



**2024 Hero World Challenge  
PGA TOUR Challenge Season Event (unofficial)**

**Albany Golf Course  
Albany, Bahamas**

**December 5-8, 2024  
Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,449**

**Purse: \$5,000,000**

**Pre-Tournament Information – 2024 Hero World Challenge**

**Player Interviews**

**Tuesday**

9 a.m. – Tiger Woods, tournament host, and Dr. Pawan Munjal, Executive Chairman, Hero MotoCorp

12:30 p.m. - Nick Dunlap

3 p.m. – Hero Shot/Tiger Woods as host (Akshay Bhatia, Robert MacIntyre, Nick Dunlap, Aaron Rai, Justin Thomas, Jason Day)

**Wednesday**

After 8:00 a.m. Pro-Am - Scottie Scheffler

After 8:33 a.m. Pro-Am - Justin Thomas

After 8:44 a.m. Pro-Am - Sahith Theegala/Aaron Rai/Akshay Bhatia

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**Tiger Woods**

- Tournament host will not compete at the Hero World Challenge as he continues to recover from microdecompression surgery of the lumbar spine for nerve impingement in the lower back last September
- Won the Hero World Challenge five times (all at Sherwood Country Club), most recently in 2011
- Finished 18<sup>th</sup> at the 2023 Hero World Challenge
- Owns 15 major championship victories and a record-tying 82 PGA TOUR wins
- Has not competed on the PGA TOUR since the 2024 Open Championship (MC)

**Scottie Scheffler**

- Nominee for Jack Nicklaus Award as PGA TOUR Player of the Year; seeks to become the first player to win PGA TOUR Player of the Year honors in three consecutive years since Tiger Woods (2005-2007)
- 2024 FedExCup champion and World No. 1 claimed seven PGA TOUR titles in 2024 and the Olympic gold medal
- First official start on TOUR since the 2024 TOUR Championship (Won); posted a 3-2-0 record for the victorious U.S. Team at The Royal Montreal Golf Club
- Notched 41 consecutive rounds of par-or-better to start the 2024 season; 73 (2-over) in the third round of the PGA Championship snapped the streak
- Recorded a TOUR-best 16 top-10s and did not miss a cut
- Fourth appearance at Hero World Challenge (Won/2023, 2<sup>nd</sup>/2022, 2<sup>nd</sup>/2021)
- Never shot an over-par 18-hole score at the Hero World Challenge (12 rounds)

**Justin Thomas**

- 15-time PGA TOUR winner finished T2 at the ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP in his most recent start on TOUR, his best result among six top-10s in 2024 Returned to the TOUR Championship in 2024 after missing out on the FedExCup Playoffs in 2023
- Notched top-five finishes in his four most recent appearances at the Hero World Challenge (3<sup>rd</sup>/2023, 5<sup>th</sup>/2022, T5/2021, T5/2019)
- He and wife Jill welcomed their first child, daughter Molly Grace, on November 18

**Nick Dunlap**

- Nominee for the Arnold Palmer Award as PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year won twice this season (The American Express, Barracuda Championship)

- First player in history to win on TOUR as an amateur and a professional in the same season; won The American Express as a 20-year-old amateur on the University of Alabama golf team to become the first amateur to win on TOUR since Phil Mickelson (1991 Northern Telecom Open); turned professional four days after his first win and claimed his second title at the Barracuda Championship in July
- With his victory at The American Express, became the first reigning U.S. Amateur champion to win on TOUR since Tiger Woods in 1996
- Joins Scottie Scheffler (7), Hideki Matsuyama (2) and Robert MacIntyre (2) as the only players in the field with multiple TOUR victories in 2024
- One of eight players making their Hero World Challenge debut (Ludvig Åberg, Sahith Theegala, Russell Henley, Robert MacIntyre, Aaron Rai, Matthieu Pavon, Akshay Bhatia)
- One of three players who accepted sponsor exemptions to the Hero World Challenge this week (Sepp Straka, Jason Day)

#### **Sahith Theegala/Aaron Rai/Akshay Bhatia**

- Trio of Indian-origin players all advanced to the 2024 TOUR Championship
- Theegala closed the 2024 PGA TOUR Season ranked No. 3 in the FedExCup; Rai was T23; Bhatia was No. 26
- All three are among eight players making their Hero World Challenge debuts this week

#### **Sahith Theegala**

- Won the 2023 Procore Championship to claim his first PGA TOUR title
- Among nine top-10s in 2024 were runner-up finishes in two Signature Events (The Sentry, RBC Heritage)
- Made his Presidents Cup debut for the U.S. team where he posted a 1-1-1 record at The Royal Montreal Golf Club
- Parents, Muralidhar and Karuna, immigrated to the United States from the state of Hyderabad, India; although he grew up in the United States, proudly embraces his Indian roots
- Every two years, his parents took him and his brother, Sahan, to India to visit their paternal grandparents; made a visit to India following the 2024 ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP in Japan, his most recent TOUR start

#### **Aaron Rai**

- Two-time DP World Tour winner claimed his first PGA TOUR title at the 2024 Wyndham Championship
- Englishman has completed three seasons as a TOUR member, amassing 11 top-10 finishes in 92 starts
- Father, Amrik, is Indian and mother, Dalvir, is Kenyan; has Indian-born grandparents on both sides of his family
- Has said competing in India is a blessing and that it would be a privilege to win the Hero Indian Open

#### **Akshay Bhatia**

- Owns two PGA TOUR victories with both coming in playoffs (2023 Barracuda Championship over Patrick Rodgers, 2024 Valero Texas Open over Denny McCarthy)
- In 2019, became the youngest player to compete for the United States in the Walker Cup at 17 years old; turned professional following the Walker Cup
- Parents, Sunil (Sonny) and Renu, lived in Delhi before moving to the United States

#### **Hero World Challenge Notes**

- The Hero World Challenge, an unofficial PGA TOUR event played annually following the FedExCup Fall, returns to Albany in the Bahamas for the ninth consecutive time, and 25<sup>th</sup> edition overall
- Past host venues include Grayhawk Golf Club (2000), Sherwood Country Club (2000-2013) and Isleworth (2014)
- **Keegan Bradley** makes his seventh appearance at the Hero World Challenge; finished runner-up in 2012 at Sherwood Country Club
- **Sepp Straka** makes his third consecutive appearance at the Hero World Challenge after finishing runner-up to Scottie Scheffler in 2023 and T10 in 2022; posted four top-10s in 2024, with three coming in Signature Events (T5/RBC Heritage, T8/Truist Championship, T5/the Memorial Tournament presented by Workday)
- **Jason Day**, a 13-time winner on the PGA TOUR, makes his seventh appearance at the Hero World Challenge where his best result is T5 in 2014; finished T9 at the 2024 Paris Olympics, one of seven players in the field who also competed in the Olympics: Scottie Scheffler (Won), Tom Kim (8<sup>th</sup>), Wyndham Clark (T14), Ludvig Åberg (T18), Sepp Straka (T35), Matthieu Pavon (58<sup>th</sup>)
- 2024 Farmers Insurance Open winner and Arnold Palmer Award nominee for PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year **Matthieu Pavon** makes his Hero World Challenge debut; was the only PGA TOUR rookie to qualify for the TOUR Championship
- Six major champions in the field: Scottie Scheffler, Wyndham Clark, Brian Harman, Keegan Bradley, Justin Thomas, Jason Day

#### **2024 Hero World Challenge Field**

<b>Player</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>OWGR as of 9/1/2024 eligibility date</b>	<b>Current OWGR</b>
Scottie Scheffler	USA	1	1
Ludvig Åberg	Sweden	5	5
Wyndham Clark	USA	6	6
Patrick Cantlay	USA	9	11
Sahith Theegala	USA	12	12
Keegan Bradley	USA	13	13
Russell Henley	USA	15	14
Robert MacIntyre	Scotland	16	15
Sam Burns	USA	17	20
Brian Harman	USA	19	24
Sungjae Im	Korea	20	23
Tom Kim	Korea	23	27
Aaron Rai	England	24	21
Matthieu Pavon	France	26	29
Akshay Bhatia	USA	28	31
Cameron Young	USA	29	38
Justin Thomas	USA	30	25
*Sepp Straka	Austria	31	39
*Jason Day	Australia	33	32
*Nick Dunlap	USA	35	33

*\*Tournament Exemptions announced 11/25/2024*