



PRE-TOURNAMENT NOTES 2024 VALSPAR CHAMPIONSHIP



TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

March 18-24 • 13th event of the FedExCup Regular Season
Palm Harbor, Florida
Innisbrook Resort (Copperhead) • Par 71 • 7,340 yards
Purse \$8.4 million • Winner \$1,512,000 + 500 FedExCup pts.
155 players • 72-hole stroke-play
Defending champion Taylor Moore

BROADCAST SCHEDULE (ET)

	ESPN+	GOLF	NBC
R1	7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.	2-6 p.m.	
R2	7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.	2-6 p.m.	
R3	7:45 a.m.-6 p.m.	1-3 p.m.	3-6 p.m.
R4	7:45 a.m.-6 p.m.	1-3 p.m.	3-6 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.....
Valspar Championship.....

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

The Valspar Championship is the 13th event of the 2024 PGA TOUR Season. The field includes 16 of the top 50 players in the Official World Golf Ranking, led by No. 5 **Xander Schauffele** and No. 8 **Brian Harman**, who finished runner-up at last week's PLAYERS Championship. Schauffele is making his second career start at the event, finishing T12 in his tournament debut in 2022, while Harman is making his 10th start (best result: T5/2022).

Players to finish runner-up and win the following week

Since the start of the 2021-22 PGA TOUR season

Player	Runner-up	Win
Camilo Villegas	2023 World Wide Technology Championship	2023 Butterfield Bermuda Championship
J.T. Poston	2022 Travelers Championship	2022 John Deere Classic
Patrick Cantlay	2022 RBC Heritage	2022 Zurich Classic of New Orleans

Most runner-up finishes on the PGA TOUR since the start of the 2022-23 season

4	Brian Harman
3	Xander Schauffele
3	Adam Hadwin

2023 champion **Taylor Moore** is defending a title on the PGA TOUR for the first time. After winning the Valspar Championship, Moore went on to advance to the TOUR Championship for the first time in his career (T29). Now in his third season on the PGA TOUR, Moore has made all seven cuts in 2024 with his best result coming at The Sentry (T25). The Valspar Championship is the only event that has had multiple successful title defenses since the start of the 2018-19 season, with each of the last two players earning their first Valspar Championship title going on to win the following year. Scottie Scheffler successfully defended his title at last week's PLAYERS Championship; the last time there were successful title defenses on the PGA TOUR schedule was in 2007 when there were three straight.

Successful title defenses on TOUR since the start of the 2018-19 season

Scottie Scheffler	2024 PLAYERS Championship
Tom Kim	2023 Shriners Children's Open
Scottie Scheffler	2023 WM Phoenix Open
Rory McIlroy	2023 CJ CUP in South Carolina
Max Homa	2022 Fortinet Championship
Patrick Cantlay	2022 BMW Championship
Rory McIlroy	2022 RBC Canadian Open
K.H. Lee	2022 AT&T Byron Nelson
Sam Burns	2022 Valspar Championship
Viktor Hovland	2022 World Wide Technology Championship
Brooks Koepka	2019 PGA Championship
Paul Casey	2019 Valspar Championship

Last time there were successful title defenses in consecutive weeks on TOUR

Tiger Woods	2007 PGA Championship
Tiger Woods	2007 WGC-Bridgestone Invitational
Jim Furyk	2007 RBC Canadian Open

2021 and 2022 Valspar Championship winner **Sam Burns** is making his sixth consecutive start at the event and is coming off a T6 in 2023. Burns leads all players with three top-10s at the event since making his tournament debut in 2018 and holds the lowest scoring average (68.85) in tournament history among players with a minimum of 10 rounds. Burns has four top-10s this season, tied with Sahith Theegala for the third-most on TOUR, and enters the week No. 18 in the FedExCup standings. His top-10s came in four consecutive starts: T6/The American Express, 10th/AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, T3/WM Phoenix Open, T10/The Genesis Invitational.

WINNERS

Year	Player
2023	Taylor Moore
2022	Sam Burns
2021	Sam Burns
2020	Canceled
2019	Paul Casey
2018	Paul Casey
2017	Adam Hadwin
2016	Charl Schwartzel
2015	Jordan Spieth
2014	John Senden
2013	Kevin Streelman
2012	Luke Donald
2011	Gary Woodland
2010	Jim Furyk
2009	Retief Goosen
2008	Sean O'Hair
2007	Mark Calcavecchia
2006	K. J. Choi
2005	Carl Pettersson
2004	Vijay Singh
2003	Retief Goosen
2002	K. J. Choi
2001	Canceled
2000	John Huston

bold in field

ADDITIONAL STORYLINES

Most top-10s at the Valspar Championship since the start of the 2017-18 season

3	Sam Burns
2	Paul Casey
2	Jason Kokrak
2	Louis Oosthuizen
2	Webb Simpson
2	Justin Thomas

Lowest scoring average in Valspar Championship history (min. 10 rounds)

68.85	Sam Burns
69.77	Justin Thomas
70.02	Jim Furyk
70.18	Jordan Spieth
70.24	Matt Kuchar

Most top-10s on TOUR in 2024

6	Scottie Scheffler
5	Xander Schauffele
4	Sam Burns
4	Sahith Theegala

In addition to Puerto Rico Open winner **Brice Garnett**, who earned a tournament winner's exemption through the 2026 season, four players played their way in to the Valspar Championship by virtue of their top-10 finish: **Erik Barnes** (2nd), **Hayden Springer** (T3), **Austin Cook** (T6), **Evan Harmeling** (T10). Playing on a Korn Ferry Tour Medical Extension, Barnes was defeated by Garnett on the fourth playoff hole for his best career finish on TOUR in 22 starts. Harmeling made his TOUR debut in Puerto Rico as an Open Qualifier.

PGA TOUR rookie **Jimmy Stanger**, a native of Tampa, Florida, is competing in the Valspar Championship for the third time and first as a PGA TOUR member. Stanger made his first career TOUR start at the 2017 Valspar Championship as a sponsor exemption (MC) and played the event again in 2018 (MC). Stanger enters the week following his first top-10 on TOUR at the Puerto Rico Open (T3) and a T35 in his PLAYERS Championship debut, the best finish by a 2024 rookie.

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.

2023 LEADERBOARD

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Taylor Moore	71	67	69	67	274 (-10)
2	Adam Schenk	66	69	70	70	275 (-9)
T3	Tommy Fleetwood	68	69	69	70	276 (-8)
T3	Jordan Spieth	67	70	69	70	276 (-8)
5	Wyndham Clark	72	66	70	70	278 (-6)
6	Sam Burns	69	73	70	67	279 (-5)
T7	Three players					280 (-4)

STRENGTH OF FIELD STATISTICS

Top 10 FedExCup	2	.....	Xander Schauffele (4)
Top 30 FedExCup	8	.....
Top 10 OWGR	2	.....	Xander Schauffele (5)
Top 50 OWGR	16	.....
PGA TOUR winners	64	.....	Most: Justin Thomas (15)
Past Champions	7	.....	Defending: Taylor Moore
FedExCup Champions ...	4	.....	Most recent: Justin Thomas (2017)
PLAYERS winners	3	.....	Justin Thomas (2021)
Major winners	10	.....	Most: Jordan Spieth (3)

TOURNAMENT RECORDS

Category	Value	Player	Year
Low 18-hole score	61	2 players; most recent: Matthew NeSmith	2012 (R2)
Low 36-hole score	128	Matthew NeSmith	2022
Low 54-hole score	195	Davis Riley	2022
Low 72-hole score	266	Vijay Singh	2004
Holes-in-one	12	12 players; most recent: Ryan Brehm	2023 (R1)
Largest 18-hole lead	3	Padraig Harrington	2012
Largest 36-hole lead	3	Robert Garrigus	2014
Largest 54-hole lead	5	K.J. Choi	2002
Best come-from-behind win	5	2 players; most recent: Paul Casey	2018
Largest margin of victory	7	K.J. Choi	2002
Playoffs	4	Most recent: Sam Burns def. Davis Riley	2022
Wire-to-wire winners	1	K.J. Choi	2002