



#### 2024 The American Express (3<sup>rd</sup> of 36 FedExCup Regular Season events)

La Quinta, California	January 18-21, 2024	FedExCup points: 500 (winner)
PGA WEST PETE DYE STADIUM COURSE PGA WEST NICKLAUS TOURNAMENT COURSE LA QUINTA COUNTRY CLUB	Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,187 Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,147 Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,060	Purse: \$8,400,000/\$1,512,000

#### Second-Round Notes – Friday, January 19, 2024

Weather: Sunny. High of 73. Wind SE 4-8 mph.

## Second-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	Total
1	Sam Burns	66 LQ	61 NT	127 (-17)
2	Michael Kim	65 LQ	63 NT	128 (-16)
Т3	K.H. Lee	65 LQ	64 NT	129 (-15)
Т3	Nick Dunlap (a)	64 NT	65 SC	129 (-15)
T5	Six players	-	-	130 (-14)

## Sam Burns (1<sup>st</sup>/-17)

- Making his 138<sup>th</sup> TOUR start and second start this season (T33/The Sentry), five-time PGA TOUR winner posts 11-under 61 at Nicklaus Tournament Course to mark his career-low 18-hole score on TOUR (previous low: 62/ twice/most recent, R3/2023 BMW Championship)
- Holds seventh 36-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR, converting one of prior six into victory (2021 Valspar Championship)
- 127 equals his low opening 36-hole score on TOUR (2021 THE CJ CUP Byron Nelson/finished 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- With eagles at Nos. 4 and 11, marks his third time on TOUR, and second this season, to notch two eagles in a single round (most recent, R4/2024 The Sentry)
- Owns three top-20 results in four prior appearances at The American Express (T18/2019, T6/2020, MC/2021, T11/2023)
- Joins seven players with the tournament-record second-round score at this event (most recent, Will Zalatoris in 2022, also at the Nicklaus Tournament Course)

## **Additional Player Notes**

- Searching for his second TOUR title in his 198<sup>th</sup> start, 2018 John Deere Classic winner **Michael Kim** (2<sup>nd</sup>/-16) records a career-best 10 birdies en route to a 9-under 63 at the Nicklaus Tournament Course; best result in five prior appearances at this event: T21 in 2017
- K.H. Lee (T3/-15), seeking his third PGA TOUR title and first outside of THE CJ CUP Byron Nelson (2021, 2022), makes his sixth appearance at The American Express where his lone top-25 finish is T21 in 2020
- Playing on a sponsor invitation, the field's lone amateur, 20-year-old **Nick Dunlap** (T3/-15) posts a front-nine 30 (-6) on the Stadium Course before eight consecutive pars and a final-hole birdie for a bogey-free 65; the reigning U.S. Amateur champion heads to La Quinta for the third round looking to make his first cut in his fourth PGA TOUR start; the last amateur to be top-3 or better through 36-holes on the PGA TOUR was Sam Bennett at the 2023 Masters Tournament where he sat third through 36 holes and finished T16
- Adam Hadwin (T5/-14) is scheduled to play at La Quinta Country Club in Saturday's third round; in 2017, shot 13-under 59 at La Quinta CC en route to a runner-up finish; was also runner-up at this event in 2019
- With a second victory at The American Express (2021) this week, **Si Woo Kim** (T5/-14) would claim his third consecutive win in the month of January (2023 Sony Open in Hawaii)
- PGA TOUR rookie **Joe Highsmith** (T51/-9) aces hole No. 13 on the Stadium Course from 190 yards for his first hole-in-one on TOUR in his second start as a TOUR member

• Seeking a second top-10 finish in The American Express (3<sup>rd</sup>/2020), reigning PGA TOUR Player of the Year and World No. 1 Scottie Scheffler sits T26 at 11-under

# Aon Swing 5

- The American Express, the third event of the 2024 PGA TOUR Season and second Full-Field Event, marks the second opportunity for players to earn FedExCup points towards the Aon Swing 5
- The Aon Next 10 and Aon Swing 5 are eligibility pathways for players, not already qualified, to play their way into Signature Events via the FedExCup standings
- The top five players not otherwise exempt who earn the most FedExCup points during the Sony Open in Hawaii, The American Express and Farmers Insurance Open will qualify for the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am. The top five players not otherwise exempt who earn the most FedExCup points during those three events and the WM Phoenix Open, will qualify for The Genesis Invitational
- The Aon Next 10 for the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am and The Genesis Invitational was determined through the FedExCup Fall standings