



## 2024 Shriners Children's Open (4<sup>th</sup> of 8 FedExCup Fall Events)

Las Vegas, Nevada	October 17-20, 2024	FedExCup points: 500 (winner)
TPC Summerlin	Par/Yards: 35-36—71/7,255	Purse: \$7 million (\$1,260,000/winner)

### COMPLETED Third-Round Notes – Sunday, October 20, 2024

Saturday Weather: Sunny. High of 71. Wind NNW 12-16 mph, gusting to 25 mph. Sunday Weather: Sunny. High of 77. Wind SE 4-8 mph.

Suspension: The third round began at 12:30 p.m. PT Saturday in groups of three off two tees and was suspended due to darkness at 6:08 p.m. with 30 players remaining. Round three resumed at 7:57 a.m. Sunday and was completed at 9:16 a.m. Final-round tee times will be 10:05-11:55 a.m. in groups of three off two tees.

### **Third-Round Leaderboard** Pos. Player R1 R2 R3 Total J.T. Poston 64 65 66 1 195 (-18) 2 64 70 64 Doug Ghim 198 (-15) Т3 Kurt Kitayama 66 68 65 199 (-14) 199 (-14) 68 Gary Woodland 66 65 Alejandro Tosti 66 66 67 199 (-14) Taylor Pendrith 61 71 67 199 (-14) Matti Schmid 64 65 70 199 (-14) **Rico Hoey** 64 66 69 199 (-14)

# J.T. Poston (1<sup>st</sup>/-18)

- Following eight consecutive pars to begin the third round, holed an eagle putt from 3 feet, 5 inches at No. 9 for his third eagle of the week (No. 16 in R1 and R2) and added four additional pars before play was suspended
- At the resumption of play, made consecutive birdies at Nos. 14 and 15 and birdied the final hole for a three-stroke lead
- Fourth time with the 54-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR, converting one of previous three (2022 John Deere Classic); also led by three after 54-holes of the 2022 John Deere Classic
- Looks to become the 27<sup>th</sup> 54-hole leader/co-leader to win on TOUR this season (41 stroke-play events), including six of • the last seven (Kevin Yu/2024 Sanderson Farms Championship)
- Making his first start since the BMW Championship; finished No. 41 in the 2024 FedExCup Playoffs •
- Four top-10s during the 2024 season, including two T5 finishes in Signature Events (The Sentry, RBC Heritage); has not finished inside the top 10 on TOUR since the RBC Heritage
- Making ninth appearance at this event; owns two top-5 results in eight prior starts (T3/2023, T4/2017)
- Two PGA TOUR wins: 2019 Wyndham Championship, 2022 John Deere Classic

### Doug Ghim (2<sup>nd</sup>/-15)

- In search of his maiden PGA TOUR title in his 141<sup>st</sup> start; owns three top-10s on TOUR (T5/2021 American Express, • T6/2022 PLAYERS Championship, T8/2024 Mexico Open at Vidanta)
- 198 marks his career-low 54-hole total (previous: 200/2022 3M Open, 2023 Travelers Championship) •
- Las Vegas resident records 22 birdies through 54 holes this week, the most of any player in the field
- Hit 18 of 18 greens in regulation for the third time in his career (2023 3M Open/R2, 2021 Rocket Mortgage Classic/R1)

### FedExCup Fall Notes

- The 2024 Shriners Children's Open is the fourth event of the FedExCup Fall, a group of eight tournaments played after • the TOUR Championship that finalizes eligibility for the 2025 PGA TOUR Season.
- The Aon Next 10 is an eligibility pathway to earn access into Signature Events (outside of The Sentry), recognizing the top 10 players, not otherwise exempt, from the FedExCup standings. Nos. 51-60 in the final FedExCup Fall standings at the conclusion of The RSM Classic will serve as the Aon Next 10 for the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am and The Genesis Invitational.

- After making his first cut in his fourth appearance at this event, Las Vegas resident **Kurt Kitayama** (T3/-14) makes six birdies in a seven-hole stretch (Nos. 9-15) en route to 6-under 65; made one bogey this week (No. 18/R1)
- Gary Woodland (T3/-14) is in search of his first top-10 finish in 24 starts this season; best result this season is T16 in his most recent start at the Sanderson Farms Championship two weeks ago
- Argentina native Alejandro Tosti (T3/-14) seeks his first victory in his rookie season on TOUR; with a win, would become the 10<sup>th</sup> international winner of the Shriners Children's Open from the fifth different country (Korea, Scotland, New Zealand, Australia)
- First-round leader **Taylor Pendrith** (T3/-14) seeks his second PGA TOUR win and second victory this season (2024/THE CJ CUP Byron Nelson); with a win, would become the seventh multiple winner on TOUR this season: Scottie Scheffler (7), Nick Dunlap (2), Robert MacIntyre (2), Xander Schauffele (2), Hideki Matsuyama (2), Rory McIlroy (2)
- Matti Schmid (T3/-14) entered this week off a final-round 10-under 62 at last week's Black Desert Championship (5<sup>th</sup>); seeks first career PGA TOUR title in his 62<sup>nd</sup> start; best finish is a solo-third at the 2023 Butterfield Bermuda Championship
- 2023 Korn Ferry Tour graduate **Rico Hoey** (T3/-14) owns three top-10 finishes during his rookie season, including a T2 at the ISCO Championship where he fell in a five-man playoff
- Davis Riley (T28/-9) matches career-best of five consecutive holes under par; B-B-B-B-E stretch on hole Nos. 12-16
- University of Florida senior **Ian Gilligan** (T34/-8), the third amateur to make the cut in Shriners Children's Open history (Jack Trent/2019/T29, Patrick Welch/2022/T28), posts a bogey-free 5-under 66 and looks to improve on his only prior PGA TOUR appearance, a T40 at the Barracuda Championship earlier this season