70. Wind SSW 8-12 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

Rickie Fowler	62 (-8)
Xander Schauffele	62 (-8)
Wyndham Clark	64 (-6)
Dustin Johnson	64 (-6)
Brian Harman	65 (-5)
Rory McIlroy	65 (-5)

Things to Know

- With the first 62s recorded in a U.S. Open, Rickie Fowler and Xander Schauffele equal the lowest score in major championship history (Branden Grace/2017 Open Championship/R3)
- 71.38 marks the lowest first-round scoring average in U.S. Open history (previous: 72.29 in 1993 at Baltusrol) and the sixth-lowest in major championship history
- Four-time major champion and three-time FedExCup champion Rory McIlroy opens with a 5-under 65
- Notable opening-round scores: World No. 1 Scottie Scheffler (67), FedExCup leader Jon Rahm (69), defending champion Matt Fitzpatrick (71), last week’s RBC Canadian Open winner Nick Taylor (72)

Additional Scoring Records

- Six players post scores of 65 or better, the most in a single round in U.S. Open history (previous: 4, 2009/R2)
- Most scores of 65 or better in the first round of a U.S. Open: 6 (2023), 2 (1980, 2003, 2015)
- There were no scores of 80 or higher in the first round for the first time in U.S. Open history

First-Round Lead Notes

- 21 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win the U.S. Open (most recent: Martin Kaymer, 2014)
- 4 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win individual stroke-play events on TOUR in 2022-23 (most recent: Jon Rahm/Masters Tournament)

About the co-leaders

Category (entering the week)	Rickie Fowler	Xander Schauffele
Age	34 (December 13, 1988)	29 (October 25, 1993)
FedExCup	No. 25	No. 13
OWGR	No. 45	No. 6
Starts – wins – top-10s in PGA TOUR career	313-5-80	154-7-47
Starts – wins – top-10s on TOUR in 2022-23	17-0-6	15-0-8
Starts – wins – top-10s at U.S. Open	12-0-3	6-0-5

- Post the lowest score in U.S. Open history with matching 62s; six players have shot 63 at the U.S. Open, most recently Tommy Fleetwood at Shinnecock Hills in 2018
- Match the lowest score in a major championship (Branden Grace/R3/2017 Open Championship at Royal Birkdale)
- Previous-best opening round at the U.S. Open: 63 (Jack Nicklaus/1980, Tom Weiskopf/1980)
- Previous-best opening round in a major championship: 63 (most recent: Brooks Koepka/2019 PGA Championship)

Rickie Fowler (T1/-8)

- Equals his lowest round on TOUR (62/2011 WM Phoenix Open/R2)

- Eighth career 18-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR; 1-for-7 to date in converting the opening-round lead/co-lead into victory (2019 WM Phoenix Open)
- Holds his second opening-round lead/co-lead in a major championship (2017 U.S. Open/T5)
- T2 in 2014 marks best finish in 12 prior U.S. Open starts
- Previous-best round at the U.S. Open: 65 (R1/2017, R4/2018)
- Making his 48th start in a major championship, with finishes of T3 or better in each of the four majors (2nd/2018 Masters Tournament, T2/2014 U.S. Open, T2/2014 Open Championship, T3/2014 PGA Championship)
- Previous-best round in a major championship: 65 (five times; most recently at the 2021 Open Championship/R4)
- Has finished T17 or better in seven of his last eight starts on TOUR
- Last of his five PGA TOUR victories came at the 2019 WM Phoenix Open

Xander Schauffele (T1/-8)

- Holds the first-round lead/co-lead for the third time on TOUR; including starting strokes, shared the first-round lead at the 2019 TOUR Championship/finished 2nd; held the first-round lead with teammate Patrick Cantlay en route to winning the 2022 Zurich Classic of New Orleans
- Has top-15 finishes in all six prior U.S. Open starts, the longest streak at the event since Lanny Wadkins had six straight from 1981-1986; best result is T3 in 2019
- Previous-best round at the U.S. Open: 66 (R1/2017, R1/2019)
- Best finish in 24 prior major championship starts: T2 (2018 Open Championship, 2019 Masters Tournament)
- Previous-best round in a major championship: 65 (four times; most recently at the 2021 Open Championship/R4)
- Last of his seven PGA TOUR victories came at the 2022 Genesis Scottish Open

Miscellaneous notes

- **Dustin Johnson** (T3) posts a 6-under 64 and ties Tiger Woods for most rounds of 65 or better in major championships (10)
- With a 6-under 64, 2023 Wells Fargo Championship winner **Wyndham Clark** (T3) posts his second round in the 60s in seven major championship starts (2022 Open Championship/69/R4); best finish in a major is T75 at the 2021 PGA Championship, with missed cuts in both prior U.S. Open starts (2021, 2022)
- With a 30 on the front nine at Los Angeles Country Club, 2011 U.S. Open champion **Rory McIlroy** (T5) matches his best nine-hole score in 58 major championship starts (2010 Open Championship/R1/back nine); opens with a 5-under 65 as he makes his 33rd start in a major championship since the last of his four major wins (2014 PGA Championship)
- World No. 1 **Scottie Scheffler** (T7) opens with a 3-under 67; finished T2 at the 2022 U.S. Open and is making his sixth appearance at the event
- FedExCup leader **Jon Rahm** (T25) posts an opening-round 1-under 69
- **Viktor Hovland** (T25) holes out for eagle from 165 yards at the par-4 second hole en route to a 1-under 69, marking his second-longest hole-out of the season (longest: 183-yard hole-in-one at No. 7 during the second round of the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard); joins Ryan Armour, Wyndham Clark and Xander Schauffele with a TOUR-leading two hole-outs from 150+ yards this season
- Defending champion **Matt Fitzpatrick** (T56) records a 1-over 71; last player to successfully defend title in a major championship: Brooks Koepka, 2019 PGA Championship
- 2023 PGA Championship winner **Brooks Koepka** (T56) cards a 1-over 71; last player to win back-to-back majors: Jordan Spieth, 2015 Masters Tournament and 2015 U.S. Open
- Last week's RBC Canadian Open winner **Nick Taylor** (T83) opens with a 2-over 72; the last player to win on TOUR and win a major the following week: Rory McIlroy, 2014 (WGC-Bridgestone Invitational, PGA Championship)
- With aces on the 124-yard 15th hole, **Sam Burns** (T25) and **Matthieu Pavon** (T56) both record their first hole-in-one on TOUR