



2023 Valero Texas Open

(The 24th of 44 events in the 2022-23 PGA TOUR Regular Season)

San Antonio, Texas

March 30 – April 2, 2023

FedExCup Points: 500 (winner)

TPC San Antonio (The Oaks Course)

Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,438

Purse: \$8,900,000 (\$1,602,000 winner)

Completed First-Round Notes – Friday, March 31, 2023

Weather: Thursday: Cloudy. High of 79. Wind SE 12-22 mph. The first round was delayed due to fog for 45 minutes, with the round beginning at 8:15 a.m. Play was suspended due to fog at 8:42 a.m. for 2 hours, 38 minutes, resuming at 11:20 a.m. Play was suspended due to darkness at 7:23 p.m. with the entire afternoon wave yet to complete the round. Friday: The first round resumed at 7:45 a.m. and was completed at 11:29 a.m. Cloudy. High of 71. Wind S 10-20 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

Corey Connors	64 (-8)
Patrick Rodgers	66 (-6)
Chris Kirk	67 (-5)
Hayden Buckley	67 (-5)
Peter Malnati	67 (-5)

Things to Know

- 2019 Valero Texas Open champion Corey Connors leads the Valero Texas Open by two strokes in bid to become the 10th multiple winner of the event and the first player since K.H. Lee (2021, 2022 AT&T Byron Nelson) to record his first two PGA TOUR victories at the same event
- Connors holds the first-round lead/co-lead for the fourth time on the PGA TOUR (0-for-3 to date)
- 51-year-old Padraig Harrington seeks to become the third-oldest winner in PGA TOUR history
- Coming off a victory at last week's Corales Puntacana Championship, Matt Wallace posts an opening-round 69
- Thursday's weather delay is the first at the Valero Texas Open since 2021, when the start of the third round was delayed by two hours, 30 minutes

First-Round Lead Notes

- 0 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win the Valero Texas Open since it moved to TPC San Antonio in 2010
- 2 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win on TOUR in 2022-23 (most recent: Jon Rahm/Sentry Tournament of Champions)

Corey Connors (1st/-8)

Category	Entering the week
Age	31 (January 6, 1992)
FedExCup	No. 82
OWGR	No. 40
Starts – wins – top-10s in PGA TOUR career	152-1-18
Starts – wins – top-10s on TOUR in 2022-23	10-0-0
Starts – wins – top-10s at Valero Texas Open	4-1-1

- Posts a bogey-free 8-under 64, his best score in 17 rounds at TPC San Antonio; previous low round was 66 during the third- and final-rounds en route to victory in 2019
- 0-for-3 to date with the first-round lead/co-lead, most recently finishing T17 at the 2021 PGA Championship
- Would become the first player since K.H. Lee (2021, 2022 AT&T Byron Nelson) to record first two PGA TOUR victories at the same event
- Would become the 10th multiple winner of the Valero Texas Open (first since Zach Johnson/2008, 2009)

Additional Player Notes

- In four prior starts at the Valero Texas Open, **Patrick Rodgers** (2nd/-6) has made the cut once (T58/2022); opening-round 66 is his first round in the 60s in 11 rounds at TPC San Antonio

- 2023 Honda Classic champion **Chris Kirk** (T3/-5) would join Jon Rahm, Scottie Scheffler and Max Homa as multiple winners this season
- A victory on Sunday for **Padraig Harrington** (T6/-4) would come at the age of 51 years, 7 months and 2 days, which would make him the third-oldest winner in TOUR history:
 - Sam Snead – 52 years, 10 months, 8 days (1965 Wyndham Championship)
 - Art Wall – 51 years, 7 months, 10 days (1975 Greater Milwaukee Open)
- **Harrington** and **Roberto Diaz**, both T6 following matching 4-under 68s, are seeking to become the first Sponsor Exemption to win on TOUR since Martin Laird at the 2020 Shriners Children's Open
- 2001 and 2022 Valero Texas Open runner-up **Matt Kuchar** (T6/-4) most recently advanced out of group play at last week's WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play before falling to Jason Day, 1-up, in the Round of 16; week included two match victories, which pulled him into a tie with Tiger Woods for most match victories (36) at the event
- Coming off a victory at last week's Corales Puntacana Championship, **Matt Wallace** (T12/-3) is attempting to become the first player to win in back-to-back tournaments since Tony Finau (2022 3M Open, Rocket Mortgage Classic) and in back-to-back starts since Jon Rahm (2023 Sentry Tournament of Champions, The American Express)
- **J.J. Spaun** (T25/-2) opens with a 2-under 70 in bid to become the first player since Zach Johnson (2009) to successfully defend his title at the Valero Texas Open
- Making his 500th PGA TOUR start, four-time PGA TOUR winner **Lucas Glover** (T113/+3) cards a 3-over 75; first-career TOUR start came at this event in 2001 (T66)
- **Brandon Matthews** withdrew during the round with a back injury
- **Davis Love III** withdrew following the first round with a wrist and thumb injury