



PRE-TOURNAMENT NOTES

2023 WGC-DELL TECHNOLOGIES MATCH PLAY



TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

March 20-26 • 22nd of 44 FedExCup Regular Season events
 Austin, Texas
 Austin Country Club • Par 71 • 7,108 yds.
Purse \$20 million • **Winner** \$3.5 million + 550 FedExCup pts.
 64 players • Match play (group play followed by single elimination)
Defending champion Scottie Scheffler

BROADCAST SCHEDULE (ET)

| | ESPN+ | GOLF | NBC |
|------------|-----------|----------------|-------------|
| Wed | 10:30a-8p | 2-8 p.m. | |
| Thu | 10:30a-8p | 2-8 p.m. | |
| Fri | 10:30a-8p | 2-8 p.m. | |
| Sat | 8:30a-2p | 10 a.m.-noon | Noon-6 p.m. |
| Sun | | 10 a.m.-2 p.m. | 3-7 p.m. |

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2022-23 PGA TOUR SEASON

FedExCup Playoffs

TOUR Championship
 BMW Championship
 FedEx St. Jude Championship

FedExCup Regular Season

Wyndham Championship
 3M Open
 Barracuda Championship
 The Open Championship
 Barbasol Championship
 Genesis Scottish Open
 John Deere Classic
 Rocket Mortgage Classic
 Travelers Championship
 U.S. Open
 RBC Canadian Open
 the Memorial Tournament
 Charles Schwab Challenge
 PGA Championship
 AT&T Byron Nelson
 Wells Fargo Championship
 Mexico Open at Vidanta
 Zurich Classic of New Orleans
 RBC Heritage
 Masters Tournament
 Valero Texas Open
 Corales Puntacana Championship
 WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play
 Valspar Championship *Taylor Moore*
 THE PLAYERS Championship *Scottie Scheffler (2)*
 Puerto Rico Open *Nico Echavarria*
 Arnold Palmer Invitational *Kurt Kitayama*
 The Honda Classic *Chris Kirk*
 The Genesis Invitational *Jon Rahm (3)*
 WM Phoenix Open *Scottie Scheffler*
 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am *Justin Rose*
 Farmers Insurance Open *Max Homa (2)*
 The American Express *Jon Rahm (2)*
 Sony Open in Hawaii *Si Woo Kim*
 Sentry Tournament of Champions *Jon Rahm*
 The RSM Classic *Adam Svensson*
 Cadence Bank Houston Open *Tony Finau*
 World Wide Technology Championship .. *Russell Henley*
 Butterfield Bermuda Championship .. *Seamus Power*
 THE CJ CUP in South Carolina *Rory McIlroy*
 ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP *Keegan Bradley*
 Shriners Children's Open *Tom Kim*
 Sanderson Farms Championship .. *Mackenzie Hughes*
 Fortinet Championship *Max Homa*

Italics First-time PGA TOUR winners

TOP STORYLINES

The 64-player field for the World Golf Championships-Dell Technologies Match Play is broken down into 16 groups of four. Round-robin group play takes place Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, with players receiving one point for a win and half a point for a tie. The player with the most points in each group advances to the Round of 16 (ties broken by sudden-death playoff), and a single-elimination tournament Saturday and Sunday determines the champion.

Defending champion **Scottie Scheffler** is making his first start since winning THE PLAYERS Championship, where he earned his sixth career PGA TOUR title and second of the season. With the victory, Scheffler regained the No. 1 position in the Official World Golf Ranking, which he accomplished for the first time in his career after winning the 2022 WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play. Scheffler is guaranteed to maintain the No. 1 spot after this week.

Recent World No. 1 timeline

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|------------------------------------|---|
| March 27, 2022 | Scottie Scheffler wins WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play, moves to No. 1 |
| October 23, 2022 (30 weeks later) | Rory McIlroy wins THE CJ CUP in South Carolina, moves to No. 1 |
| February 12, 2023 (16 weeks later) | Scottie Scheffler wins the WM Phoenix Open, moves to No. 1 |
| February 19, 2023 (1 week later) | Jon Rahm wins The Genesis Invitational, moves to No. 1 |
| March 12, 2023 (3 weeks later) | Scottie Scheffler wins THE PLAYERS Championship, moves to No. 1 |

Scheffler is making his third of four starts as the defending champion in a nine-week stretch, and successfully defended his title during the first opportunity (WM Phoenix Open). He finished T4 at the Arnold Palmer Invitational and will defend his first major championship title at the Masters Tournament in April. The last player to successfully defend multiple titles in a season was Tiger Woods, who did so four times in 2007 (Farmers Insurance Open, PGA Championship, WGC-Bridgestone Invitational, WGC-CA Championship).

Scheffler lost to Billy Horschel in the Championship Match in 2021. With his victory over Kevin Kisner in 2022, he became the second player in tournament history to finish runner-up one year and win the next, joining Kisner (2018, 2019).

GROUPS

| Group 1 | | Group 5 | | Group 9 | | Group 13 | |
|---------|-------------------|---------|-------------------|----------|-------------------------|----------|------------------|
| 1 | Scottie Scheffler | 5 | Max Homa | 9 | Collin Morikawa | 13 | Sam Burns |
| 17 | Tom Kim | 18 | Hideki Matsuyama | 32 | Jason Day | 30 | Seamus Power |
| 38 | Alex Noren | 42 | Kevin Kisner | 44 | Adam Svensson | 33 | Adam Scott |
| 54 | Davis Riley | 63 | Justin Suh | 51 | Victor Perez | 53 | Adam Hadwin |
| Group 2 | | Group 6 | | Group 10 | | Group 14 | |
| 2 | Jon Rahm | 6 | Xander Schauffele | 10 | Tony Finau | 14 | Tyrrell Hatton |
| 22 | Billy Horschel | 23 | Tom Hoge | 19 | Kurt Kitayama | 31 | Russell Henley |
| 39 | Keith Mitchell | 40 | Aaron Wise | 45 | Adrian Meronk | 46 | Lucas Herbert |
| 49 | Rickie Fowler | 64 | Cam Davis | 60 | Christiaan Bezuidenhout | 62 | Ben Griffin |
| Group 3 | | Group 7 | | Group 11 | | Group 15 | |
| 3 | Rory McIlroy | 7 | Will Zalatoris | 11 | Matt Fitzpatrick | 15 | Cameron Young |
| 20 | Keegan Bradley | 29 | Ryan Fox | 26 | Sahith Theegala | 27 | Sepp Straka |
| 48 | Denny McCarthy | 37 | Harris English | 41 | Min Woo Lee | 36 | Corey Connors |
| 52 | Scott Stallings | 56 | Andrew Putnam | 61 | J.J. Spaun | 57 | Davis Thompson |
| Group 4 | | Group 8 | | Group 12 | | Group 16 | |
| 4 | Patrick Cantlay | 8 | Viktor Hovland | 12 | Jordan Spieth | 16 | Sungjae Im |
| 25 | Brian Harman | 28 | Chris Kirk | 21 | Shane Lowry | 24 | Tommy Fleetwood |
| 35 | K.H. Lee | 34 | Si Woo Kim | 47 | Taylor Montgomery | 43 | J.T. Poston |
| 55 | Nick Taylor | 59 | Matt Kuchar | 50 | Mackenzie Hughes | 58 | Maverick McNealy |

WINNERS

| Year | Player |
|------|--------------------------|
| 2022 | Scottie Scheffler |
| 2021 | Billy Horschel |
| 2019 | Kevin Kisner |
| 2018 | Bubba Watson |
| 2017 | Dustin Johnson |
| 2016 | Jason Day |
| 2015 | Rory McIlroy |
| 2014 | Jason Day |
| 2013 | Matt Kuchar |
| 2012 | Hunter Mahan |
| 2011 | Luke Donald |
| 2010 | Ian Poulter |
| 2009 | Geoff Ogilvy |
| 2008 | Tiger Woods |
| 2007 | Henrik Stenson |
| 2006 | Geoff Ogilvy |
| 2005 | David Toms |
| 2004 | Tiger Woods |
| 2003 | Tiger Woods |
| 2002 | Kevin Sutherland |
| 2001 | Steve Stricker |
| 2000 | Darren Clarke |
| 1999 | Jeff Maggert |

bold in field

ADDITIONAL STORYLINES

FedExCup leader **Jon Rahm** is making his first start since withdrawing from THE PLAYERS Championship prior to his second round (stomach illness). Rahm has made it out of his group three times in five starts at the WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play, highlighted by a runner-up in his tournament debut in 2017. Rahm began the season with six consecutive top-10s, including victories at the Sentry Tournament of Champions, The American Express and The Genesis Invitational, before a T39 at the Arnold Palmer Invitational and his subsequent WD at THE PLAYERS.

Reigning FedExCup Champion and 2015 WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play winner **Rory McIlroy** is making his 13th start at the event and sixth at Austin Country Club, where he finished fourth in 2016. McIlroy has advanced out of group play once in his last four starts (2019).

Kevin Kisner has advanced to the Championship Match three times (2nd/2018, Won/2019, 2nd/2022), tied with Geoff Ogilvy for the second-most of any player in tournament history (most: 4, Tiger Woods).

Rickie Fowler is making his seventh start at the WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play and first since 2016.

Tommy Fleetwood finished T3 at last week's Valspar Championship, his best result on TOUR since finishing solo-third at the 2020 Honda Classic. Fleetwood has advanced to the Quarterfinals twice in six prior starts at the WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play (2015, 2021).

As part of the PGA TOUR's Strategic Alliance with the DP World Tour, the top 10 players not otherwise exempt in the final 2023 DP World Tour Rankings will earn PGA TOUR cards for 2024. Two players in the current top 10 are in the field: No. 1 **Victor Perez** and No. 3 **Min Woo Lee**. Perez is making his second start at the event and first since finishing fourth in 2021. Lee is making his first start since THE PLAYERS Championship, where he played in the final pairing on Sunday with champion Scottie Scheffler and went on to finish T6. Lee needs to advance out of his group (or finish in a two-way tie for 17th or better) to earn Special Temporary Membership for the remainder of the season.

Eight players in the field (12.5%) went to the University of Georgia (Harris English, Brian Harman, Russell Henley, Chris Kirk, Kevin Kisner, Keith Mitchell, Sepp Straka, Davis Thompson), as did first alternate Brendon Todd. Seven of those nine players have at least one win or runner-up on TOUR this season, including victories by Henley (World Wide Technology Championship) and Kirk (The Honda Classic).

In 2022, eight of the 16 groups were won by the top seed, tying the most since the group-play format was introduced in 2015. Three players in this year's field finished group play in 2022 with a 3-0-0 record.

Players in the field with a 3-0-0 record in group play in 2022

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| Corey Connors | Def. Paul Casey, Louis Oosthuizen, Alex Noren |
| Tyrrell Hatton | Def. Christiaan Bezuidenhou, Si Woo Kim, Daniel Berger |
| Kevin Kisner | Def. Marc Leishman, Luke List, Justin Thomas |

17 players in the field are making their tournament debut: Sam Burns, Cam Davis, Ryan Fox, Ben Griffin, Tom Kim, Kurt Kitayama, K.H. Lee, Denny McCarthy, Adrian Meronk, Taylor Montgomery, Davis Riley, J.J. Spaun, Justin Suh, Adam Svensson, Nick Taylor, Sahith Theegala and Davis Thompson. There are 10 players in the field that have made 10 or more starts at the event.

Most starts at the WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play (entering the week; among players in the field)

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| 15 | Adam Scott |
| 12 | Rory McIlroy |
| 11 | Matt Kuchar |
| 10 | Jason Day |

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| Youngest player in the field | Tom Kim | 20 |
| Oldest player in the field | Matt Kuchar | 44 |

2022 RESULTS (QF, SF, CHAMP.)

| Round | Players | Result |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------|---------|
| Quarterfinals | Scottie Scheffler def. Seamus Power | 3 and 2 |
| | Dustin Johnson def. Brooks Koepka | 2-up |
| | Kevin Kisner def. Will Zalatoris | 4 and 3 |
| | Corey Connors def. Abraham Ancer | 2-up |
| Semifinals | Scottie Scheffler def. Dustin Johnson | 3 and 1 |
| | Kevin Kisner def. Corey Connors | 2-up |
| Championship | Scottie Scheffler def. Kevin Kisner | 4 and 3 |
| Consolation | Corey Connors def. Dustin Johnson | 3 and 1 |

STRENGTH OF FIELD STATISTICS

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|--|---------------------------------------|
| Top 10 FedExCup 9 | Jon Rahm (1) |
| Top 30 FedExCup 27 | |
| Top 10 OWGR 8 | Scottie Scheffler (1) |
| Top 50 OWGR 42 | |
| PGA TOUR winners 48 | Rory McIlroy (23) |
| Past champions 6 | Defending: Scottie Scheffler |
| FedExCup Champions ... 4 | Most recent: Rory McIlroy (2022) |
| PLAYERS winners 7 | Most recent: Scottie Scheffler (2023) |
| Major winners 9 | Rory McIlroy (4) |