



## 2023 Valero Texas Open

(The 24<sup>th</sup> 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)

### Final-Round Notes – Sunday, April 2, 2023

**Weather:** Cloudy and breezy. High of 88. Wind S 12-22 mph.

### Final-Round Leaderboard

Corey Connors	64-72-69-68—273 (-15)
Sam Stevens	72-68-68-66—274 (-14)
Sam Ryder	71-70-68-66—275 (-13)
Matt Kuchar	68-70-69-68—275 (-13)
Patrick Rodgers	66-67-71-73—277 (-11)

### Things to Know

- After entering the final round trailing Patrick Rodgers by one shot, Corey Connors edges PGA TOUR Rookie Sam Stevens by one stroke for his second Valero Texas Open title (2019, 2023)
- Connors picks up his second TOUR win in his 153<sup>rd</sup> start at the age of 31 years, 2 months, 27 days; he is the third Canadian to win on TOUR this season
- Connors becomes the 10<sup>th</sup> multiple winner of the Valero Texas Open and moves to No. 18 in the FedExCup
- Connors is the first player since K.H. Lee (2021, 2022 AT&T Byron Nelson) to record his first two TOUR victories at the same event
- One week after finishing T3 at the Corales Puntacana Championship, Stevens finishes a career-best runner-up
- Rodgers falls to 0-for-4 in converting 36- and 54-hole leads to victory
- Matt Kuchar (T3) closes with a 68, his tournament-record 17<sup>th</sup> consecutive par-or-better round in the event
- Nicolai Hojgaard (T28) and Ryan Gerard (T56) earn Special Temporary Membership on the PGA TOUR

### Corey Connors (Won/-15)

Category	Entering the week
Age	31 (January 6, 1992)
FedExCup	No. 18
OWGR	No. 28
Starts – wins – top-10s in PGA TOUR career	153-2-19
Starts – wins – top-10s on TOUR in 2022-23	11-1-1
Starts – wins – top-10s at Valero Texas Open	5-2-2

- Picks up his second PGA TOUR victory in his 153<sup>rd</sup> start at the age of 31 years, 2 months, 27 days
- Earns 500 points to move to No. 18 in the FedExCup standings
- With wins in 2019 and 2023, becomes the 10<sup>th</sup> multiple winner of the event (first since Zach Johnson/2008, 2009)
- First player since K.H. Lee (2021, 2022 AT&T Byron Nelson) to record his first two TOUR victories at the same event
- Is the third Canadian to win on TOUR this season: Mackenzie Hughes (Sanderson Farms Championship), Adam Svensson (The RSM Classic)
- After opening with an 8-under 64, becomes the first player to carry the first-round lead/co-lead on to victory since the Valero Texas Open moved to TPC San Antonio in 2010
- Is the third first-round leader/co-leader to win this season, joining Tony Finau (Cadence Bank Houston Open) and Jon Rahm (Sentry Tournament of Champions)
- Wins for the first time in four attempts with the first-round lead/co-lead

### Additional Player Notes

- Coming off a T3 at last week's Corales Puntacana Championship, PGA TOUR rookie **Sam Stevens** finishes a career-best runner-up; en route to a final-round 66, had multiple eagles in a round (Nos. 8, 17) for the first time on TOUR

- 2001 and 2022 runner-up **Matt Kuchar** (T3) closes with a 4-under 68, marking his tournament-record 17<sup>th</sup> consecutive par-or-better round in the event; has seven top-15 finishes in his last 11 starts at TPC San Antonio
- **Sam Ryder** (T3) records his second top-five finish in his last seven starts (T4/2023 Farmers Insurance Open)
- Seeking his first PGA TOUR win in 235 starts, second- and third-round leader **Patrick Rodgers** (5<sup>th</sup>) closes with a 1-over 73 and falls to 0-for-4 in attempts to convert 36- and 54-hole lead/co-leads on to victory
- **Chez Reavie** (T6) birdies his final five holes for a 7-under 65 and picks up his first top-10 finish since winning the 2022 Barracuda Championship
- **Andrew Novak** (9<sup>th</sup>) earns his first top-10 finish in 42 PGA TOUR starts
- **Rickie Fowler** (T10) has his fourth top-10 finish of the season; is his sixth top-20 finish in his last seven starts
- 51-year-old **Padraig Harrington** finishes T10 in bid to become the TOUR's third-oldest winner; marks his 56<sup>th</sup> top-10 finish and first since the 2021 PGA Championship (T4)
- **Ben Martin** posts back-to-back top-10 finishes for the first time in 220 PGA TOUR starts (T8/Corales Puntacana Championship, T10/Valero Texas Open)
- 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** finishes T22
- Both **Nicolai Hojgaard** (T28) and **Ryan Gerard** (T56) earn Special Temporary Membership on the PGA TOUR