



2024 Rocket Mortgage Classic (29th of 36 events in the FedExCup Regular Season)

Detroit, Michigan June 27-30, 2024 FedExCup points: 500 (winner)

Detroit Golf Club Par/Yards: 36-36-72/7,370 Purse: \$9.2 million (\$1,656,000/winner)

Pre-Tournament Notes – Rocket Mortgage Classic

TOUR season notes

- The Rocket Mortgage Classic is the 29th event of the FedExCup Regular Season, with only six weeks remaining until the start of the FedExCup Playoffs
- 25 players in the field competed last week at the Travelers Championship, including three that finished in the top 10 (**Tom Kim**/2nd, **Akshay Bhatia**/T5, **Cameron Young**/T9)

Rocket Mortgage Classic notes

- Rickie Fowler won the 2023 Rocket Mortgage Classic, his first PGA TOUR title in more than four years (first since the 2019 WM Phoenix Open). Fowler enters the week at No. 89 in the FedExCup Playoffs and Eligibility Points List after a T20 at the Travelers Championship as he looks to earn a spot in the FedExCup Playoffs with six weeks remaining in the Regular Season (top 70 through the Wyndham Championship qualify for the Playoffs).
- 15 players in the field have competed in all five prior editions of the Rocket Mortgage Classic: Cameron Champ, 2021 winner Cam Davis, Tyler Duncan, 2023 winner Rickie Fowler, Chesson Hadley, Beau Hossler, Patton Kizzire, 2019 winner Nate Lashley, Peter Malnati, Troy Merritt, Sam Ryder, Adam Schenk, J.J. Spaun, Martin Trainer and Kevin Tway.
- Sponsor exemptions include 15-year-old Miles Russell and Neal Shipley, who was the low amateur at the Masters Tournament and U.S. Open in 2024. Russell is making his PGA TOUR debut following a historic debut on the Korn Ferry Tour in April. Russell made the cut at the Suncoast Classic and went on to finish T20, becoming the youngest player to make the cut in Korn Ferry Tour history. Two 16-year-olds have made the cut on the PGA TOUR this season: Kris Kim (THE CJ CUP Byron Nelson) and Blades Brown (Myrtle Beach Classic). Shipley will make his first start on the PGA TOUR as a professional and is coming off a T9 in The Beachlands Victoria Open presented by Times Colonist on PGA TOUR Americas last week, his professional debut. Shipley earned PGA TOUR Americas status through Qualifying School in June.
- There are three past champions of the Rocket Mortgage Classic in the field: Nate Lashley (2019), Cam Davis (2021) and Rickie Fowler (2023).

Top player notes

- At No. 15 in the FedExCup, **Akshay Bhatia** holds the highest position of any player in the field following a T5 finish at the Travelers Championship, his best result on TOUR since his win at the Valero Texas Open.
- Travelers Championship runner-up **Tom Kim** moved from No. 61 to No. 39 in the FedExCup with his second top-10 finish in 19 starts this season (T4/RBC Canadian Open). Kim will make his third start at Detroit Golf Club where he finished seventh in his debut in 2022, which secured his TOUR card for the 2022-23 season. The following week, Kim earned his first PGA TOUR title at the 2022 Wyndham Championship at age 20.
- On Saturday at the Travelers Championship, **Cameron Young** carded a 59, the 13th sub-60 score on the PGA TOUR and first since Scottie Scheffler's 59 during the 2020 FedExCup Playoffs. In his only other start at the Rocket Mortgage Classic in 2022, Young finished T2.

Additional notes

- 2024 CJ CUP Byron Nelson winner **Taylor Pendrith** has held at least a share of the lead after four of the last eight rounds at the Rocket Mortgage Classic, including each of the last two 36-hole leads (finished T2/2022 and T14/2023).
- In his first year as a full-time member of the PGA TOUR, **Min Woo Lee** is making his tournament debut. Lee has one top-10 this season (T2/The Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches) and has finished between T21 and T26 in each of his last five starts on TOUR.
- 2024 Sentry winner **Chris Kirk** is making his fifth consecutive start at the Rocket Mortgage Classic and has finished in the top 25 in each of his last four appearances.
- Davis Thompson is making his first start on TOUR since a T9 at the U.S. Open, his first career top-10 in a major. Thompson has four top-10s on TOUR, with two coming in his last five starts (other: T2/Myrtle Beach Classic). Competing on a sponsor exemption at the 2022 Rocket Mortgage Classic in his third career start as a professional, Thompson carded a first-round 63 to hold the 18-hole lead and went on to finish T58.