



2023 Valero Texas Open

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

San Antonio, Texas

TPC San Antonio (The Oaks Course)

March 30 – April 2, 2023

Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,438

FedExCup Points: 500 (winner)

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

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, April 1, 2023

Weather: Mostly cloudy. High of 84. Wind E 8-15 mph.

Third-Round Leaderboard

Patrick Rodgers	66-67-71—204 (-12)
Corey Connors	64-72-69—205 (-11)
Matt Kuchar	68-70-69—207 (-9)
Sam Stevens	72-68-68—208 (-8)
Chris Kirk	67-72-69—208 (-8)

Things to Know

- With a third-round 1-under 71, Patrick Rodgers maintains his lead at the Valero Texas Open for the second straight round in his bid for a first career PGA TOUR title
- Rodgers, who owns three runner-up finishes in 234 PGA TOUR starts, seeks to win for the first time in four attempts with the 54-hole lead/co-lead
- First-round leader Corey Connors looks 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 TOUR victories at the same event
- Following last year's T2 at the Valero Texas Open, Matt Kuchar posts 3-under 69, despite a double bogey at the par-5 18th; marks his 16th consecutive round of par or better in the event (a tournament record)
- A week removed from a T3 finish at the Corales Puntacana Championship, PGA TOUR rookie and Texas native Sam Stevens seeks first career TOUR title in his 17th start
- Headed into the final round four strokes back, Chris Kirk looks to join Jon Rahm, Scottie Scheffler and Max Homa as multiple winners this season

Third-Round Lead Notes

- 8 Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win the Valero Texas Open since it moved to TPC San Antonio in 2010 (most recent: J.J. Spaun/2022)
- 13 Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win on TOUR in 2022-23 (most recent: Scottie Scheffler/THE PLAYERS Championship)

Patrick Rodgers (1st/-12)

Category	Entering the week
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

- Despite a bogey at the par-5 18th hole, finishes with a 1-under 71 to maintain his hold on the lead for a second consecutive round in his bid for a first career PGA TOUR title
- Marks the fourth occasion to hold the third-round lead/co-lead on TOUR; 0-for-3 to date, most recently finishing T10 at The RSM Classic earlier this season
- Aims to become the third consecutive 54-hole leader/co-leader of the Valero Texas Open to convert for the win, joining Jordan Spieth (2021) and J.J. Spaun (2022)
- Has three runner-up finishes in 234 PGA TOUR starts: 2015 Wells Fargo Championship (T2), 2017 John Deere Classic (2nd), 2018 RSM Classic (P2)

- Finished T3 at the 2022 Butterfield Bermuda Championship for his best finish in 16 starts this season

Additional Player Notes

- 2019 Valero Texas Open champion and first-round leader **Corey Connors** (2nd/-11) birdied five of his last eight holes en route to a 3-under 69 in bid to become the event's 10th 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
- Seeking a fifth top-10 finish in his 18th Valero Texas Open start, in spite of a double-bogey at the par-5 18th, 2001 and 2022 runner-up **Matt Kuchar** (3rd/-9) posts 3-under 69; his 69 marks his 16th consecutive round of par or better in the event, a tournament record by three over Kevin Streelman; a win Sunday would mark his 10th on TOUR and first since the 2019 Sony Open in Hawaii
- Coming off a T3 finish at last week's Corales Puntacana Championship, Texas native and PGA TOUR rookie **Sam Stevens** (T4/-8) used birdies on four of his first and last five holes to post a 4-under 68 (Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5, 14, 16, 17 and 18); this week marks his 15th start of the season and 17th overall on the PGA TOUR
- On the strength of two eagles (par-5 second and par-4 17th), **Chris Kirk** (T4/-8) posted a 3-under 69 in his ninth Valero Texas Open start; seeks a fourth top-10 finish in the event (T8/2015, T8/2018, T6/2021)
- With scores of 68-73-68, newly nominated World Golf Hall of Fame member **Padraig Harrington** will enter the final round T6 at 7-under 209; the 51-year-old reigning PGA TOUR Champions Rookie of the Year collected four titles in 19 starts last season on PGA TOUR Champions; victory Sunday 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)
- **Nicolai Hojgaard** (T18/-5) **Ryan Gerard** (T43/-2) are in good shape to earn PGA TOUR Special Temporary Membership this week; Gerard needs a solo-68th or better, while Hojgaard needs to finish in a two-way T46 or better
- In his bid to become the fifth player to successfully defend his Valero Texas Open title and first since Zach Johnson in 2009, **J.J. Spaun** sits T30 at 3-under 213
- **Henrik Norlander's** (T63/+3) 93' 4" putt for birdie at No. 13 is the second-longest made putt on the PGA TOUR this season; Harris English made a 100' 3" putt on the sixth hole in round two of the WM Phoenix Open