



### 2023 Valero Texas Open

(The 24<sup>th</sup> 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 Second-Round Notes - Saturday, April 1, 2023

**Weather**: Friday. Mostly cloudy. High of 90. Wind SW 8-15 mph. Play was suspended due to darkness at 7:53 p.m. Saturday: The second round resumed at 7:40 a.m. and was completed at 9:44 a.m. Partly cloudy. High of 65. Wind NE 8-15 mph.

**36-hole cut:** 71 professionals at even-par 144 from a field of 144 professionals.

### Second-Round Leaderboard

Patrick Rodgers	66-67—133 (-11)
Corey Conners	64-72—136 (-8)
Michael Thompson	69-68—137 (-7)
Brendon Todd	70-67—137 (-7)
Harry Higgs	69-68-137 (-7)
Roberto Diaz	68-69-137 (-7)

#### Things to Know

- At 11-under 133, Patrick Rodgers holds the Valero Texas Open 36-hole lead over 2019 champion Corey Conners
- Rodgers, who owns three runner-up finishes in 234 PGA TOUR starts, is in search of his first victory
- First-round leader Conners would become the 10<sup>th</sup> multiple winner of the event and the first player since K.H. Lee (2021, 2022 AT&T Byron Nelson) to record his first two TOUR victories at the same event
- Michael Thompson is making his 31<sup>st</sup> start (stroke-play events) since his last top-10 finish in a stroke-play event
- Roberto Diaz is seeking to become the first Sponsor Exemption to win on TOUR since Martin Laird at the 2020 Shriners Children's Open

### **Second-Round Lead Notes**

- 4 Second-round leaders/co-leaders to win the Valero Texas Open since it moved to TPC San Antonio in 2010 (most recent: Jimmy Walker/2015)
- 7 Second-round leaders/co-leaders to win in 2022-23 season (most recent: Matt Wallace, Corales Puntacana Championship)

## Patrick Rodgers (1<sup>st</sup>/-11)

Category	<b>Entering the week</b>
Age	30 (June 30, 1992)
FedExCup	No. 52
OWGR	No. 143
Starts – wins – top-10s in PGA TOUR career	234-0-19
Starts – wins – top-10s on TOUR in 2022-23	16-0-2
Starts – wins – top-10s at Valero Texas Open	4-0-0

- Birdies five of his last six holes for a second-round 5-under 67 and three-stroke lead over Corey Conners
- Marks the fourth time holding the second-round lead/co-lead on TOUR; 0-for-3 to date, most recently finishing T37 at the 2021 Wells Fargo Championship
- Has three runner-up finishes in 234 PGA TOUR starts: 2015 Wells Fargo Championship (T2), 2017 John Deere Classic (2<sup>nd</sup>), 2018 RSM Classic (P2)
- Finished T3 at the 2022 Butterfield Bermuda Championship for his best finish in 16 starts this season
- Has made the cut once (T58/2022) in four prior starts at the Valero Texas Open
- Prior to 66-67 this week, had never posted a round in the 60s at TPC San Antonio (10 rounds entering the week)

# **Additional Player Notes**

- 2019 Valero Texas Open champion and first-round leader Corey Conners (2<sup>nd</sup>/-8) trails by three in bid to become
  the event's 10<sup>th</sup> multiple winner; 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
- **Michael Thompson** (T3/-7) is making his 31<sup>st</sup> start (stroke-play events) since his last top-10 finish in a stroke-play event (2022 Sony Open in Hawaii/T5)
- Making his seventh start at the Valero Texas Open, **Brendon Todd** (T3/-7) is in search of his third top-10 finish (T6/2014, T8/2022); second-round 67 is his best score in 22 rounds at the event
- Harry Higgs (T3/-7) makes the cut for the first time in his third Valero Texas Open start (2021, 2022)
- **Roberto Diaz** (T3/-7) is seeking to become the first Sponsor Exemption to win on TOUR since Martin Laird at the 2020 Shriners Children's Open
- After sitting 3-over through seven holes to begin the week, **Eric Cole** (T7/-6) is bogey-free in his last 29 holes, including a second-round 5-under 67; lost in a playoff earlier this season to Chris Kirk at The Honda Classic, earning his first career runner-up finish on TOUR
- 2023 Honda Classic champion **Chris Kirk** (T10/-5) would join Jon Rahm, Scottie Scheffler and Max Homa as multiple winners this season; seeks a fourth top-10 finish in his ninth start at the event (T8/2015, T8/2018, T6/2021)
- J.J. Spaun (T50/-1) trails 36-hole leader Patrick Rodgers by 10 strokes in bid to become the first player since Zach Johnson in 2009 (and the fifth player overall) to successfully defend his title at the Valero Texas Open
- Making his 500<sup>th</sup> PGA TOUR start, four-time winner Lucas Glover (T65/E) makes the cut on the number
- Michael Gligic and Davis Riley withdrew during the second round