



2024 Mexico Open at Vidanta (8<sup>th</sup> of 36 FedExCup Regular Season events)

Vallarta, Mexico February 22-25, 2024 FedExCup points: 500 (winner)
Vidanta Vallarta Resort Par/Yards: 35-36—71/7,456 Purse: \$8,100,000/\$1,458,000

Third-Round Notes - Saturday, February 24, 2024

Weather: Sunny. High of 82. Wind SSW 10-15 mph.

### **Third-Round Leaderboard**

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	Total
1	Jake Knapp	67	64	63	194 (-19)
2	Sami Valimaki	64	67	67	198 (-15)
T3	Ben Silverman	70	68	63	201 (-12)
T3	Henrik Norlander	65	71	65	201 (-12)
T3	Chan Kim	66	69	66	201 (-12)

#### Jake Knapp (1<sup>st</sup>/-19)

- Seeks to join Matthieu Pavon and Nick Dunlap as first-time winners this season
- 194 matches Tony Finau's 54-hole scoring record at Vidanta and marks his lowest 54-hole total on TOUR (previous: 206/2024 Sony Open in Hawaii/T70)
- Holds 54-hole lead/co-lead for first time on TOUR; 36-hole co-lead was his first lead after any round on TOUR
- Four-stroke margin marks largest 54-hole lead at Vidanta; John Rahm (2022) and Tony Finau (2023) both led by two strokes en route to victory
- Four-stroke margin is largest 54-hole lead on TOUR this season (previous: 3/Nick Dunlap/The American Express/Won)
- Front-nine score of 28 (-7) marks lowest nine-hole score at Vidanta and matches the season low on TOUR (28/Wyndham Clark/R3/AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am)
- 11 birdies marks his most in a single round on TOUR (previous: 7/R1/2024 Farmers Insurance Open); ninth round on TOUR this season with 11 or more birdies or better
- Birdies four of the five par-3 holes (par at No. 13)
- Leads the field in birdies (23), Strokes gained: Tee To Green (12.891), Strokes Gained: Approach The Green (9.269) and Proximity (31' 10")
- 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
- 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**

- PGA TOUR rookie Sami Valimaki (2<sup>nd</sup>/-15) makes 11<sup>th</sup> start on TOUR after earning status via top 10 in 2023 DP World Tour Eligibility Ranking; owns two DP World Tour wins, both in playoffs (2020 Oman Open, 2023 Commercial Bank Qatar Masters); T24 at 2022 Genesis Scottish Open marks his lone top-25 in 10 prior starts
- In his tournament debut, **Ben Silverman's** (T3/-12) bogey-free 8-under 63 marks his lowest round on TOUR since the 2019 RBC Canadian Open (61/R2)
- **Henrik Norlander** (T3/-12) posts one of eight bogey-free scores in round three; makes first start this season and 163<sup>rd</sup> on TOUR while seeking his first TOUR win
- In his 27<sup>th</sup> start, first-year PGA TOUR member **Chan Kim** (T3/-12) is searching for his first top-10 finish on TOUR; owns eight Japan Golf Tour wins and two Korn Ferry Tour titles
- Second-round co-leaders Matt Wallace (T6/-11) and Alvaro Ortiz (T13/-9) both fail to break par, shooting 71 and 73, respectively
- With a birdie on the final hole to post 1-under 70, first-round leader **Erik van Rooyen** (T6/-11) now has 19 of 20 rounds under par this season (72/R1/WM Phoenix Open)
- Tony Finau (T20/-8) sits 11 strokes back attempting to defend the title he won in 2023 (also finished T2 in 2022)

• Mexico's 2024 Latin America Amateur Championship winner **Santiago De la Fuente** (T43/-5) makes second start on the PGA TOUR following a missed cut at this event in 2022 (78-77)

# 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 R3	Projected FedExCup Points				
Matthieu Pavon	-	948.563				
Jake Knapp	1	671.905				
Ludvig Åberg	-	602.667				
Luke List	-	530.75				
Grayson Murray	-	506.375				
Christiaan Bezuidenhout	-	476.455				
Will Zalatoris	-	448.143				
Justin Thomas	-	443.167				
Mark Hubbard	T27	395.704				
Thomas Detry	MC	377.455				

### Aon Swing 5 standings (and ties)

Player	Thru R3	Projected FedExCup Points
Sami Valimaki	2	300
Chan Kim	T3	145
Henrik Norlander	T3	145
Ben Silverman	T3	145
Justin Lower	Т6	88.75
Robert MacIntyre	Т6	88.75
Erik van Rooyen	Т6	88.75
Matt Wallace	Т6	88.75