

2024 RSM Classic
(8th of 8 FedExCup Fall Events)

St. Simons Island, Georgia
Sea Island Golf Club (Seaside)
Sea Island Golf Club (Plantation)

November 21-24, 2024
Par/Yards: 35-35—70/7,005
Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,060

FedExCup points: 500 (winner)
Purse: \$7.6 million (\$1,368,000 winner)

First-Round Notes – Thursday, November 21, 2024

Weather: Sunny. High of 64. Wind W 14-18 mph, gusting to 30 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	Course	Total
T1	Maverick McNealy	SS	62 (-8)
T1	Michael Thorbjornsen	PL	64 (-8)
3	Andrew Novak	PL	65 (-7)
T4	Adrien Dumont de Chassart	SS	64 (-6)
T4	Chandler Phillips	PL	66 (-6)

Maverick McNealy (T1/-8) – SS

- Beginning his round on No. 10 of the Seaside Course, played Nos. 12-16 in 5-under en route to a career-low 8-under 62
- First career 18-hole lead; best previous 18-hole position T2; 2022 Shriners Children’s Open, 2024 WM Phoenix Open
- RSM Classic history: T58/2023, MC/2020, T53/2019
- Most recent of five top-10 finishes in 27 starts this season was T6/World Wide Technology Championship; comes off a T17 at last week’s Butterfield Bermuda Championship
- Has two career runner-ups in 141 TOUR starts: 2021 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, 2021 Procore Championship
- Qualified for the FedEx St. Jude Championship (T12) and finished No. 53 through the FedExCup Playoffs; is currently No. 52 in the FedExCup Fall as he seeks to finish inside the Aon Next 10 (Nos. 51-60) to qualify for two Signature Events in 2025 (AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, The Genesis Invitational)

Michael Thorbjornsen (T1/-8) – PL

- In his 19th career PGA TOUR start and 11th as a professional, former Stanford University standout opened with a bogey-free, career-low 8-under 62 (previously: 63, three times) on the Plantation Course
- First career 18-hole lead; best 18-hole position prior to this week was 2nd/2024 Sanderson Farms Championship (T8)
- 23-year-old Cleveland, Ohio native became a PGA TOUR rookie in 2024 after finishing No. 1 in PGA TOUR University (second player in history to earn membership via this route, joining Ludvig Åberg); is exempt through 2025
- Has three career top-10 finishes: 2024 John Deere Classic (T2), 2024 Sanderson Farms Championship (T8), 2022 Travelers Championship (4th, as amateur)

Additional Player Notes

- Three players who finished in the top 10 at last week’s Butterfield Bermuda Championship are currently inside the top 10 of the leaderboard: 3rd, **Andrew Novak** (2nd/Butterfield Bermuda Championship), T3, **Adrien Dumont de Chassart** (T3/Butterfield Bermuda Championship), T6, **Patrick Rodgers** (T9/Butterfield Bermuda Championship)
- In his first start since knee surgery (left), defending champion **Ludvig Åberg** (T135) opened with a 3-over 73 (SS)

FedExCup Fall Notes

- Nos. 1-50 in the FedExCup standings through the TOUR Championship are locked in their positions, while Nos. 51 and beyond carry their FedExCup points into the Fall; Nos. 51-60 through the FedExCup Fall will qualify for two Signature Events in 2024: AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am and The Genesis Invitational
- Currently projected to move into Nos. 51-60: **Kevin Yu** (T6; from No. 61 to 57), **Andrew Novak** (3rd; from No. 70 to 58)
- Currently projected to fall out of Nos. 51-60: **Nick Taylor** (DNP; from No. 58 to 61), **Justin Rose** (DNP; from No. 60 to 62)
- The Top 125 will be exempt into all Full-Field events and THE PLAYERS next season and Nos. 126-150 will earn full Korn Ferry Tour status and conditional status on TOUR next season
- Currently projected to move into the Top 125: **Michael Thorbjornsen** (T1; from No. 138 to 77), **Dylan Wu** (T13; from No. 131 to 121), **Adrien Dumont de Chassart** (T4; from No. 142 to 124)
- Currently projected to fall out of the Top 125: **Wesley Bryan** (T34; from No. 125 to 126), **Zac Blair** (T80; from No. 123 to 127), **Joel Dahmen** (T101; from No. 124 to 128)