



**2023 ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP**  
(4<sup>th</sup> of 7 FedExCup Fall events)

Chiba, Japan  
ACCORDIA GOLF Narashino CC

October 19-22, 2023  
Par/Yards: 34-36—70/7,079

FedExCup Points: 500 (winner)  
Purse: \$8,500,000/\$1,530,000

**First-Round Notes – Thursday, October 19, 2023**

*Weather: Mostly sunny. High of 77. Wind SSW 8-15 mph.*

**First-Round Leaderboard**

Pos.	Player	Total
1 <sup>st</sup>	Collin Morikawa	64 (-6)
T2	Robby Shelton	65 (-5)
T2	Mikumumu Horikawa	65 (-5)
T2	Eric Cole	65 (-5)
T2	Nicolai Hojgaard	65 (-5)
T2	Emiliano Grillo	65 (-5)

**Collin Morikawa (1<sup>st</sup>/-6)**

- Making his first start on TOUR since finishing T6 at the TOUR Championship, opens with bogey-free 64, including five birdies on the back nine (his first nine); marks his third 64 in 13 career rounds at ACCORDIA GOLF Narashino CC (R2/2019, R2/2022)
- Competed for Team USA at the Ryder Cup two weeks ago, finishing with a 1-3-0 record
- Sixth 18-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR; 1-for-5 to date converting the victory (2020 Workday Charity Open)
- Third opening round of 64 or better this season (64/The Sentry/2<sup>nd</sup>, 61/TOUR Championship/T6)
- Seeks first victory on the PGA TOUR since the 2021 Open Championship, one of five career titles; has finished runner-up twice this season (2<sup>nd</sup>/The Sentry, P2/Rocket Mortgage Classic)
- Making his fifth tournament appearance, highlighted by a T7 in 2021

**Miscellaneous notes**

- PGA TOUR Special Temporary Member **Nicolai Hojgaard** (T2/-5) birdies two of his final three holes for a 65 to sit T2, his highest position after round one in his 21<sup>st</sup> career start on TOUR (previous: T7/2022 Genesis Scottish Open/CUT); made his Ryder Cup debut for Team Europe, where he finished with a 0-2-1 record
- Making his ninth career PGA TOUR start and first since the 2022 ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP, **Mikumumu Horikawa** (T2/-5) cards his second consecutive 65 at ACCORDIA GOLF Narashino CC (R4/2022/T16); one of four sponsor exemptions given to members of the Japan Golf Tour, where he owns four career victories and finished T3 at last week's Japan Open
- PGA TOUR Rookie **Eric Cole** (T2/-5) posts 65 for his 16<sup>th</sup> consecutive round of par or better on TOUR dating back to round two of the BMW Championship; closed with a 62 at last week's Shriners Children's Open where he finished T3 for his second top-five finish in three FedExCup Fall starts (4<sup>th</sup>/Fortinet Championship)
- **Robby Shelton** (T2/-5) posts 65 for his lowest first-round score on TOUR since the 2022 Butterfield Bermuda Championship (63); enters the week having missed the cut in nine of his last 11 starts on TOUR
- Having missed the cut in the last two FedExCup Fall events, **Emiliano Grillo** (T2/-5) records a 65 for his third consecutive round of 65 or better at ACCORDIA GOLF Narashino CC (64/R4/2022, 65/R3/2022) after making his only bogey of the round on his final hole at the par-4 ninth; finished solo fourth at the 2022 ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP, his best result in three previous tournament appearances
- Defending champion **Keegan Bradley** (T8/-3) birdies his final two holes for a 67
- Among the 14 Japanese players in the field, **Mikumumu Horikawa** sits highest on the leaderboard after a 65 (T2); 2021 ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP winner **Hideki Matsuyama** goes 3-under in his final five holes to post 1-under 69 (T26)