



**2024 Valero Texas Open**  
*(15<sup>th</sup> of 36 events in the FedExCup Regular Season)*

**San Antonio, Texas**                                      **April 4-7, 2024**                                      **FedExCup Points: 500 (winner)**  
**TPC San Antonio (The Oaks Course)**                      **Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,438**                                      **Purse: \$9,200,000 (\$1,656,000 winner)**

**Second-Round Notes – Friday, April 5, 2024**

**Weather:** Mostly sunny. High of 84. Wind SSE 12-18 mph, with gusts to 30 mph.

**Cut:** 82 professionals at 1-over 145 from a field of 155 professionals and one amateur; marks the third event this season with more than 80 players making the cut (Texas Children’s Houston Open/83, Sony Open in Hawaii/82)

**Second-Round Leaderboard**

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	Total
1	Akshay Bhatia	63	70	133 (-11)
T2	Brendon Todd	66	72	138 (-6)
T2	Russell Henley	69	69	138 (-6)
T2	Denny McCarthy	68	70	138 (-6)
5	Rory McIlroy	69	70	139 (-5)

**Akshay Bhatia (1<sup>st</sup>/-11)**

- One day after equaling his career low round on the PGA TOUR with a bogey-free 9-under 63, cards a 2-under 70 to move to 11-under 133 at the midway point of the Valero Texas Open
- Five-stroke 36-hole lead equals the largest on TOUR this season (Patrick Cantlay/2024 Genesis Invitational)
- Marks the largest 36-hole lead at the Valero Texas Open since the event moved to TPC San Antonio in 2010 (previous: 4, Si Woo Kim/2019/finished T4); Dave Marr holds the Valero Texas Open all-time record with a six-shot lead after 36 holes in 1958
- Equals his second-best opening 36-hole score on TOUR (131/2023 Butterfield Bermuda Championship, finished T20)
- 133 falls one shy of the lowest opening 36-hole score since the Valero Texas Open moved to TPC San Antonio in 2010 (Si Woo Kim/132/2019)
- Holds the 36-hole lead/co-lead for the first time; previous-best position after 36 holes is T4 (three occasions; most recently last week at the Texas Children’s Houston Open (finished T11)
- Making third start at the event (MC/2021, T46/2023)
- 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)

**Miscellaneous notes**

- Three-time PGA TOUR winner **Brendon Todd** (T2/-6) is in search of his second victory in Texas (2014 AT&T Byron Nelson); has two top-10 finishes in seven prior starts at the Valero Texas Open (T6/2014, T8/2022)
- Prior to matching 3-under 69s this week, **Russell Henley** (T2/-6) had never broken 70 in two starts at the Valero Texas Open (MC/2016, T52/2019)
- **Denny McCarthy** (T2/-6) seeks his first PGA TOUR victory in his 174<sup>th</sup> start, with a playoff loss to Viktor Hovland at the 2023 Memorial Tournament presented by Workday his best outing
- **Rory McIlroy** (5<sup>th</sup>/-5), the highest-ranked player in the field at No. 2 in the Official World Golf Ranking, opens 69-70 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
- With a win this week, defending champion **Corey Connors** (T10/-3) would become the first player since World War II to earn his first three wins at the same event; has made 16 consecutive cuts, the fifth-longest active streak on TOUR, and is coming off a T13 at THE PLAYERS Championship
- **Charley Hoffman** (T18/-2) makes the cut for the 342<sup>nd</sup> time in his 500<sup>th</sup> PGA TOUR start; in addition to his win in 2016, has three runner-up finishes at the Valero Texas Open (2011, 2019, 2021)

- 30 players who are in next week's Masters Tournament teed it up this week at the Valero Texas Open, with 19 making the cut: Russell Henley (T2), Denny McCarthy (T2), Rory McIlroy (5), Tommy Fleetwood (T6), Adam Schenk (T6), Corey Connors (T10), Thorbjørn Olesen (T10), Jordan Spieth (T10), Austin Eckroat (T18), Max Homa (T18), Lucas Glover (T18), Ludvig Åberg (T34), Hideki Matsuyama (T34), Adam Scott (T34), Brian Harman (T47), Collin Morikawa (T47), Matt Fitzpatrick (T63), Ryo Hisatsune (T63), Nicolai Højgaard (T63)
- 11 of the 30 players in the field who are also in the Masters Tournament next week missed the cut: Byeong Hun An, Eric Cole, Harris English, Rickie Fowler, Ryan Fox, Lee Hodges, Zach Johnson, Tom Kim, Grayson Murray, Erik van Rooyen, Camilo Villegas

#### 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 R2	Projected FedExCup Points
Matthieu Pavon	---	986.563
Ludvig Åberg	T34	908.705
Stephan Jaeger	---	862.350
Akshay Bhatia	1 <sup>st</sup>	829.524
Jake Knapp	---	799.218
Will Zalatoris	---	763.093
Christiaan Bezuidenhout	T47	711.855
Peter Malnati	---	706.283
Austin Eckroat	T18	641.332
Thomas Detry	---	595.136

#### Aon Swing 5 standings

Player	Position thru R2	Projected FedExCup Points
Brice Garnett	---	300.000
Erik Barnes	MC	213.000
Ryan Moore	T10	180.600
Matti Schmid	T10	176.435
Chandler Phillips	MC	171.750