



2024 Mexico Open at Vidanta
(8th of 36 FedExCup Regular Season events)

Vallarta, Mexico
 Vidanta Vallarta Resort

February 22-25, 2024
 Par/Yards: 35-36—71/7,456

FedExCup points: 500 (winner)
 Purse: \$8,100,000/\$1,458,000

Second-Round Notes – Friday, February 23, 2024

Weather: Sunny. High of 83. Wind SSW 10-15 mph.

36-hole cut: 64 professionals and one amateur at 2-under 140 from a field of 128 professionals and four amateurs.

Second-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	Total
T1	Matt Wallace	66	65	131 (-11)
T1	Sami Valimaki	64	67	131 (-11)
T1	Alvaro Ortiz	67	64	131 (-11)
T1	Jake Knapp	67	64	131 (-11)
5	Erik van Rooyen	63	69	132 (-10)

Matt Wallace (T1/-11)

- Despite starting with a bogey, posts 6-under 65, including a birdie-eagle-birdie stretch on holes 5, 6 and 7
- 65 marks his low round at Vidanta, bettering his first-round 66 (also shot 66/R2/2022)
- 131 marks his best opening 36-hole total on TOUR (previous: 133/2023 Corales Puntacana Championship/Won)
- Holds 36-hole lead/co-lead for the third time on TOUR (2021 Wells Fargo Championship/T6, 2023 Corales Puntacana Championship/Won)
- Makes third appearance at this event (T67/2022, MC/2023)
- Englishman seeks second PGA TOUR victory in his 102nd start (2023 Corales Puntacana Championship)
- Four-time DP World Tour winner, with three of those titles coming in 2018
- T40 at The Sentry marks best result in five prior starts this season
- Was 5-under on the four par-5 holes in round two; ranks third (with -7) behind Alvaro Ortiz (-8) and Erik van Rooyen (-8) with most under par on par-5 holes through two rounds

Sami Valimaki (T1/-11)

- Required 50 putts through 36 holes and leads Strokes Gained: Putting (5.817)
- PGA TOUR rookie makes 11th start on TOUR after earning status via top 10 in 2023 DP World Tour Eligibility Ranking and seeks to join Matthieu Pavon and Nick Dunlap as first-time winners this season; T24 at 2022 Genesis Scottish Open marks his lone top-25 in 10 prior starts
- 131 marks his best opening 36-hole total on TOUR (previous: 137/twice, most recent 2024 Farmers Insurance Open/T43)
- First lead/co-lead after any round on TOUR
- Owns two DP World Tour wins, both in playoffs (2020 Oman Open, 2023 Commercial Bank Qatar Masters)

Alvaro Ortiz (T1/-11)

- Guadalajara native and former University of Arkansas golfer notches five birdies and an eagle for a 7-under 64, his low round on TOUR (previous: 66/R1/2019 World Wide Technology Championship)
- Makes 10th PGA TOUR start, with 2023 Mexico Open at Vidanta his most recent (MC); made the cut three times in previous nine starts (T36/2019 Masters Tournament, T48/2019 World Wide Technology Championship, T42/2022 Mexico Open at Vidanta)
- 131 marks his best opening 36-hole total on TOUR (previous: 133/2019 World Wide Technology Championship/T48)
- First lead/co-lead after any round on TOUR
- Last time a Mexican born player led/co-lead after any round on TOUR was his brother, Carlos Ortiz (R3/2021 Farmers Insurance Open (finished: T29))

- With a win, sponsor exemption would become the second non-member with a victory on TOUR this season (Nick Dunlap/The American Express); would mark the first season with multiple wins by non-members since 2011 (Rory McIlroy/U.S. Open, Darren Clarke/The Open Championship) and the first season with multiple wins by sponsor exemptions in at least 30 years
- Won the 2021 Abierto Mexicano de Golf (the name of the tournament prior to becoming the Mexico Open at Vidanta in 2022)

Jake Knapp (T1/-11)

- California native and former UCLA golfer makes ninth PGA TOUR start and fifth this season as a PGA TOUR rookie, with T3 at the 2023 Farmers Insurance Open his best result
- 131 marks his best opening 36-hole total on TOUR (previous: 134/2024 Sony Open in Hawaii/T70)
- First lead/co-lead after any round on TOUR
- Ranks No. 1 in Strokes gained: Tee To Green (10.776), Strokes Gained: Approach The Green (6.476) and Proximity (29' 4")
- Made the first albatross of the 2024 PGA TOUR season at The American Express (R2/No. 11/Nicklaus Tournament Course)
- Posted 10 top-10 results in 22 starts on the 2023 Korn Ferry Tour to earn his PGA TOUR card for 2024
- Won three times on PGA TOUR Canada, most recently at the 2022 CRMC Championship

Miscellaneous Notes

- Four players tied for the 36-hole lead, most since 2020 Masters Tournament (5)
- First-round leader **Erik van Rooyen** (5th/-10) now has 18 of 19 rounds under par this season (72/R1/WM Phoenix Open)
- Mexico's 2024 Latin America Amateur Championship winner **Santiago De la Fuente** (T9/-6) makes his first cut in his second start on the PGA TOUR following a missed cut at this event in 2022 (78-77)
- Helped by two eagles in his final seven holes, **Tony Finau** (T9/-6) seeks to defend the title he won in 2023 (also finished T2 in 2022)
- **Rafael Campos** (T27/-5) makes his first hole-in-one on TOUR with an ace at the 205-yard 17th hole (5-iron); marks the third hole-in-one in tournament history (Kiradech Aphibarnrat and Scott Gutschewski both aced No. 5 in the first round in 2022)
- **Chris Gotterup** (illness) withdrew prior to the second round; **Max Greyserman** (back), **Ben Kohles** (illness) and **Pierceson Coody** (illness) withdrew during the second round

Aon Next 10 and Aon Swing 5

- The winner of the Mexico Open at Vidanta 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

Player	Thru R2	Projected FedExCup Points
Matthieu Pavon	-	948.563
Jake Knapp	T1	671.905
Ludvig Åberg	-	602.667
Matt Wallace	T1	531.989
Luke List	-	530.75
Sami Valimaki	T1	522.589
Grayson Murray	-	506.375
Christiaan Bezuidenhout	-	476.455
Mark Hubbard	T6	468.329
Will Zalatoris	-	448.143

Aon Swing 5 standings (and ties)

Player	Thru R2	Projected FedExCup Points
Erik van Rooyen	5	110
Andrew Novak	T6	95
Chan Kim	8	85
Joseph Bramlett	T9	52.028
Kevin Dougherty	T9	52.028
Nico Echavarria	T9	52.028
Lanto Griffin	T9	52.028
Chesson Hadley	T9	52.028
Stephan Jaeger	T9	52.028
Justin Lower	T9	52.028

Ryan Moore	T9	52.028
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