



PRE-TOURNAMENT NOTES

2023 ZURICH CLASSIC OF NEW ORLEANS



TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

April 17-23 • 27th of 44 FedExCup Regular Season events
 Avondale, Louisiana
 TPC Louisiana • Par 72 • 7,425 yds.
Purse \$8.6 million • Winner (each) \$1,242,700 + 400 FedExCup pts.
 80 teams of two • Four-ball (R1, R3) and Foursomes (R2, R4)
Defending champions Xander Schauffele/Patrick Cantlay

BROADCAST SCHEDULE (ET)

	ESPN+	GOLF	CBS
R1	8 a.m.-6 p.m.	3-6 p.m.	
R2	9:15 a.m.-6 p.m.	3-6 p.m.	
R3	8:45 a.m.-6 p.m.	1-3 p.m.	3-6 p.m.
R4	10:30 a.m.-6 p.m.	1-3 p.m.	3-6 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..... Matt Fitzpatrick
 Masters Tournament..... Jon Rahm (4)
 Valero Texas Open..... Corey Connors
 Corales Puntacana Championship..... Matt Wallace
 WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play..... Sam Burns
 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

This is the sixth year that the Zurich Classic of New Orleans will be played with the two-man team format, which was introduced in 2017 (canceled in 2020). The teams will play Four-ball in the first and third rounds, and Foursomes in the second and final rounds. Xander Schauffele and Patrick Cantlay will defend their title after winning in wire-to-wire fashion in 2022.

Five of the top six players on the leaderboard at last week's RBC Heritage are in the field, including champion Matt Fitzpatrick, who is competing with his brother, Alex. The younger Fitzpatrick is making his second career start on TOUR and first since the 2022 Valspar Championship (MC). The defending champions finished third (Cantlay) and fourth (Schauffele), while the two players that tied for fifth are also making the trip to New Orleans: Hayden Buckley is paired with 2022 Valero Texas Open champion J.J. Spaun and Sahith Theegala is teaming up with 2022 Korn Ferry Tour Player of the Year Justin Suh.

Cantlay and Schauffele are the second team made up of two of the top five players in the Official World Golf Ranking since the format was introduced in 2017. Schauffele returned to the top five in the OWGR (No. 5) with his fourth-place finish at the RBC Heritage for the first time since October 5, 2022. Collin Morikawa and Viktor Hovland are the only other pair of top-five players to team up at the Zurich Classic; in 2022, Morikawa was No. 2 and Hovland No. 5, and the team finished T29.

Cantlay and Schauffele are one of four pairs of teammates that also competed in the 2022 Presidents Cup (one pair of players from the International Team, three for the United States). In the only match between two teams that are in the field this week at the Zurich Classic, Si Woo Kim and Tom Kim defeated Schauffele and Cantlay, 1-up, in Four-ball on Saturday (Tom Kim clinched the match with a birdie at No. 18).

Player	Teammate	Team	Four-ball record	Foursomes record
Si Woo Kim	Tom Kim	International	1-0-0	No matches together
Sam Burns	Billy Horschel	United States	No matches together	0-1-0
Collin Morikawa	Max Homa	United States	No matches together	No matches together
Xander Schauffele	Patrick Cantlay	United States	1-1-0	1-0-0

Both captains for the 2023 Ryder Cup are in the field and are competing with one of their vice captains. For the United States, Zach Johnson is paired with Steve Stricker, who was the captain for the United States at the 2017 Presidents Cup and 2020 Ryder Cup (won both). Europe captain Luke Donald is competing with Eduardo Molinari.

14 teams are made up of players from the same country (outside the United States). Countries with multiple teams include England (3), South Korea (3), Australia (2) and Canada (2).

Player	Teammate	Country
Augusto Núñez	Fabián Gómez	Argentina
Harrison Endycott	Aaron Baddeley	Australia
Cameron Percy	Greg Chalmers	Australia
Taylor Pendrith	Michael Gligic	Canada
Nick Taylor	Adam Hadwin	Canada
Thorbjorn Olesen	Nicolai Hojgaard	Denmark
Matt Fitzpatrick	Alex Fitzpatrick	England
Callum Tarren	Ben Taylor	England
Matt Wallace	Callum Shinkwin	England
Erik van Rooyen	MJ Daffue	South Africa
Byeong Hun An	S.H. Kim	South Korea
Sung Kang	Sangmoon Bae	South Korea
Si Woo Kim	Tom Kim	South Korea
David Lingmerth	Jonas Blixt	Sweden

WINNERS IN TEAM FORMAT

Year	Player
2022	Patrick Cantlay/Xander Schauffele
2021	Marc Leishman/Cameron Smith
2020canceled
2019	Ryan Palmer*/Jon Rahm
2018	Billy Horschel*/Scott Piercy*
2017	Jonas Blixt*/Cameron Smith

bold in field
* competing with different partner

Past champions in the field from individual format (including Horschel who has won both):
2016.....Brian Stuard
2014.....S.Y. Noh
2013.....Billy Horschel
2012.....Jason Dufner
2007.....Nick Watney

EXPERIENCED TEAMS

There are 18 teams in the field that have made at least one prior start at the Zurich Classic.

Kevin Tway/Kelly Kraft and Nick Watney/Charley Hoffman are the only two teams in the field that have competed together in each of the five years since the team format was introduced in 2017.

Starts	Player	Teammate
5	Kevin Tway	Kelly Kraft
5	Nick Watney	Charley Hoffman
4	Robert Streb	Troy Merritt
3	Russell Knox	Brian Stuard
2	Sam Burns	Billy Horschel
2	Chesson Hadley	Ben Martin
2	Andrew Landry	Austin Cook
2	Cameron Percy	Greg Chalmers
2	Sam Ryder	Doc Redman
2	Xander Schauffele	Patrick Cantlay
1	Ryan Brehm	Mark Hubbard
1	Joel Dahmen	Denny McCarthy
1	Michael Kim	S.Y. Noh
1	David Lipsky	Aaron Rai
1	Justin Lower	Dylan Wu
1	Taylor Moore	Matthew NeSmith
1	Trey Mullinax	Scott Stallings
1	A. Smotherman	Harry Higgs

ADDITIONAL STORYLINES

The only team made up of two players that have won on TOUR this season is Si Woo Kim/Tom Kim. Tom Kim won the Shriners Children's Open in the fall portion of the season, while Si Woo Kim won the Sony Open in Hawaii in the second tournament of the calendar year.

The only team made up of two major champions is John Daly/David Duval. Daly, a two-time major champion, won the 1991 PGA Championship and The Open Championship in 1995. Duval won The Open six years later in 2001. Daly and Duval also make up the oldest team in the field, while Harry Hall/Akshay Bhatia make up the youngest (ages calculated as of Thursday, April 20).

Eight teams are made up of players that attended the same college:

Player	Teammate	College
Lee Hodges	Robby Shelton	Alabama
Andrew Landry	Austin Cook	Arkansas
Collin Morikawa	Max Homa	Cal
Austin Smotherman	Harry Higgs	SMU
Brandon Wu	Joseph Bramlett	Stanford
Doug Ghim	Kramer Hickok	Texas
Ben Griffin	Ryan Gerard	UNC
Kurt Kitayama	Taylor Montgomery	UNLV

There are six teams made up of two players in the top 50 in the Official World Golf Ranking:

Rk.	Player	Rk.	Teammate
4	Patrick Cantlay	5	Xander Schauffele
7	Max Homa	13	Collin Morikawa
12	Sam Burns	27	Billy Horschel
17	Sungjae Im	50	Keith Mitchell
19	Tom Kim	40	Si Woo Kim
28	Tom Hoge	45	Harris English

2022 LEADERBOARD

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	X. Schauffele/P. Cantlay	59	68	60	72	259 (-29)
2	B. Horschel/S. Burns	62	68	63	68	261 (-27)
3	D. Redman/S. Ryder	61	67	69	67	264 (-24)
T4	Six teams					265 (-23)

STRENGTH OF FIELD STATISTICS

Top 10 FedExCup	4	Max Homa (3)
Top 30 FedExCup	14	
Top 10 OWGR	4	Patrick Cantlay (4)
Top 50 OWGR	16	
PGA TOUR winners	82	David Duval (13)
Past champions	10	Defending: X. Schauffele/P. Cantlay
FedExCup Champions	3	Most recent: Patrick Cantlay (2021)
PLAYERS winners	2	Most recent: Si Woo Kim (2017)
Major winners	8	J. Daly/Z. Johnson/C. Morikawa (2)

TOURNAMENT RECORDS (SINCE TEAM FORMAT EST. IN 2017)

Category	Value	Player	Year
Low 18-hole score	59	Xander Schauffele/Patrick Cantlay	2022 (R1)
Low 36-hole score	127	Xander Schauffele/Patrick Cantlay	2022
Low 54-hole score	187	Xander Schauffele/Patrick Cantlay	2022
Low 72-hole score	259	Xander Schauffele/Patrick Cantlay	2022
Holes-in-one	6	Most recent: Robert MacIntyre	2022
Largest 18-hole lead	1	2 teams; most recent: Xander Schauffele/Patrick Cantlay	2022
Largest 36-hole lead	1	4 teams; most recent: Xander Schauffele/Patrick Cantlay	2022
Largest 54-hole lead	5	Xander Schauffele/Patrick Cantlay	2022
Best come-from-behind win	3	Scott Piercy/Billy Horschel	2018
Largest margin of victory	3	Ryan Palmer/Jon Rahm	2019
Playoffs	2	Most recent: M. Leishman/C. Smith def. L. Oosthuizen/C. Schwartzel	2021
Wire-to-wire winners	1	Xander Schauffele/Patrick Cantlay	2022