



2024 Open Championship
(33rd of 36 FedExCup Regular Season Events)

Royal Troon Golf Club
Troon, South Ayrshire, Scotland

June 18-21, 2024
Par/Yards: 36-35—71/7,385

FedExCup Points: 750 (winner)
Purse: \$17 million (\$3.1 million)

First-Round Notes – Thursday, July 18, 2024

Weather: Mostly cloudy with intermittent light showers. High of 65. Wind SSW at 12-15 mph with gusts to 17-23 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	R1
1	Daniel Brown	65 (-6)
2	Shane Lowry	66 (-5)
3	Justin Thomas	68 (-3)
T4	Seven players	69 (-2)

Daniel Brown (1st/65)

- England native becomes the first player to hold the 18-hole lead/co-lead in his major championship debut since Christo Lamprecht at the 2023 Open Championship
- Posted 71-68 in Final Qualifying at West Lancashire Golf Club to earn a spot in the field
- Won his first DP World Tour title at the 2023 ISPS Handa World Invitational; owns two top-five finishes in 17 starts this season on the DP World Tour (T3/AfrAsia Bank Mauritius Open, T4/SDC Championship)
- World No. 272 has two career starts on the PGA TOUR entering the week (2023 ISCO Championship/T7, 2024 Genesis Scottish Open/61st) and opened with 65 both times; sat T2 through 36 holes at the 2023 ISCO Championship

Shane Lowry (2nd/66)

- 66 is his lowest opening-round score in 46 career major appearances (previous: 67/2019 Open Championship/Won); only his third sub-70 score in his last 18 opening rounds in a major
- Sixth career bogey-free round in a major, including his third at The Open Championship (2019/R3, 2014/R4)
- A victory for the 2019 champion would end a streak of 10 consecutive first-time Open Championship winners (longest streak is 11 from 1994-2004); Ernie Els in 2012 is the last player to become a multiple winner of The Open Championship
- Two top-10s in 11 career Open Championship appearances entering the week (T9/2014, Won/2019)
- Three top-10s in majors since his win at the 2019 Open Championship (2024 PGA Championship/T6, 2022 Masters Tournament/T3, 2021 PGA Championship/T4)
- Collected his third PGA TOUR title alongside Rory McIlroy at the 2024 Zurich Classic of New Orleans, his first since the 2019 Open Championship
- Last player to win their first two major titles at The Open Championship: Padraig Harrington (2007, 2008)

Additional Player Notes

- **Justin Thomas** (3rd/68) overcomes double-bogey 6 at the par-4 12th to post 68 for his lowest opening-round score in a major since his win at the 2022 PGA Championship (67); has one top-15 finish in seven previous appearances at The Open Championship (T11/2019); made his Open Championship debut in 2016 at Royal Troon (T53) where he opened with a 67 to sit T4
- 2024 PGA Championship winner **Xander Schauffele** (T4/69) opens with 69 for the third time in his last four starts at The Open Championship; eighth time in 18 starts on the PGA TOUR this season he has sat inside the top 10 through round one
- **Rory McIlroy** (T129/78) cards his highest score on TOUR since the 2021 PLAYERS Championship (79/R1); marks his seventh score of 78 or higher in a major and first since a first-round 79 at the 2019 Open Championship