



2024 BMW Championship (2<sup>nd</sup> of 3 FedExCup Playoffs Events)

Castle Pines Golf Club August 22-25, 2024 FedExCup Points: 2,000 (winner)
Castle Rock, Colorado Par/Yards: 36-36—72/8,130 Purse: \$20 million (\$3.6 million)

First-Round Notes - Thursday, August 22, 2024

**Weather:** Partly cloudy with severe afternoon thunderstorms. High of 82. Wind N 8-16 mph. Play was suspended due to a dangerous weather situation at 3:33 p.m. and resumed at 6:43 p.m. (delay of 3 hours, 10 minutes).

### **First-Round Leaderboard**

Pos.	Player	Total
1	Keegan Bradley	66 (-6)
2	Hideki Matsuyama	67 (-5)
T3	Sungjae Im	68 (-4)
T3	Alex Noren	68 (-4)
T3	Adam Scott	68 (-4)
T3	Corey Conners	68 (-4)

### Keegan Bradley (1st/-6)

- 2018 BMW Championship winner opens with a bogey-free 6-under 66
- Marks his 11<sup>th</sup> 18-hole lead/co-lead in stroke-play events on TOUR; 0-for-10 converting to victory
- Held the 18-hole lead at the 2022 BMW Championship at Wilmington Country Club (finished T58)
- Seeking his seventh PGA TOUR win in his 352<sup>nd</sup> start; most recent win came at the 2023 Travelers Championship
- Enters the week No. 50 in the FedExCup standings, receiving the final spot in this week's 50-player field
- Lone top-10 finish in 11 prior starts at the event was his victory in 2018 at Aronimink Golf Club
- Three 18-hole leaders/co-leaders have gone on to win stroke-play events this season (most recent: Xander Schauffele/PGA Championship); the last 18-hole leader/co-leader to win the BMW Championship is Justin Thomas (2019)

# **Miscellaneous Notes**

- The top six players on the leaderboard hail from six different countries: **Bradley** (United States), **Hideki Matsuyama** (Japan), **Sungjae Im** (South Korea), **Alex Noren** (Sweden), **Adam Scott** (Australia), **Corey Conners** (Canada)
- Last week's FedEx St. Jude Championship winner **Matsuyama** (2<sup>nd</sup>/-5) stood 5-under through 17 holes at the time of the delay; returned to hit approach shot to two feet, but missed the birdie putt to remain one shot off the lead; currently No. 3 in the FedExCup, will advance to the TOUR Championship for the 10<sup>th</sup> time in 11 seasons on TOUR
- Notable opening-round scores:
  - o Three-time FedExCup Champion Rory McIlroy (T10/-2)
  - FedExCup leader and World No. 1 Scottie Scheffler (T15/-1)
  - Defending BMW Championship and FedExCup champion Viktor Hovland (T15/-1)
  - o Denver, Colorado native Wyndham Clark (T22/even)
  - o Three rookies in the field: Nick Dunlap (T7/-3), Matthieu Pavon (T34/+1), Max Greyserman (T49/+6)

## **FedExCup Playoffs Projections**

The top 30 players at the conclusion of the BMW Championship will advance to the TOUR Championship

### Players projected to move into top 30

Player	Position	YTD Rank	Proj. Rank
Keegan Bradley	1 <sup>st</sup>	50	4
Corey Conners	T3	33	20
Adam Scott	T3	41	22
Alex Noren	T3	45	23

Player	Position	YTD Rank	Proj. Rank
Brian Harman	T22	29	31
Denny McCarthy	T15	30	32
Jason Day	T49	25	35
Davis Thompson	T44	26	36