



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)

Final-Round Notes – Sunday, April 7, 2024

Weather: Mostly cloudy. High of 82. Wind NE 8-14 mph.

Final-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
P1	Akshay Bhatia	63	70	68	67	268 (-20)*
P2	Denny McCarthy	68	70	67	63	268 (-20)
3	Rory McIlroy	69	70	72	66	277 (-11)
4	Russell Henley	69	69	71	69	278 (-10)

Playoff Notes

- With a birdie-4 on the first playoff hole (No. 18), Akshay Bhatia defeats Denny McCarthy to win the Valero Texas Open
- Marks the 16th playoff at the Valero Texas Open, but first since the event moved to TPC San Antonio in 2010
- Prior to Sunday, the last playoff at the event was won by Zach Johnson in 2009
- Fourth playoff of the season
- Playoff records: Bhatia (2-0), McCarthy (0-2)

Akshay Bhatia (1st/-20)

- Picks up his second PGA TOUR victory in his 54th start at the age of 22 years, 2 months, 7 days; both wins have come in playoffs (2023 Barracuda Championship, 2024 Valero Texas Open)
- Moves to No. 12 in the FedExCup standings and is now fully exempt through the 2026 PGA TOUR season
- Earns final spot in next week’s Masters Tournament and entry into the four remaining Signature Events this season
- Becomes 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
- Despite holding the outright lead after the first three rounds and a share of the lead at the end of regulation, the victory isn’t considered an official wire-to-wire win since it went to a playoff
- Wins in first attempt with the 54-hole lead/co-lead and in his third start at the event (MC/2021, T46/2023, 1st/2024)
- First lefthander to win the Valero Texas Open since Eric Axley in 2006; first lefthander to win on TOUR since he (Barracuda Championship) and Brian Harman (Open Championship) did so on the same day in July of 2023
- 268 equals the lowest 72-hole score since the event moved to TPC San Antonio in 2010 (Corey Connors/2019/won, Denny McCarthy/2024/2nd)
- Records his first top-10 finish in his 10th start of the season, with a T11 at last week’s Texas Children’s Houston Open his previous best outing; now has six top-20 finishes this season
- Led the field in Strokes Gained: Tee to Green (18.780) and Strokes Gained: Approach the Green (8.225)

Denny McCarthy (2nd/-20)

- Seeking his first PGA TOUR victory in his 174th start, finishes runner-up for the second time, both playoff losses (fell to Viktor Hovland at the 2023 Memorial Tournament presented by Workday)
- Sets the back nine scoring record at TPC San Antonio with an 8-under 28 (previous: 29/Trey Mullinax/R3/2018)
- Fourth 28 this season and first since Erik van Rooyen at the Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches (R4/front nine)
- Closed his round with seven consecutive birdies (Nos. 12-18); the last player to birdie the final seven holes of regulation and go on to win was Kevin Streelman at the 2014 Travelers Championship
- Previous-best birdie streak was six in a row at the 2021 Butterfield Bermuda Championship (Nos. 2-7/R4)
- 92 putts equals the fewest on record (1983-present) in PGA TOUR history (David Frost/2005 RBC Heritage)
- Marks his first top-10 finish on TOUR since the 2023 RSM Classic (T5)
- Best finish in five starts at the Valero Texas Open (T20/2018, MC/2019, T34/2021, T18/2022, 2nd/2024)
- Led the field in Strokes Gained: Around the Green (7.929), Sand Saves (4/4), Scrambling (25/29)

Miscellaneous notes

- **Rory McIlroy** (3rd/-11) picks up his first top-10 finish of the season, after entering the week with a streak of five starts to start the season without a top-10, his longest such streak since 2010; in 2010 in his first season as a member, he won the Wells Fargo Championship in his sixth start for his first career PGA TOUR title
- Four-time PGA TOUR winner **Russell Henley** (4th/-10) picks up his third fourth-place finish of the season (Sony Open in Hawaii/T4, Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard/T4, Valero Texas Open/4th)
- Two-time Valero Texas Open champion **Corey Connors** finishes T25 in bid to become the first player since World War II to earn his first three wins at the same event
- 2016 Valero Texas Open champion **Charley Hoffman** finishes T69 in his 500th PGA TOUR start

Aon Next 10 and Aon Swing 5

- Five players earn spots in the next Signature Event on the schedule, the RBC Heritage, via the Aon Swing 5: Brice Garnett, Erik Barnes, Chandler Phillips, Alejandro Tosti and Victor Perez
- The cutoff for the Aon Next 10 is through the Masters Tournament, with the current standings as follows:

Aon Next 10 standings

Player	VTO Finish	FedExCup Points
Matthieu Pavon	---	986.563
Ludvig Åberg	T14	939.667
Stephan Jaeger	---	862.350
Akshay Bhatia	1 st	829.524
Jake Knapp	---	799.218
Will Zalatoris	---	763.093
Christiaan Bezuidenhout	T25	735.330
Peter Malnati	---	706.283
Austin Eckroat	T33	625.509
Thomas Detry	---	595.136