



### 2023 Zurich Classic of New Orleans

(27<sup>th</sup> of 44 events in the 2022-23 PGA TOUR Regular Season)

Avondale, Louisiana  
TPC Louisiana

April 20-23, 2023  
Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,425

Purse: \$8,600,000/\$1,242,700 to each winner  
FedExCup points: 400 to each winner

#### First-Round Notes – Thursday, April 20, 2023

**Weather:** Mostly sunny. High of 81. Wind SSE 12-17 mph, with gusts to 22 mph.

#### First-Round Leaderboard

Wyndham Clark/Beau Hossler	61 (-11)
Sean O’Hair/Brandon Matthews	61 (-11)
Sungjae Im/Keith Mitchell	62 (-10)
Matt Fitzpatrick/Alex Fitzpatrick	62 (-10)
David Lipsky/Aaron Rai	62 (-10)
Luke List/Henrik Norlander	62 (-10)
S.Y. Noh/Michael Kim	62 (-10)

#### Things to Know

- At 11-under 61, Wyndham Clark/Beau Hossler and Sean O’Hair/Brandon Matthews share the first-round lead at the Zurich Classic of New Orleans
- Last week’s RBC Heritage champion Matt Fitzpatrick, and brother/teammate Alex, sit one stroke behind the leaders
- Since 2017, defending champions Xander Schauffele and Patrick Cantlay are the only first-round leaders/co-leaders to convert for the win at the Zurich Classic
- Schauffele and Cantlay open their title defense with a 5-under 67
- Format: Four-ball (best ball) in first and third rounds, Foursomes (alternate shot) in second and fourth rounds
- Due to forecasted inclement weather, the second round will begin at 7 a.m. (originally scheduled for 8:20 a.m.)

#### Team Notes

##### Wyndham Clark/Beau Hossler (T1/-11)

Category (entering the week)	Wyndham Clark	Beau Hossler
Age	29 (12/9/1993)	28 (3/16/1995)
FedExCup	No. 41	No. 88
OWGR	No. 81	No. 139
Starts – wins – top-10s in PGA TOUR career	131-0-13	158-0-9
Starts – wins – top-10s on TOUR in 2022-23	16-0-4	16-0-0
Starts – wins – top-10s at the Zurich Classic	3-0-1	2-0-0

- Playing together as a team for the first time, share the opening-round lead with Sean O’Hair/Brandon Matthews following an 11-under 61
- Hossler missed the cut in both prior starts at the Zurich Classic (2021/Tom Hoge, 2022/Sahith Theegala)
- Clark is making his fourth start at the Zurich Classic (2019/MC/D.J. Trahan, 2021/T17/Erik van Rooyen, 2022/T10/Cameron Tringale)
- Clark (132<sup>nd</sup> start) and Hossler (159<sup>th</sup> start) are seeking their first PGA TOUR victory
- Both have runner-up finishes on TOUR – Hossler (2018 Houston Open/P2, 2018 Travelers Championship/T2), Clark (2020 Butterfield Bermuda Championship/P2)

##### Sean O’Hair/Brandon Matthews (T1/-11)

Category (entering the week)	Sean O’Hair	Brandon Matthews
Age	40 (7/11/1982)	28 (7/27/1994)
FedExCup	No. 146	No. 200
OWGR	No. 427	No. 365
Starts – wins – top-10s in PGA TOUR career	408-4-45	21-0-0
Starts – wins – top-10s on TOUR in 2022-23	8-0-0	16-0-0

Starts – wins – top-10s at the Zurich Classic	9-0-0	Debut appearance
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- Playing together as a team for the first time, share the opening-round lead following an 11-under 61
- Matthews' best finish in 21 TOUR starts is T35 at the 2023 Corales Puntacana Championship
- O'Hair, a four-time PGA TOUR winner, is seeking his first victory since the 2011 RBC Canadian Open

#### Miscellaneous Notes

- **Matt Fitzpatrick** and brother, **Alex**, open with a 10-under 62 in their tournament debut; the winner of last week's RBC Heritage, Matt is seeking to become the first player to win back-to-back tournaments since Tony Finau at the 2022 3M Open and Rocket Mortgage Classic; Alex is making his second career start on the PGA TOUR and first since missing the cut at the 2022 Valspar Championship
- At Nos. 17 and 50, respectively, **Sungjae Im** and **Keith Mitchell** are one of six teams in the field made up of two players inside the top 50 in the Official World Golf Ranking
- After finishing T4 in 2022, **David Lipsky** and **Aaron Rai** open with a 10-under 62; last year's T4 represents their career-best finishes on the PGA TOUR (Lipsky also finished T4 at the 2023 Sony Open in Hawaii)
- **Henrik Norlander** and **Luke List** post an opening-round 62; Norlander is making his 41<sup>st</sup> start since his last top-10 finish on TOUR (2021 Sanderson Farms Championship/T4), while List is making his 36<sup>th</sup> start since his last top 10 (2022 Farmers Insurance Open/won)
- 2014 Zurich Classic of New Orleans winner **S.Y. Noh** and 2018 John Deere Classic champion **Michael Kim** open with a 10-under 62
- **Billy Horschel** and **Sam Burns** (T14) record an 8-under 64; Horschel is the only player to win the Zurich Classic of New Orleans in both the individual (2013) and team format (with Scott Piercy in 2018)
- One year after opening with the Zurich Classic of New Orleans 18-hole scoring record of 13-under 59, **Patrick Cantlay** and **Xander Schauffele** (T56) card an opening-round 5-under 67
- 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**, while **Luke Donald** is competing with **Eduardo Molinari**; R1 scores – Donald/Molinari (64), Johnson/Stricker (66)
- Zurich Ambassadors (**bold**): **Sahith Theegala**/Justin Suh (T8/-9), **Billy Horschel**/Sam Burns (T14/-8), **Collin Morikawa**/Max Homa (T43/-6)
- **Ryan Brehm** withdrew prior to the round and was replaced by **Derek Lamely**, who turns in an 8-under 64 with teammate **Mark Hubbard**