



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)

Second-Round Notes – Friday, June 16, 2023

Weather: Mostly cloudy. High of 74. Wind SW 5-10 mph, with gusts to 15 mph.

Cut: 61 professionals and four amateurs at 2-over 142 from a field of 137 professionals and 19 amateurs

Second-Round Leaderboard

Rickie Fowler	62-68—130 (-10)
Wyndham Clark	64-67—131 (-9)
Rory McIlroy	65-67—132 (-8)
Xander Schauffele	62-70—132 (-8)
Harris English	67-66—133 (-7)

Things to Know

- At 10-under 130, Rickie Fowler holds the 36-hole lead at the U.S. Open by one stroke over Wyndham Clark
- Fowler equals the lowest opening 36-hole score at the U.S. Open (130/Martin Kaymer/2014)
- Fowler’s 18 birdies are the most through 36 holes in U.S. Open history
- Fowler holds the 36-hole lead/co-lead for the 12th time on the PGA TOUR (1-for-11 to date/2019 WM Phoenix Open) and second time in a major championship (2017 Masters/T11)
- Clark, winner of the 2023 Wells Fargo Championship, is seeking his second win in his last four starts on TOUR
- Four-time major champion and three-time FedExCup champion Rory McIlroy opens his 15th U.S. Open appearance with two rounds in the 60s for the fourth time (most all-time); trails Fowler by two shots
- World No. 1 Scottie Scheffler trails Fowler by five shots following rounds of 67-68
- With a hole-in-one on No. 15, Matt Fitzpatrick becomes the first player to make an ace in his U.S. Open title defense
- Jon Rahm makes the cut on the number to extend the longest active streak of made cuts in majors to 16
- Notables missing the cut: Jordan Spieth, Justin Thomas, Jason Day, Adam Scott, Max Homa, Justin Rose, Nick Taylor, Phil Mickelson

Second-Round Lead Notes

- 41 Second-round leaders/co-leaders to win the U.S. Open (most recent: Gary Woodland, 2019)
- 9 Second-round leaders/co-leaders to win individual stroke-play events on TOUR in 2022-23 (most recent: Wyndham Clark/Wells Fargo Championship)

About Rickie Fowler

Category	Entering the week
Age	34 (December 13, 1988)
FedExCup	No. 25
OWGR	No. 45
Starts – wins – top-10s in PGA TOUR career	313-5-80
Starts – wins – top-10s on TOUR in 2022-23	17-0-6
Starts – wins – top-10s at U.S. Open	12-0-3

Rickie Fowler (1st/-10)

- One day after matching the lowest score in major championship history with a U.S. Open record 62, moves into sole possession of the lead following a 2-under 68; round included eight birdies, six bogeys and four pars
- At 10-under 130, equals the lowest opening 36-hole score at the U.S. Open (Martin Kaymer, 2014)
- Lowest 36-hole score in relation to par at the U.S. Open:
 - 11-under – Rory McIlroy, Congressional (2011/won)
 - 10-under – Martin Kaymer, Pinehurst No. 2 (2014/won)

- 10-under – Rickie Fowler, Los Angeles Country Club (2023/TBD)
- 18 birdies are the most through 36 holes in U.S. Open history
- Opens second round with three straight birdies, the first first-round leader/co-leader to do so since Payne Stewart in 1998
- 12th career 36-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR; 1-for-11 to date in converting into victory (2019 WM Phoenix Open)
- Holds his second 36-hole lead/co-lead in a major championship (2017 Masters/T11)
- T2 in 2014 marks best finish in 12 prior U.S. Open starts
- 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)
- 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

Wyndham Clark (2nd/-9)

- Would become the fifth multiple winner this season (Jon Rahm, Scottie Scheffler, Max Homa, Tony Finau)
- Most recent of eight first-time winners this season
- Holds his best 36-hole position (2nd) in a major championship (previous-best is T63 at the 2021 PGA Championship)
- Best finish in six prior major championship starts is T75 at the 2021 PGA Championship
- Makes the cut for the first time in three U.S. Open starts (2021, 2022)

Rory McIlroy (T3/-8)

- Opens his 58th major championship with two rounds in the 60s for the ninth time; went on to win three of those events and failed to finish inside the top five just twice (2011 Masters/T15, 2019 U.S. Open/T9)
- Has opened the U.S. Open with two rounds in the 60s four times, most all-time
- 2011 U.S. Open champion picked up his 23rd PGA TOUR title earlier this season at THE CJ CUP in South Carolina
- Four career major victories (2011 U.S. Open, 2012 PGA Championship, 2014 Open Championship, 2014 PGA Championship)
- Making his 33rd start in a major championship since the last of his four major wins (2014 PGA Championship)
- 20 players have won five or more majors

Xander Schauffele (T3/-8)

- 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
- Best finish in 24 prior major championship starts: T2 (2018 Open Championship, 2019 Masters Tournament)
- Last of his seven PGA TOUR victories came at the 2022 Genesis Scottish Open

Matt Fitzpatrick (T39/+1) – defending champion

- Aces the par-3 15th hole from 115 yards to become the first player to make an ace in his U.S. Open title defense
- Marks his first ace on the PGA TOUR in his 418th round
- No. 15 has yielded three aces this week, second most all-time at the U.S. Open; No. 6 at Oak Hill in 1989 gave up four aces
- Last player to successfully defend title in a major championship: Brooks Koepka, 2019 PGA Championship
- Last player to successfully defend title at the U.S. Open: Brooks Koepka, 2018
- Three players have successfully defended a title this season, most recently Scottie Scheffler at the WM Phoenix Open

Miscellaneous notes

- **Harris English** (5th) has two top-10 finishes in 25 prior major championship starts, with both coming at the U.S. Open (2021/3rd, 2020/4th); seeking his fifth PGA TOUR victory and first since the 2021 Travelers Championship
- Despite a quadruple bogey on the par-4 second hole, **Dustin Johnson** (T6) cards an even-par 70; the last player to win an event after making a quadruple bogey is Tom Kim at the 2022 Wyndham Championship (No. 1/R1)
- World No. 1 and 2022 U.S. Open runner-up **Scottie Scheffler** (T8) trails Rickie Fowler by five shots; including two wins, leads the TOUR this season with 12 top-10 finishes and has finished T12 or better in each of his last 15 starts; in the last 42 rounds of major championships (dating to the start of 2021), has been ranked inside the top 10 at the conclusion of 26 rounds
- **Viktor Hovland** (T19) holds the longest active streak of top-10 finishes in majors: 3 (2022 Open Championship/T4, 2023 Masters Tournament/T7, 2023 PGA Championship/T2)
- 2023 PGA Championship winner **Brooks Koepka** (T30) trails Rickie Fowler by 10 shots in bid to become the first player to win back-to-back majors since Jordan Spieth (2015 Masters Tournament and 2015 U.S. Open)
- **Jon Rahm** (T49) extends the longest active streak of made cuts in majors to 16 (streak began at 2019 U.S. Open)
- Last week's RBC Canadian Open winner **Nick Taylor** misses the cut with rounds of 72-72; the last player to win on TOUR and win a major the following week: Rory McIlroy, 2014 (WGC-Bridgestone Invitational, PGA Championship)