



2024 Valero Texas Open
(15th of 36 events in the FedExCup Regular Season)

San Antonio, Texas
TPC San Antonio (The Oaks Course)

April 4-7, 2024
Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,438

FedExCup Points: 500 (winner)
Purse: \$9,200,000 (\$1,656,000 winner)

First-Round Notes – Thursday, April 4, 2024

Weather: Sunny. High of 84. Wind SSW 8-12 mph, with gusts to 20 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	R1
1	Akshay Bhatia	63 (-9)
T2	Justin Lower	66 (-6)
T2	Brendon Todd	66 (-6)
T4	Four players	68 (-4)

Akshay Bhatia (1st/-9)

- Equals his career low round on the PGA TOUR with a bogey-free 9-under 63 at the Valero Texas Open; marks his fourth 63 and first since the third round of the 2023 Mexico Open at Vidanta
- Holds the first-round lead/co-lead for the first time; previous-best position after 18 holes is T2 (2021 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am/finished T30)
- Making third start at the event (MC/2021, T46/2023); previous-low round at TPC San Antonio: 68/R4/2023
- Five top-20 finishes in nine starts this season, with a T11 at last week's Texas Children's Houston Open his best outing
- Has one win in 53 prior PGA TOUR starts (2023 Barracuda Championship)

Justin Lower (T2/-6)

- After entering the week with a scoring average of 74.67 in six rounds at TPC San Antonio, opens the Valero Texas Open with a bogey-free 6-under 66 on his 35th birthday
- Marks his best round on TOUR since he posted second- and third-round 66s en route to a career-best T3 finish at this season's Mexico Open at Vidanta
- Making his third start at the event (MC/2022, 70th/2023)

Brendon Todd (T2/-6)

- Has two top-10 finishes in seven starts at the Valero Texas Open (T6/2014, T8/2022); prior to his opening-round 66, previous-best score in 24 rounds at TPC San Antonio is 67 (R2/2023)
- T6 at the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard is his lone top-10 finish in nine starts this season
- Last of his three PGA TOUR victories came at the 2019 World Wide Technology Championship at Mayakoba

Miscellaneous notes

- **Rory McIlroy** (T8/-3), the highest-ranked player in the field at No. 2 in the Official World Golf Ranking, opens with a 3-under 69 in his sixth start of the season; current 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
- Two-time and defending champion **Corey Connors** (T17/-2) cards a 2-under 70; with a win this week, would become the first player since World War II to earn his first three wins at the same event; has made 15 consecutive cuts, tied for the fifth-longest active streak on TOUR, and is coming off a T13 at THE PLAYERS Championship
- 2016 Valero Texas Open champion **Charley Hoffman** (T53/E) opens his 500th PGA TOUR start with an even-par 72; marks 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)
- 2021 Valero Texas Open champion **Jordan Spieth** (T80/+1) aces the par-3 16th hole with a 7-iron from 199 yards, marking his fourth ace on the PGA TOUR and first since the third round of the 2021 Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard (No. 2); posts opening-round 1-over 73

Aon Next 10 and Aon Swing 5

- The next Signature Event on the schedule is the RBC Heritage. The cutoff for the Aon Next 10 is through the Masters Tournament while the events for the Aon Swing 5 are the Puerto Rico Open, Valspar Championship, Texas Children's Houston Open and Valero Texas Open.

Aon Next 10 standings

Player	Position thru R1	Projected FedExCup Points
Matthieu Pavon	---	986.563
Ludvig Aberg	T52	896.792
Stephan Jaeger	---	862.350
Akshay Bhatia	1 st	829.524
Jake Knapp	---	799.218
Will Zalatoris	---	763.093
Austin Eckroat	T4	714.676
Peter Malnati	---	706.283
Christiaan Bezuidenhout	T80	705.080
Erik van Rooyen	T17	633.137

Aon Swing 5 standings

Player	Position thru R1	Projected FedExCup Points
Brice Garnett	---	300.000
Justin Lower	T2	274.500
Erik Barnes	T80	213.000
Chandler Phillips	T30	187.955
Matti Schmid	T8	182.352