



2024 FedEx St. Jude Championship
(First of three FedExCup Playoffs Events)

Memphis, Tennessee
 TPC Southwind

August 15-18, 2024
 Par/Yards: 35-35—70/7,243

FedExCup Points: 2,000 (winner)
 Purse: \$20 million (\$3.6 million)

First-Round Notes – Thursday, August 15, 2024

Weather: Mostly sunny. High of 96. Wind variable at 4-8 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	R1
1	Chris Kirk	64 (-6)
T2	Taylor Pendrith	65 (-5)
T2	Matthieu Pavon	65 (-5)
T2	Hideki Matsuyama	65 (-5)
T5	<i>Seven players</i>	<i>66 (-4)</i>

Chris Kirk (1st/64)

- Eighth career 18-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR (most recent: 2023 Sony Open in Hawaii); 0-for-7 converting the victory
- 64 ties his lowest 18-hole score on TOUR this season (R2/The American Express)
- Lowest opening round on TOUR since the 2023 Sony Open in Hawaii (64/finished 3rd)
- Entered the week No. 28 in the FedExCup; one top-10 finish in 17 starts since his win at The Sentry to open the season (T10/RBC Heritage)
- Made a hole-in-one at the 205-yard par-3 14th hole, the fourth of his TOUR career and first since the 2021 World Wide Technology Championship (No. 10/R1)
- Six-time PGA TOUR winner has one TOUR Championship appearance in his last 13 seasons on TOUR (2014); finished No. 32 in the FedExCup in 2023
- In addition to a T16 at last year's FedEx St. Jude Championship, finished T6 at the 2018 FedEx St. Jude Classic at TPC Southwind

Hideki Matsuyama (T2/65)

- 65 marks his 11th consecutive round of par or better at TPC Southwind, tied for the longest active streak on TOUR with Collin Morikawa (68 in R1)
- Enters the week No. 8 in the FedExCup; has 10 consecutive finishes inside the top 50 in the FedExCup, the longest active streak on TOUR
- T16 at the 2023 FedEx St. Jude Championship to move inside the top 50 (No. 47) after beginning the week outside the top 50 (No. 57)
- T2 at the 2021 World Golf Championships-FedEx St. Jude Invitational at TPC Southwind after falling in a playoff with Sam Burns (T2) and Abraham Ancer (Won)
- First start since winning the bronze medal for Japan at the 2024 Paris Olympics at Le Golf National

Additional Player Notes

- At No. 27 in the FedExCup, **Taylor Pendrith** (T2/65) posts bogey-free 65 in his second Playoffs appearance and first since 2022; enters the week No. 13 in the Presidents Cup International Team standings with the top six players qualifying following the BMW Championship
- One of four PGA TOUR rookies to qualify for the FedExCup Playoffs, **Matthieu Pavon** (T2/65) posts 65 in his debut at TPC Southwind; entered the week as the highest rookie in the FedExCup standings at No. 16 after a win (Farmers Insurance Open) and three other top-10s in 2024

- FedExCup No. 1 **Scottie Scheffler** (T5/66) cards his fourth score of 66 or better in 21 rounds at TPC Southwind; one of two players to hold the No. 1 position entering the FedExCup Playoffs more than once (Tiger Woods/2007, 2008, 2009, 2012, 2013; Scottie Scheffler/2022, 2024)
- **Xander Schauffele** (T5/66) opens with bogey-free 66 after birdies on his first three holes; FedExCup No. 2 has finished no higher than T16 in seven previous appearances in the first FedExCup Playoffs event

FedExCup Playoffs Projections

The top-50 players at the conclusion of the FedEx St. Jude Championship will advance to the BMW Championship.

Players projected to move into top 50

Player	Position	YTD Rank	Proj. Rank
Justin Rose	T5	55	37
Ben Griffin	T5	56	38
Harris English	T18	51	44
Nick Taylor	T18	52	45

Players projected to move out of top 50

Player	Position	YTD Rank	Proj. Rank
Tom Kim	T58	43	51
Mackenzie Hughes	T43	48	53
Max Greyserman	70	47	54
Jake Knapp	T43	50	57