



2024 Black Desert Championship
(3rd of 8 FedExCup Fall events)

Black Desert Resort
Ivins, Utah

October 10-13, 2024
Par/Yards: 36-35—71/7,371

FedExCup Points: 500 (winner)
Purse: \$7.5 million (\$1,350,000)

Pre-Tournament Information – Black Desert Championship

Interview Schedule (all times local MT)

Tuesday

10:30 a.m. Jay Don Blake
TBD Patrick Fishburn & Zac Blair

Wednesday

After Pro-Am Nick Taylor
TBD Mike Weir

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Jay Don Blake

- Playing on a sponsor exemption, St. George, Utah native is making his 500th career start on the PGA TOUR, becoming the fourth player to reach the milestone this season (Ryan Palmer/Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches, Charley Hoffman/Valero Texas Open, Zach Johnson/THE CJ CUP Byron Nelson)
- At 65 years old, is the oldest player to make their 500th TOUR start in the last 40 years
- Making first start on TOUR since the 2018 ISCO Championship (T60)
- Won the 1991 Farmers Insurance Open for his lone PGA TOUR title
- Has 36 career top-10 finishes on TOUR (most recent: 3rd/2002 Sony Open in Hawaii)
- First career start on TOUR was the 1980 U.S. Open at Baltusrol Golf Club (MC)

Patrick Fishburn

- Ogden, Utah native has four top-10s during his rookie season, including a solo-third in his most recent start at the Procore Championship to begin the FedExCup Fall
- At No. 85 in the FedExCup Fall standings, seeks to move inside the Aon Next 10 (Nos. 51-60) by the conclusion of the FedExCup Fall at The RSM Classic to earn starts in two Signature Events in 2025 (AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, The Genesis Invitational)
- Held a share of the 54-hole lead with partner Zac Blair at the Zurich Classic of New Orleans and went on to finish T4
- Earned his PGA TOUR card for the first time after finishing among the top 30 players during the 2023 Korn Ferry Tour season (No. 19)
- Played four seasons at BYU (2011-12 season, 2015-18 seasons) and was teammates with Zac Blair and Korn Ferry Tour player Peter Kuest

Zac Blair

- St. George, Utah resident and Ogden, Utah native owns two career runner-up finishes in 197 career starts on TOUR, including the 2024 ISCO Championship, where he fell in a five-man playoff to eventual winner Harry Hall
- At No. 110 in the FedExCup Fall standings, seeks to maintain his position within the top 125 to become exempt into all Full-Field events and THE PLAYERS Championship in 2025
- First joined the PGA TOUR at the beginning of the 2014-15 season and spent one season back on the Korn Ferry Tour in 2019 before returning to the PGA TOUR in 2019-20
- Held a share of the 54-hole lead with partner Patrick Fishburn at the Zurich Classic of New Orleans and went on to finish T4, one of two top-10 finishes this season
- Played collegiately at BYU from 2009-2013 and was a four-time all-state golfer at Fremont High School in Ogden, Utah, playing on two state championship teams
- Born in Salt Lake City and grew up in Ogden, Utah with PGA TOUR rookie Patrick Fishburn, who he was teammates with at BYU in 2011-12

Nick Taylor

- No. 58 in the FedExCup Fall; Nos. 51-60 in the FedExCup Fall standings, which concludes at The RSM Classic, will earn Signature Event starts in 2025 at the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am and The Genesis Invitational via the Aon Next 10

- Making his second start in the FedExCup Fall (Procore Championship/MC)
- Defeated Charley Hoffman in a playoff to win the 2024 WM Phoenix Open, earning his fourth career PGA TOUR title; has two other top-10 finishes this season (T7/Sony Open in Hawaii, 10th/Zurich Classic of New Orleans)
- Represented Canada in the 2024 Paris Olympics (T30)

Mike Weir

- 2024 Presidents Cup International Team Captain is making his first start since the Procore Championship (MC)
- BYU product resides in Park City, Utah
- Eight-time PGA TOUR winner (most recent: 2007 Procore Championship)
- Fourth start of the season: Masters Tournament/MC, RBC Canadian Open/MC, Procore Championship/MC

PGA TOUR season notes

- The 2024 Black Desert Championship is the third event of the FedExCup Fall, a group of eight tournaments played after the TOUR Championship that finalizes eligibility for the 2025 PGA TOUR Season.
- Winners of events during the FedExCup Fall receive the same benefits of winners of Full-Field Events during the Regular Season, including 500 FedExCup points, Official World Golf Ranking points, a two-year PGA TOUR exemption (exempt thru 2026) and invitations to The Sentry, THE PLAYERS Championship, Masters Tournament and PGA Championship.
- Although players in the top 50 are not earning FedExCup points, their points are not redistributed.
- The Aon Next 10 is an eligibility pathway to earn access into Signature Events (outside of The Sentry), recognizing the top 10 players, not otherwise exempt, from the FedExCup standings. Nos. 51-60 in the final FedExCup Fall standings at the conclusion of The RSM Classic will serve as the Aon Next 10 for the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am and The Genesis Invitational.
- Sanderson Farms Championship winner **Kevin Yu**, who captured his first career title in a playoff over Beau Hossler, moved from No. 96 to inside the Aon Next 10 at No. 60.
- The Top 125 will be exempt into all Full-Field events and THE PLAYERS next season and Nos. 126-150 will earn full Korn Ferry Tour status and conditional status on TOUR
 - Players to move into the Top 125 after the Sanderson Farms Championship: **Hayden Springer** (T8; from No. 127 to No. 115), **Alex Smalley** (T5; from No. 132 to No. 116), **Vince Whaley** (T16; from No. 126 to No. 121)
 - Players to fall out of the Top 125 after the Sanderson Farms Championship: **Pierceson Coody** (MC; from No. 121 to No. 127), **Dylan Wu** (MC; from No. 122 to No. 128), **Matt NeSmith** (T48; from No. 124 to No. 130)

Black Desert Championship notes

- The Black Desert Championship is a first-year PGA TOUR event and represents the first permanent addition to the PGA TOUR schedule since the Myrtle Beach Classic made its debut earlier this season
- Four players currently inside Nos. 51-60 in the FedExCup Fall are in the field; Nos. 51-60 in the final FedExCup Fall standings at the conclusion of The RSM Classic will serve as the Aon Next 10 for the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am and The Genesis Invitational:
 - No. 53 Seamus Power
 - No. 54 Patrick Rodgers
 - No. 57 Harris English
 - No. 58 Nick Taylor
- Seven players in the field have won on the PGATOUR this season: Chris Kirk (The Sentry), Nick Taylor (WM Phoenix Open), Brice Garnett (Puerto Rico Open), Peter Malnati (Valspar Championship), Stephan Jaeger (Texas Children's Houston Open), Harry Hall (ISCO Championship), Patton Kizzire (Procore Championship)
- At No. 41 in the Official World Golf Ranking, Chris Kirk is the highest-ranked player in the field