



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)

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, June 17, 2023

Weather: Mostly sunny. High of 76. Wind SW 5-10 mph.

Third-Round Leaderboard

Wyndham Clark	64-67-69—200 (-10)
Rickie Fowler	62-68-70—200 (-10)
Rory McIlroy	65-67-69—201 (-9)
Scottie Scheffler	67-68-68—203 (-7)
Harris English	67-66-71—204 (-6)

Things to Know

- At 10-under 200, Wyndham Clark and Rickie Fowler share the 54-hole lead at the U.S. Open; Rory McIlroy sits one back
- Fowler holds the 54-hole lead/co-lead for the 10th time on the PGA TOUR and the first time in a major; 2-for-9 to date in converting into victory
- Clark holds the lead/co-lead for the third time in individual stroke-play events on TOUR and the first time in a major; 1-for-2 to date in converting into victory
- Four-time major champion and World No. 3 McIlroy opens his 15th U.S. Open appearance with three rounds in the 60s for the fifth time; he went on to win three of the previous four times
- World No. 1 Scottie Scheffler holes out from 196 yards for eagle on the par-4 17th hole and follows with a birdie on No. 18 for a 2-under 68; trails by three
- This week marks just the third time in the last 20 years that two of the top three players in the world rankings will be in the top four entering the final round of the U.S. Open (2006 – Phil Mickelson/Vijay Singh; 2022 – Scheffler/Jon Rahm)
- The eventual champion has been within four shots of the lead heading into the final round of the last 24 U.S. Opens
- The largest come-from-behind victory in the final round of the U.S. Open is seven strokes (Arnold Palmer/1960)
- No. 15 plays at 80 yards in the third round, making it the shortest par-3 in U.S. Open history

Third-Round Lead Notes

- 54 Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win the U.S. Open (most recent: Matt Fitzpatrick/2022)
- 17 Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win individual stroke-play events on TOUR in 2022-23 (most recent: Brooks Koepka/PGA Championship)

About the final pairing

Category	Rickie Fowler	Wyndham Clark
Age	34 (December 13, 1988)	29 (December 9, 1993)
FedExCup	No. 25	No. 10
OWGR	No. 45	No. 32
Starts – wins – top-10s in PGA TOUR career	313-5-80	136-1-15
Starts – wins – top-10s on TOUR in 2022-23	17-0-6	21-1-6
Starts – wins – top-10s at U.S. Open	12-0-3	2-0-0

Rickie Fowler (T1/-10)

- Bogeys the final hole for an even-par 70 and shares the 54-hole lead with Wyndham Clark
- Will play in the final pairing of a major for the third time (paired with Martin Kaymer at the 2014 U.S. Open, finished T2; paired with Rory McIlroy at the 2014 Open Championship, finished T2)
- 10th career 54-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR; 2-for-9 to date in converting into victory (2017 Honda Classic, 2019 Waste Management Phoenix Open)
- Previous-best 54-hole position in a major: 2nd (2014 Open Championship/T2), T2 (2014 U.S. Open/T2)

- Has 21 birdies through 54 holes; the most birdies or better for an entire U.S. Open over the last 40 years is 24 (Brendan Steele in 2017)
- Has 12 top-10s in majors since the start of his rookie season in 2010, tied with Matt Kuchar for the most of any player without a major title in that span
- 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
- Since 2000, players who held at least a share of lead after the first three rounds at the U.S. Open have gone on to win five out of eight times:
 - Tiger Woods – 2000, Pebble Beach, won
 - Retief Goosen – 2001, Southern Hills, won (playoff)
 - Tiger Woods – 2002, Bethpage Black, won
 - Rory McIlroy – 2011, Congressional, won
 - Phil Mickelson – 2013, Merion, T2
 - Martin Kaymer – 2014, Pinehurst, won
 - Dustin Johnson – 2018, Shinnecock Hills, 3rd
 - Russell Henley – 2021, Torrey Pines, T13
 - Rickie Fowler – 2023, Los Angeles Country Club, TBD

Wyndham Clark (T1/-10)

- Holds the lead/co-lead for the third time in individual stroke-play events on TOUR (1-for-2 to date; 2023 Wells Fargo Championship/won, 2019 Honda Classic/T7)
- Also held the 54-hole lead with teammate Beau Hossler en route to finishing third at the 2023 Zurich Classic of New Orleans
- 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 54-hole position in a major championship (previous best is T51 at the 2021 PGA Championship)
- Best finish in six prior major championship starts is T75 at the 2021 PGA Championship
- Had missed the cut in two prior U.S. Open starts (2021, 2022)

Rory McIlroy (3rd/-9)

- Opens his 58th major with three rounds in the 60s for the fifth time; went on to win three of the previous four events:
 - 2011 U.S. Open (won)
 - 2014 Open Championship (won)
 - 2014 PGA Championship (won)
 - 2022 Open Championship (3rd)
 - 2023 U.S. Open (TBD)
- 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

Scottie Scheffler (4th/-7)

- World No. 1 and 2022 U.S. Open runner-up finishes eagle-birdie for a 2-under 68 to move within three strokes of the lead
- Holes out from 196 yards for eagle on the par-4 17th hole, the second-longest holeout of his career; holed out from 219 yards on the third hole at the 2014 AT&T Byron Nelson (R2)
- Birdie at the last from 22'3" is his longest made putt of the week
- In the last 43 rounds of major championships (dating to the start of 2021), has been ranked inside the top 10 at the conclusion of 27 rounds
- Tiger Woods (2000, 2002, 2008) is the only reigning World No. 1 to win the U.S. Open
- Including two wins, leads the TOUR this season with 12 top-10 finishes
- Has finished T12 or better in each of his last 15 starts

Miscellaneous notes

- **Harris English** (5th) trails by four following a 1-over 71; has two top-10 finishes in 25 prior major championship starts, with both coming at the U.S. Open (2021/3rd, 2020/4th)

- **Xander Schauffele** (T6) 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)
- **Tom Kim** (T9) equals the U.S. Open nine-hole scoring record with a 29 en route to a third-round 66; marks the fifth 29 in tournament history and first since Louis Oosthuizen performed the feat on the back nine during the final round in 2015
- **Viktor Hovland** (T12) holds the longest active streak of top-10 finishes in majors: 3 (2022 Open Championship/T4, 2023 Masters Tournament/T7, 2023 PGA Championship/T2)
- **Matt Fitzpatrick** (T15/-1) trails by nine in bid to become the first player to successfully defend a major title since Brooks Koepka at the 2019 PGA Championship; Koepka is also the last player to successfully defend at the U.S. Open (2018)
- 51-year old **Padraig Harrington** (T15) cards a third-round 67; becomes the fourth player in his 50s to be under par through three rounds of a U.S. Open (Steve Stricker/2017, Jack Nicklaus/1990, Julius Boros/1973)