



### 2024 John Deere Classic

(The 30<sup>th</sup> of 36 events in the FedExCup Regular Season)

Silvis, Illinois  
TPC Deere Run

July 4 – 7, 2024  
Par/Yards: 35-36—71/7,289

FedExCup Points: 500 (winner)  
Purse: \$8,000,000 (\$1,440,000)

### Third-Round Notes – Saturday, July 6, 2024

Weather: Mostly sunny. High of 82. Wind NW 4-8 mph.

### Third-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	Total
1	Davis Thompson	63	67	62	192 (-21)
T2	Eric Cole	62	68	64	194 (-19)
T2	Aaron Rai	65	63	66	194 (-19)
T4	Hayden Springer	59	71	66	196 (-17)
T4	C.T. Pan	65	63	68	196 (-17)

### Davis Thompson (1<sup>st</sup>/-21)

- Following T9 and T2 finishes in his two most recent starts before this week at the U.S. Open and Rocket Mortgage Classic, respectively, the 2021 University of Georgia grad made nine birdies en route to a bogey-free 62 to reach 21-under 192
- Holds second 54-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR (2nd/2023 American Express)
- The 62 matches his career-low score from round one of the 2023 American Express (finished 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Each of the two players (three instances) who have previously reached at least 20-under par through 54-holes in the John Deere Classic have gone on to win: Steve Stricker/2010/-25, Steve Stricker/2011/-20, Michael Kim/2018/-22
- Seeks first career PGA TOUR title in his 63<sup>rd</sup> start
- Career-best finishes: 2<sup>nd</sup>/2023 American Express, T2/2024 Myrtle Beach Classic
- Holds second 54-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR (2nd/2023 American Express)
- With a win, would be the ninth first-time winner on TOUR this season and first since Robert MacIntyre won the RBC Canadian Open

### Jordan Spieth (T12/-14)

- With birdies on six of his first nine holes – including five straight on Nos. 4-8 – turned in 6-under 29 before signing for an 8-under 63
- The 63 falls two strokes shy of his career-low score of 61; the first of two 61s was posted in round three of the 2015 John Deere Classic en route to his win
- His most recent score of 63-or-better prior to this week: 7-under 63/R1/2023 FedEx St. Jude Championship/T6
- The 2013 and 2015 John Deere Classic champion is making his first return to the event since that 2015 win
- In 19 total rounds at TPC Deere Run, is now a collective 75-under par
- In rounds one and two, hit 14 and 15 of 18 greens in regulation, respectively; in round three, improved to 16 of 18
- Has three top-10 finishes in 17 starts this season: 3<sup>rd</sup>/The Sentry, T6/WM Phoenix Open, T10/Valero Texas Open
- Seeks a 14<sup>th</sup> career PGA TOUR title in his 277<sup>th</sup> start this week, and first since the 2022 RBC Heritage

### Additional Player Notes

- A week removed from his second top-10 finish of the season, a T6 at the Rocket Mortgage Classic, **Eric Cole** followed a 9-under 62 in round one with scores of 68-64 in rounds two and three to reach T2 at 19-under 194; played his last two holes in round three in 3-under par (eagle-birdie-par); is making his third John Deere Classic start (MC/2021, T42/2023)
- Making his first start in the John Deere Classic, **Aaron Rai** (T2/-19) followed a second-round 8-under 63 with a 5-under 66; after holding a share of the 36- and 54-hole leads at last week's Rocket Mortgage Classic, finished with a

career-high T2, his third top-10 finish of the season; with a win, would become the 24th player to make the John Deere Classic his first PGA TOUR victory and first since Dylan Frittelli in 2019

- A 36-hole co-leader with Rai, **C.T. Pan** carded a 3-under 68 and sits T4 at 17-under 196; seeks a second PGA TOUR victory in his 193rd start on TOUR (2019 RBC Heritage); lone top-10 finish in 14 starts this season was a T3 at the Mexico Open at Vidanta; making his fourth John Deere Classic start (T34/2018, MC/2021, T24/2022)
- After a 12-under 59 in round one and even-par 71 in round two, PGA TOUR rookie **Hayden Springer** (T4/-17) used an eagle (par-5 No. 2) and six birdies before signing for a 5-under 66; prior to last week's T10 at the Rocket Mortgage Classic, had missed six consecutive cuts; career-best result on TOUR in 14 starts: T3/Puerto Rico Open
- Following an opening-round 8-under 63, amateur **Luke Clanton** carded matching 4-under 67s in rounds two and three to reach T6 at 16-under 197; the 20-year-old rising junior at Florida State University comes off a T10 at last week's Rocket Mortgage Classic
- With scores of 65-67-71 to reach 10-under 203, 2012 John Deere Classic champion **Zach Johnson** will begin the final round of his 22<sup>nd</sup> John Deere Classic T36 and 11 strokes back at 10-under 203; in addition to the win, has claimed six additional top-10 finishes in the event, including runner-up showings in 2009, 2013 and 2014