



# PRE-TOURNAMENT NOTES 2024 VALERO TEXAS OPEN



## TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

April 1-7 - 15th event of the FedExCup Regular Season  
 San Antonio, Texas  
 TPC San Antonio (Oaks Course) - Par 72 - 7,438 yards  
**Purse \$9.2 million - Winner \$1,656,000 + 500 FedExCup pts.**  
 156 players - 72-hole stroke-play  
**Defending champion** Corey Conners

## BROADCAST SCHEDULE (ET)

	ESPN+	GOLF	NBC
<b>R1</b>	8:15 a.m.-7 p.m.	4-7 p.m.	
<b>R2</b>	8:15 a.m.-7 p.m.	4-7 p.m.	
<b>R3</b>	10 a.m.-6 p.m.	1-3:30 p.m.	3:30-6 p.m.
<b>R4</b>	10 a.m.-6 p.m.	1-2:30 p.m.	2:30-6 p.m.

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## 2024 PGA TOUR SEASON

### FedExCup Playoffs

TOUR Championship.....  
 BMW Championship.....  
 FedEx St. Jude Championship.....

### FedExCup Regular Season

Wyndham Championship.....  
*Olympic Men's Golf Competition*.....  
 3M Open.....  
 Barracuda Championship.....  
 The Open Championship.....  
 Genesis Scottish Open.....  
 John Deere Classic.....  
 Rocket Mortgage Classic.....  
 Travelers Championship.....  
 U.S. Open.....  
 the Memorial Tournament.....  
 RBC Canadian Open.....  
 Charles Schwab Challenge.....  
 PGA Championship.....  
 Myrtle Beach Classic.....  
 Wells Fargo Championship.....  
 THE CJ CUP Byron Nelson.....  
 Zurich Classic of New Orleans.....  
 Corales Puntacana Championship.....  
 RBC Heritage.....  
 Masters Tournament.....  
 Valero Texas Open.....

Texas Children's Houston Open..... *Stephan Jaeger*  
 Valspar Championship..... *Peter Malnati*  
 THE PLAYERS Championship..... *Scottie Scheffler (2)*  
 Puerto Rico Open..... *Brice Garnett*  
 Arnold Palmer Invitational..... *Scottie Scheffler*  
 Cognizant Classic..... *Austin Eckroat*  
 Mexico Open at Vidanta..... *Jake Knapp*  
 The Genesis Invitational..... *Hideki Matsuyama*  
 WM Phoenix Open..... *Nick Taylor*  
 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am..... *Wyndham Clark*  
 Farmers Insurance Open..... *Matthieu Pavon*  
 The American Express..... *Nick Dunlap*  
 Sony Open in Hawaii..... *Grayson Murray*  
 The Sentry..... *Chris Kirk*

*Italics* First-time PGA TOUR winners

## TOP STORYLINES

30 players in the field are qualified for next week's Masters Tournament, up from 11 in 2023. The only way for any of the 126 players in the field (80.8%) that are not currently eligible is with a win at the Valero Texas Open.

### Players in the field in San Antonio and at the Masters (30)

Ludvig Åberg	Matt Fitzpatrick	Russell Henley	Tom Kim	Thorbjørn Olesen
Byeong Hun An	Tommy Fleetwood	Ryo Hisatsune	Hideki Matsuyama	Adam Schenk
Eric Cole	Rickie Fowler	Lee Hodges	Denny McCarthy	Adam Scott
Corey Conners	Ryan Fox	Nicolai Højgaard	Rory McIlroy	Jordan Spieth
Austin Eckroat	Lucas Glover	Max Homa	Collin Morikawa	Erik van Rooyen
Harris English	Brian Harman	Zach Johnson	Grayson Murray	Camilo Villegas

The Valero Texas Open is the final tournament that counts toward the Aon Swing 5 for the RBC Heritage, and players 2-5 in the standings as well as all players not otherwise exempt within 60 points of No. 5 are in the field. The winner (Brice Garnett) and runner-up (**Erik Barnes**) from the Puerto Rico Open remain 1-2 in the Aon Swing 5 standings entering the final week of the qualifying period. Barnes, who is competing on a Major Medical Extension this season after missing 10 months of competition following the 2023 Valspar Championship, finished T17 at last week's Texas Children's Houston Open and is making his tournament debut at the Valero Texas Open (Garnett is not in the field).

**Billy Horschel** enters the week No. 5 in the Aon Swing 5 standings and has not competed in a Signature Event this season. Horschel has three top-five finishes in nine career starts at the Valero Texas Open: T3/2013, 3rd/2015, T4/2016.

**Ryan Moore**, currently No. 8 in the Aon Swing 5 standings, has three top-10s in seven prior starts at the Valero Texas Open, highlighted by a solo-third in 2019.

**Rory McIlroy** is the highest-ranked player in the field at No. 2 in the Official World Golf Ranking and will be making his sixth start of the season. McIlroy's streak of five starts to start the season without a top-10 is his longest such streak since 2010, his first season as a member, when he won the Wells Fargo Championship in his sixth start, earning his first career PGA TOUR title. McIlroy is making his third start at the Valero Texas Open, highlighted by a runner-up in 2013, and is competing on TOUR the week before the Masters Tournament for the sixth time in his career.

### Rory McIlroy competing on the PGA TOUR the week before the Masters Tournament

Tournament	Result	Masters result
2024 Valero Texas Open	TBD	TBD
2022 Valero Texas Open	MC	2nd
2014 Texas Children's Houston Open	T7	T8
2013 Valero Texas Open	2nd	T25
2010 Texas Children's Houston Open	MC	MC
2009 Texas Children's Houston Open	T19	T20

2016 Valero Texas Open winner and four-time PGA TOUR winner **Charley Hoffman** is making his 500th career start on the PGA TOUR. This is the third consecutive year that a player has made their 500th career start on TOUR at the Valero Texas Open, with Hoffman joining Matt Kuchar (T2/2022) and Lucas Glover (45th/2023). Hoffman is the second player to reach the milestone this season along with Ryan Palmer, who made his 500th career start at the Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches. 2008 and 2009 Valero Texas Open winner Zach Johnson is making his 497th start this week and will make his 498th start at next week's Masters Tournament. Hoffman has earned \$4,649,822 in Official Money at the Valero Texas Open, the most of any player in tournament history (second: \$3,181,260/Corey Conners).

**First career start:** 1994 Farmers Insurance Open (MC) as an amateur

**First start as a professional:** 2001 Touchstone Energy Tucson Open (MC)

**First start as a TOUR member:** 2006 Sony Open in Hawaii (MC)

## WINNERS

Year	Player
2023	Corey Conners
2022	J.J. Spaun
2021	Jordan Spieth
2020	Canceled
2019	Corey Conners
2018	Andrew Landry
2017	Kevin Chappell
2016	Charley Hoffman
2015	Jimmy Walker
2014	Steven Bowditch
2013	Martin Laird
2012	Ben Curtis
2011	Brendan Steele
2010	Adam Scott
2009	Zach Johnson
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2007	Justin Leonard
2006	Eric Axley
2005	Robert Gamez
2004	Bart Bryant
2003	Tommy Armour III
2002	Loren Roberts
2001	Justin Leonard
2000	Justin Leonard
1999	Duffy Waldorf
1998	Hal Sutton
1997	Tim Herron
1996	David Ogren
1995	Duffy Waldorf
1994	Bob Estes
1993	Jay Haas
1992	Nick Price
1991	Blaine McCallister
1990	Mark O'Meara
1989	Donnie Hammond
1988	Corey Pavin
1986	Ben Crenshaw
1985	John Mahaffey
1984	Calvin Peete
1983	Jim Colbert
1982	Jay Haas
1981	Bill Rogers
1980	Lee Trevino
1979	Lou Graham
1978	Ron Streck
1977	Hale Irwin
1976	Butch Baird
1975	Don January
1974	Terry Diehl
1973	Ben Crenshaw
1972	Mike Hill
1970	Ron Cerrudo
1969	Deane Beman
1967	Chi Chi Rodriguez
1966	Harold Henning
1965	Frank Beard
1964	Bruce Crampton
1963	Phil Rodgers
1962	Arnold Palmer
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## ADDITIONAL STORYLINES

Hoffman is making his 18th start at the Valero Texas Open and has seven top-10s at the event, the most of any tournament in his career.

### Charley Hoffman – most top-10s on TOUR by event

- 7 Valero Texas Open
- 5 The American Express
- 4 THE CJ CUP Byron Nelson

**Corey Conners** earned his second Valero Texas Open title in 2023 (first: 2019), becoming the first player to earn his first two wins at the same event since K.H. Lee won the 2022 CJ CUP Byron Nelson. Due to COVID-19, the Valero Texas Open was not held in 2020 and Conners finished T14 as the defending champion in 2021. With a win, Conners would become the first player since World War II to earn his first three wins at the same event. Conners has made 15 consecutive cuts, tied for the fifth-longest active streak on TOUR, and is coming off a T13 at THE PLAYERS Championship.

**Hideki Matsuyama** made his tournament debut at the 2021 Valero Texas Open (T30) a week before winning his first major championship title at the 2021 Masters Tournament. Matsuyama, who will make his fourth start at the event (WD/2022, T15/2023), enters the week No. 3 in the FedExCup standings, the highest position of any player in the field. He has one win (The Genesis Invitational) and one additional top-10 in eight starts this season.

104 players in the 156 player field competed at last week's Texas Children's Houston Open, including five that finished in the top 10: **Alejandro Tosti** (T2), **Max Greyserman** (T7), **Billy Horschel** (T7), **Aaron Rai** (T7) and **David Skinnis** (T7).

Five players have earned their first PGA TOUR victory in 14 events this season:

- Stephan Jaeger Texas Children's Houston Open
- Austin Eckroat Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches
- Jake Knapp Mexico Open at Vidanta
- Matthieu Pavon Farmers Insurance Open
- Nick Dunlap The American Express

Four of the last six winners of the Valero Texas Open earned their first PGA TOUR title:

- 2022 J.J. Spaun
- 2019 Corey Conners
- 2018 Andrew Landry
- 2017 Kevin Chappell

## 2023 LEADERBOARD

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Corey Conners	64	72	69	68	273 (-15)
2	Sam Stevens	72	68	68	66	274 (-14)
T3	Matt Kuchar	68	70	69	68	275 (-13)
T3	Sam Ryder	71	70	68	66	275 (-13)
5	Patrick Rodgers	66	67	71	73	277 (-11)
T6	Byeong Hun An	70	71	68	69	278 (-10)
T6	Lee Hodges	74	66	69	69	278 (-10)
T6	Chez Reavie	69	72	72	65	278 (-10)

## STRENGTH OF FIELD STATISTICS

Top 10 FedExCup	3	Hideki Matsuyama (3)
Top 30 FedExCup	10	
Top 10 OWGR	4	Rory McIlroy (2)
Top 50 OWGR	21	
PGA TOUR winners	67	Most: Rory McIlroy (24)
Past champions	10	Defending: Corey Conners
FedExCup Champions	4	Most: Rory McIlroy (3)
PLAYERS winners	5	Most recent: Rory McIlroy (2019)
Major winners	13	Most: Rory McIlroy (4)

## TOURNAMENT RECORDS

Category	Value	Player	Year
Low 18-hole score	60	5 players; most recent: Zach Johnson	2009 (R3)
Low 36-hole score	126	3 players; most recent: Jesper Parnevik	2007
Low 54-hole score	189	Tommy Armour III	2003
Low 72-hole score	254	Tommy Armour III	2003
Holes-in-one (1983-present)	37	Most recent: Nick Taylor	2019 (R3)
Largest 18-hole lead	6	Dave Marr	1958
Largest 36-hole lead	6	Dave Marr	1958
Largest 54-hole lead	6	Tommy Armour III	2003
Best come-from-behind win	6	Bruce Crampton	1964
Largest margin of victory	8	Corey Pavin	1988
Playoffs	12	Most recent: Zach Johnson def. James Driscoll	2009
Wire-to-wire winners	2	2 players; most recent: Bob Estes	1994