



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)

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, April 6, 2024

Weather: Mostly cloudy with intermittent light rain showers. High of 81. Wind SSE 8-14 mph, with gusts to 20 mph.

Third-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	Total
1	Akshay Bhatia	63	70	68	201 (-15)
2	Denny McCarthy	68	70	67	205 (-11)
3	Brendon Todd	66	72	70	208 (-8)
T4	Hideki Matsuyama	73	70	66	209 (-7)
T4	Russell Henley	69	69	71	209 (-7)
6	Ludvig Åberg	72	71	67	210 (-6)

Akshay Bhatia (1st/-15)

- Following a third-round 4-under 68, holds the 54-hole lead by four strokes over Denny McCarthy
- Would become the first wire-to-wire winner on the PGA TOUR since Lee Hodges at the 2023 3M Open
- Wire-to-wire winners at the Valero Texas Open: Mike Souchak (1955), Bob Estes (1994)
- Equals the largest 54-hole lead on the PGA TOUR this season (Jake Knapp, Mexico Open at Vidanta)
- Largest 54-hole lead at the Valero Texas Open since Jimmy Walker led by four over Jordan Spieth en route to winning in 2015; two shy of the largest 54-hole lead at the Valero Texas Open: 6 (Tommy Armour III/2003)
- Holds the 54-hole lead/co-lead for the first time; previous-best position after 54 holes: 2nd (2024 Sentry/finished T14), T2 (2023 Mexico Open at Vidanta/finished 4th)
- 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)
- With a win Sunday, would become the first Drive, Chip and Putt participant to play in the Masters; participated in the inaugural Drive, Chip and Putt National Finals in 2014, finishing sixth place overall in the boys 12-13 age group
- Leads the field in Strokes Gained: Tee to Green (14.859) and Strokes Gained: Approach the Green (7.382)

Miscellaneous notes

- **Denny McCarthy** (2nd/-11) seeks his first TOUR win in his 174th start, with a playoff loss to Viktor Hovland at the 2023 Memorial Tournament presented by Workday his best finish; four of the last six winners of the Valero Texas Open earned their first TOUR title: Kevin Chappell (2017), Andrew Landry (2018), Corey Connors (2019), J.J. Spaun (2022)
- Three-time PGA TOUR winner **Brendon Todd** (3rd/-8) 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)
- **Hideki Matsuyama** (T4/-7) is making his fourth straight appearance at the Valero Texas Open (T30/2021, WD/2022, T15/2023), with his first start in 2021 coming the week before winning the Masters Tournament; entered the week No. 3 in the FedExCup standings, the highest position of any player in the field; along with **Alex Noren** (T7/-5), posted the round of the day (66)
- Four-time PGA TOUR winner **Russell Henley** (T4/-7) has a pair of season-best T4 finishes (Sony Open in Hawaii, Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard) and is currently No. 35 in the FedExCup standings; has never finished outside of the top 100 in the FedExCup since joining the TOUR in 2013
- 2023 RSM Classic champion **Ludvig Åberg** (6th/-6) trails by nine in attempt to win one week prior to his first major championship start; missed the cut in his only other start at the event (2022/78-73); currently projected No. 1 in the Aon Next 10 standings

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 R3	Projected FedExCup Points
Ludvig Åberg	6 th	992.667
Matthieu Pavon	---	986.563
Stephan Jaeger	---	862.350
Akshay Bhatia	1 st	829.524
Jake Knapp	---	799.218
Will Zalatoris	---	763.093
Christiaan Bezuidenhout	T17	748.136
Peter Malnati	---	706.283
Austin Eckroat	T37	621.926
Thomas Detry	---	595.136

Aon Swing 5 standings

Player	Position thru R3	Projected FedExCup Points
Brice Garnett	---	300.000
Erik Barnes	MC	213.000
Chandler Phillips	MC	171.750
Alejandro Tosti	MC	169.400
Alex Noren	T7	147.500