



2024 PLAYERS Championship
(12th of 36 events in the FedExCup Regular Season)

Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida
TPC Sawgrass (THE PLAYERS Stadium Course) **March 14-17, 2024**
Par/Yards: 36-36 – 72/7,275

FedExCup points: 750 (winner)
Purse: \$25 million/\$4.5 million (winner)

Completed First-Round Notes – Friday, March 15, 2024

Thursday weather: Mostly sunny. High of 75. Wind ENE 6-12 mph.

Friday weather (9 a.m.): Mostly sunny. 67. Wind S 5-10 mph.

Suspension of play: The first round was suspended at 7:32 p.m. ET Thursday due to darkness with nine players left to complete the round.

Completion of the round: The first round resumed at 8:50 a.m. Friday and was completed at 9:43 a.m. The second round began as scheduled at 7:40 a.m.

First-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	R1
T1	Xander Schauffele	65 (-7)
T1	Rory McIlroy	65 (-7)
T1	Wyndham Clark	65 (-7)
T4	Nick Taylor	66 (-6)
T4	Matt Fitzpatrick	66 (-6)

Xander Schauffele (T1/-7)

- Bogey-free 65; first score of 65 or lower and first bogey-free score in 15 career rounds at THE PLAYERS Championship
- Second career 18-hole lead/co-lead in individual stroke-play events (not including the TOUR Championship due to FedExCup Starting Strokes); held a share of the lead after the first round of the 2023 U.S. Open and went on to finish T10
- Finished T2 at the 2018 PLAYERS Championship in his tournament debut and finished T19 in 2023 (MC in 2019, 2021, 2022)
- Four top-10s on TOUR this season (T10/The Sentry, T3/The American Express, T9/Farmers Insurance Open, T4/The Genesis Invitational), tied with Sam Burns for the second-most on TOUR this season (5, Scottie Scheffler)
- 15 top-10s since the start of the 2022-23 season, the second-most of any player in that span (22, Scottie Scheffler)

Rory McIlroy (T1/-7)

- Makes 10 birdies en route to a first-round 65, tying the tournament record for most birdies (or better) in a round
- Ninth player with 10 birdies (or better) in a round at THE PLAYERS Championship and first since Tom Hoge and Taylor Moore in 2023 (both R3)
- Third score of 65 or better at THE PLAYERS Championship (64/R2/2016, 65/R2/2019, 65/R1/2024); ties Fred Couples, Sergio Garcia and Justin Thomas for most scores of 65 or better since the event moved to TPC Sawgrass in 1982
- Back-nine 31 was his sixth score of 31 or better on the back nine at THE PLAYERS Championship, three more than any other player on record (1983-present; three each: K.J. Choi and Sergio Garcia)
- 22nd career 18-hole lead/co-lead in individual stroke-play events on the PGA TOUR, the most of any player since making his first start as a professional on the PGA TOUR in 2009 (second: 18, Dustin Johnson)
- 3-for-21 to date with the 18-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR (wins: 2011 U.S. Open, 2012 BMW Championship, 2014 Open Championship)
- 14th start at THE PLAYERS Championship; won in 2019 and has three additional top-10s (T8/2013, T6/2014, T8/2015)
- Best result in four prior starts this season: T21 (Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches, Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard)

Wyndham Clark (T1/-7)

- Fourth career 18-hole lead/co-lead in individual stroke-play events on TOUR; 0-for-3 to date (17th/2017 Sanderson Farms Championship, T34/2020 WM Phoenix Open, T7/2022 RBC Canadian Open)
- Earned his third career PGA TOUR title at the 2024 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am; all three wins have come in the last two seasons (2023 Wells Fargo Championship, 2023 U.S. Open, 2024 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am)
- Finished solo-second at last week's Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard; only player with a win and a runner-up this season

- Making fifth start at THE PLAYERS Championship; made the cut for the first time in 2023 and finished T27 (DQ/2019, MC/2021, MC/2022)

Ryan Fox (T21/-3)

- Makes hole-in-one at No. 17 from 124 yards, the 14th hole-in-one at No. 17 (three in 2023; first year with more than one)
- Also made eagle at the par-3 16th, becoming the first player with back-to-back eagles on any two holes at THE PLAYERS Championship
- First career hole-in-one on the PGA TOUR in his 472nd par 3 played (stroke-play events)

Miscellaneous Notes

- Defending champion and World No. 1 **Scottie Scheffler** opens with a 5-under 67; no player has ever successfully defended a title at THE PLAYERS Championship
- **Matt Kuchar** (T109/+2) and **Corey Connors** (T12/-4) play Nos. 10-12 in birdie-eagle-birdie, becoming the first two players in the ShotLink era to begin their rounds on No. 10 and card three consecutive 3s on Nos. 10-12
- **Tom Kim** withdrew during the first round due to illness