



**2024 PLAYERS Championship**  
*(12<sup>th</sup> 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)**

**Third-Round Notes – Saturday, March 16, 2024**

**Saturday weather:** Mostly cloudy. High of 84. Wind W 6-12 mph.

**Third-Round Leaderboard**

| Pos. | Player            | R1 | R2 | R3 | Total     |
|------|-------------------|----|----|----|-----------|
| 1    | Xander Schauffele | 65 | 69 | 65 | 199 (-17) |
| 2    | Wyndham Clark     | 65 | 65 | 70 | 200 (-16) |
| 3    | Brian Harman      | 72 | 65 | 64 | 201 (-15) |
| T4   | Maverick McNealy  | 67 | 68 | 68 | 203 (-13) |
| T4   | Matt Fitzpatrick  | 66 | 69 | 68 | 203 (-13) |

**Xander Schauffele (1<sup>st</sup>/-17)**

- Third-round 65 marks his second career score of 65 or lower and second career bogey-free round at THE PLAYERS
- Third player in tournament history with a 54-hole score of 199 or better:  
 197 (19-under), Webb Simpson, 2018 (66-63-68)  
 197 (19-under), Greg Norman, 1994 (63-67-67)  
 199 (17-under), Xander Schauffele, 2024 (65-69-65)
- Seventh career 54-hole lead/co-lead in individual stroke-play events on TOUR; 2-for-6 in converting to victory, including his two most recent titles (2022 Genesis Scottish Open, 2022 Travelers Championship)
- 16<sup>th</sup> time in last group of the final round on TOUR since the start of the 2018 season, tied with Jon Rahm for the second-most of any player behind Rory McIlroy (20)
- World No. 6 seeks to become the fifth consecutive PLAYERS Champion to win after entering the week inside the top 10 of the Official World Golf Ranking:

| Year | Player            | OWGR |
|------|-------------------|------|
| 2023 | Scottie Scheffler | 2    |
| 2022 | Cameron Smith     | 10   |
| 2021 | Justin Thomas     | 3    |
| 2019 | Rory McIlroy      | 6    |

- Began the third round four strokes behind Wyndham Clark; has won four of his six individual stroke-play titles after trailing by four strokes or more through 36 holes:

| Tournament                                | Strokes Back Through 36 Holes |
|---|-------------------------------|
| 2017 A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier | 5                             |
| 2018 WGC-HSBC Champions                   | 4                             |
| 2019 The Sentry                           | 5                             |
| 2022 Genesis Scottish Open                | 4                             |

- Most recent of seven PGA TOUR titles came at the 2022 Genesis Scottish Open; has 15 top-10s since the start of the 2022-23 season, the second-most of any player in that span (22, Scottie Scheffler)
- 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)
- Finished T2 at the 2018 PLAYERS Championship in his tournament debut and finished T19 in 2023 (MC in 2019, 2021, 2022)

**Wyndham Clark (2<sup>nd</sup>/-16)**

- 36-hole leader posts 70 in search of his fourth win on TOUR in his last 17 starts
- Finished solo-second at last week's Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard; only player with a win and a runner-up this season

- 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)
- 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)
- PLAYERS Championship winners who also won the U.S. Open: Lee Trevino, Jerry Pate, Jack Nicklaus, Raymond Floyd, Tom Kite, Lee Janzen, Tiger Woods, Martin Kaymer, Webb Simpson, Rory McIlroy

#### Miscellaneous Notes

- **Brian Harman** (3<sup>rd</sup>/-15) sets the lowest middle 36-hole total of 129 (65-64) at THE PLAYERS; had yet to post a score of 65 or better in his first 39 rounds at TPC Sawgrass; owns three top-10s in 11 previous tournament appearances, including a T3 in 2021, and would become the second left-hander to win THE PLAYERS (Phil Mickelson/2007)
- The only player inside the top six on the leaderboard without a victory on TOUR, **Maverick McNealy** (T4/-13) seeks to join Tim Clark (2010) and Craig Perks (2002) as players to make THE PLAYERS Championship their first victory on TOUR; owns one top-10 in seven starts this season (T6/WM Phoenix Open)
- **Matt Fitzpatrick** (T4/-13) closes with a career-best 31 on the back nine at TPC Sawgrass (previous: 33/R2/2021) to post three consecutive rounds in the 60s (66-69-68); owns one top-10 in seven previous tournament appearances (T9/2021)
- **Sahith Theegala** (T6/-12) plays his last four holes in 4-under (birdie-eagle-birdie-par) to post consecutive 67s; making his third appearance at THE PLAYERS (MC/2022, 74<sup>th</sup>/2023)
- Defending champion **Scottie Scheffler** (T6/-12) birdies the final three holes to post his seventh consecutive round of 69 or better at THE PLAYERS following a third-round 68; no player has successfully defended a title at THE PLAYERS (best finish by a defending champion is T5 by three players: Hal Sutton/2001, Tom Kite/1990, Jack Nicklaus/1977)