



2024 Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches (9th of 36 FedExCup Regular Season events)

Palm Beach Gardens, Florida February 29 – March 3, 2024 FedExCup points: 500 (winner)
PGA National Resort (The Champion) Par/Yards: 35-36 – 71/7,147 Purse: \$9,000,000/\$1,620,000

Third-Round Notes - Saturday, March 2, 2024

Weather: Mostly cloudy with a high of 80. Wind from the SE at 10-20 mph.

Third-Round Leaderboard

| Pos. | Player | R1 | R2 | R3 | Total |
|------|-----------------|----|----|----|-----------|
| T1 | Shane Lowry | 67 | 67 | 66 | 200 (-13) |
| T1 | David Skinns | 65 | 69 | 66 | 200 (-13) |
| T1 | Austin Eckroat | 65 | 67 | 68 | 200 (-13) |
| T4 | Jacob Bridgeman | 70 | 68 | 65 | 203 (-10) |
| T4 | Min Woo Lee | 67 | 70 | 66 | 203 (-10) |
| T4 | Martin Laird | 68 | 69 | 66 | 203 (-10) |
| T4 | Kevin Yu | 66 | 67 | 70 | 203 (-10) |
| T4 | Victor Perez | 67 | 66 | 70 | 203 (-10) |

Shane Lowry (T1/-13)

- Holds the 54-hole lead/co-lead for the third time on the PGA TOUR; 1-for-2 when attempting to convert a 54-hole lead/co-lead into a victory (2019 Open Championship)
- Finished in top five the last two years at this event (T5/2023, 2nd/2022); in both cases, started final round in top five (T4/2023, T2/2022)
- Has been among the top 20 after each of last 10 rounds at this tournament; top 10 after seven of the last 10 rounds
- Seeks to become tournament's first winner from Ireland since Padraig Harrington (2015)

David Skinns (T1/-13)

- First career 54-hole lead/co-lead on PGA TOUR; second time finishing a round with the lead/co-lead (R2/2022 CJ CUP Byron Nelson; finished T38)
- Previous best position through 54 holes: T8/2021 RSM Classic (T29)
- Has made the fewest bogeys (2; R2/Nos. 4-5)
- Held 54-hole lead once on Korn Ferry Tour (1st/2023 Club Car Championship at The Landings Golf & Athletic Club); finished No. 12 on 2023 Korn Ferry Tour points list to earn PGA TOUR card for 2024 season
- Seeks to become tournament's first winner from England since Luke Donald (2006)

Austin Eckroat (T1/-13)

- Holds the 54-hole lead/co-lead for the second time on TOUR; 0-for-1 when attempting to convert into a victory (T2/2023 CJ CUP Byron Nelson)
- Leads the field with 18 birdies
- Ranks 5th in SG: Off the Tee (2.663), 7th in SG: Putting (4.079)
- Has been among top three after each round (R1/T3, R2/T2, R3/T1); was among the top 10 after each of the first three rounds at 2023 RSM Classic (T8) and 2024 Sony Open in Hawaii (T42)

Miscellaneous Notes

- In ninth career TOUR start, **Jacob Bridgeman** (T4/-10) improved 32 spots on leaderboard after career-best 65 (previous best: 67, five times; most recent: R3/2024 American Express); was No. 2 in PGA TOUR University Class of 2022, finished No. 14 on 2023 Korn Ferry Tour points list to earn TOUR card for 2024
- Australian **Min Woo Lee** (T4/-10) sits top five through 54 holes for second time on TOUR (2nd/2023 PLAYERS Championship; finished T6)

- In fifth tournament appearance, **Martin Laird** (T4/-10) made cut for first time and enters the final round in top five for the first time since 2022 Barracuda Championship (2nd; finished 3rd)
- **Kevin Yu** (T4/-10) is top five through 54 holes for second time on TOUR (T3/2022 Butterfield Bermuda Championship; finished T3)
- Victor Perez (T4/-10) seeks to become the second player from France to win on TOUR this season (Matthew Pavon/Farmers Insurance Open); both Frenchmen earned TOUR membership for 2024 via the inaugural DP World Tour Top 10, which awarded TOUR cards to the top 10 players on the final 2023 Race to Dubai Points List
- Russell Henley (T11/-8) matched Bridgeman's 65 for low round of day; has three top-10s and one win (2014) in nine prior starts at this event
- Players from four different countries have won last four editions of this tournament: 2023/Chris Kirk (United States),
 2022/Sepp Straka (Austria), 2021/Matt Jones (Australia), 2020/Sungjae Im (South Korea)
- Three PGA TOUR University alumni are T4 or better: Eckroat (T1/-13), Bridgeman (T4/-10), Yu (T4/-10)
- Third-round leaders/co-leaders have won six of eight tournaments this season (last: Jake Knapp/Mexico Open at Vidanta)
- Ten third-round leaders/co-leaders went on to win since this event moved to PGA National in 2007 (last: Chris Kirk/2023)

Aon Next 10 and Aon Swing 5

• The winner of the Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches will earn a spot in all five remaining Signature Events (if a non-member, must accept membership after the win), while other TOUR members are fighting for spots in the Aon Next 10 and the Aon Swing 5 to earn a place in the field at the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard.

Aon Next 10 standings

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| Player | R3 | Projected FedExCup Points | | | | | |
| Matthieu Pavon | T11 | 998.396 | | | | | |
| Jake Knapp | T11 | 721.738 | | | | | |
| Ludvig Åberg | - | 602.667 | | | | | |
| Austin Eckroat | T1 | 571.05 | | | | | |
| Shane Lowry | T1 | 534.85 | | | | | |
| Luke List | CUT | 530.75 | | | | | |
| Grayson Murray | - | 506.375 | | | | | |
| David Skinns | T1 | 500 | | | | | |
| Christiaan Bezuidenhout | CUT | 476.455 | | | | | |
| Will Zalatoris | - | 448.143 | | | | | |

Aon Swing 5 standings (and ties)

| Player | R3 | Projected FedExCup Points |
|----------------|-----|---------------------------|
| Sami Valimaki | CUT | 300 |
| C.T. Pan | T9 | 222.5 |
| Andrew Novak | T9 | 152.5 |
| Stephan Jaeger | CUT | 145 |
| Justin Lower | CUT | 145 |