



2023 WM Phoenix Open
(15th of 47 events in the 2022-23 PGA TOUR Season)

Scottsdale, Arizona
 TPC Scottsdale

February 9-12, 2023
 Par/Yards: 35-36—71/7,261

Purse: \$20 million (\$3.6 million/winner)
 FedExCup points: 500 (winner)

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, February 11, 2023

Weather: Partly cloudy. High of 64. Wind E 10-20 mph.

Third-Round Leaderboard

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| Scottie Scheffler | 68-64-68—200 (-13) |
| Nick Taylor | 66-69-67—202 (-11) |
| Jon Rahm | 68-66-68—202 (-11) |
| Jordan Spieth | 71-63-69—203 (-10) |
| Adam Hadwin | 66-66-71—203 (-10) |

Things to Know

- In first title defense, Scottie Scheffler takes a two-stroke lead in bid to become the seventh player to successfully defend his WM Phoenix Open title and first since Hideki Matsuyama in 2017
- World No. 3 Jon Rahm closes in on third win of the season on the strength of a 3-under 68
- Having never cracked the top-40 in eight previous WM Phoenix Open starts, Nick Taylor in position for PGA TOUR win No. 3
- Jordan Spieth birdies three of his last six holes to move into the top-5 in his seventh WM Phoenix Open start; a top-10 finish would mark his 80th on the PGA TOUR (242 starts)

Third-Round Lead Notes

- 8 Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win the WM Phoenix Open since 2000 (most recent: Rickie Fowler/2019)
- 7 Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win on TOUR in 2022-23 (most recent: Justin Rose/AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am)

Scottie Scheffler (1st/-13)

| Category | Entering the Week |
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| Age | 26 (June 21, 1996) |
| FedExCup | No. 38 |
| OWGR | No. 2 |
| Starts – wins – top-10s in PGA TOUR career | 93-4-29 |
| Starts – wins – top-10s on TOUR in 2022-23 | 5-0-3 |
| Starts – wins – top-10s at WM Phoenix Open | 3-1-2 |

- Followed a second-round 7-under 64 with a 3-under 68, good for his sixth 54-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR; is 1-for-5 converting the victory (2022 Masters Tournament)
- Hit just five of 14 fairways in round three after finding 10 of 14 in each of the first two rounds; needed 29 putts to sink a total of 101' 6" total in round three
- Earned his first career PGA TOUR victory at the 2022 WM Phoenix Open
- With a win, would return to World No. 1, provided current World No. 1 Rory McIlroy finishes outside of solo third
- With a solo runner-up finish, would return to World No. 1, so long as Jon Rahm does not win, and McIlroy finishes outside of solo 36th
- With a win, would become the seventh player to successfully defend WM Phoenix Open title

| Player | Successfully Defended |
|------------------|-----------------------|
| Hideki Matsuyama | 2017 |
| Johnny Miller | 1975 |
| Arnold Palmer | 1962, 1963 |
| Lloyd Mangrum | 1953 |
| Jimmy Demaret | 1950 |
| Ben Hogan | 1947 |

- With a win, would join Max Homa (Fortinet Championship) and Rory McIlroy (THE CJ CUP in South Carolina) as players to successfully defend a PGA TOUR title this season
- Making fourth start at the WM Phoenix Open (MC/2020, T7/2021, Won/2022)
- Three top-10s in five starts during the 2022-23 season (T3/World Wide Technology Championship, T9/Cadence Bank Houston Open, T7/Sentry Tournament of Champions)
- Four-time PGA TOUR winner in 2022 (WM Phoenix Open, Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard, WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play, Masters Tournament)

Miscellaneous Notes

- Having never finished worse than T16 (2017) in seven previous WM Phoenix Open starts, World No. 3 **Jon Rahm** (T2/-11) overcame a bogey at the first hole with four birdies, including a 40' 10" birdie at No. 16; best finish in the event was T5 as an amateur in 2015; opened the season with four consecutive top-10s, including wins in back-to-back starts (Sentry Tournament of Champions, The American Express)
- Coming off missed cuts at the WM Phoenix Open in 2021 and 2022, Canada's **Nick Taylor** (T2/-11) birdied his last two holes of the day, Nos. 17 and 18, to post a 4-under 67; finished T49 in 2020 for his best result in eight previous starts at the event; seeks a third career PGA TOUR title (2014 Sanderson Farms Championship, 2020 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am)
- **Jordan Spieth** (T4/-10) posted a 2-under 69 in bid for a fourth top 10 in his seventh WM Phoenix Open start; a top-10 finish this week would be his 80th on the PGA TOUR (242 starts); most recent of 13 career TOUR titles was the 2022 RBC Heritage
- Seeking his second PGA TOUR title in 225th start (2017 Valspar Championship), Canadian **Adam Hadwin** (T4/-10) made three birdies and three bogeys en route to an even-par 71; with a win, would become the second Canadian to win the event (George Knudson/1968); best finish in eight previous WM Phoenix Open starts was T12 in 2017
- 2019 WM Phoenix Open champion **Rickie Fowler** (T6/-9) offset one bogey with five birdies to post a 4-under 67 in his 15th start in the event; in addition to his win in the event, two-time runner-up in 2010 and 2016
- World No. 1 **Rory McIlroy** sits T28 at 3-under 210; making second WM Phoenix Open start (T13/2021)