



PRE-TOURNAMENT NOTES 2024 WM PHOENIX OPEN



TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

February 5-11 • 6th of 36 FedExCup Regular Season events
 Scottsdale, Arizona
 TPC Scottsdale (Stadium Course) • Par 71 • 7,261 yds.
Purse \$8.8 million • Winner \$1,584,000 + 500 FedExCup pts.
 132 players • 72-hole stroke play
Defending champion Scottie Scheffler (2022, 2023)

BROADCAST SCHEDULE (ET)

	ESPN+	GOLF	NBC
R1	9:15 a.m.-8 p.m.	4-8 p.m.	
R2	9:15 a.m.-8 p.m.	4-8 p.m.	
R3	10:30 a.m.-6 p.m.	1-3 p.m.	3-6 p.m.
R4	10:30 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.....
 Puerto Rico Open.....
 Arnold Palmer Invitational.....
 Cognizant Classic.....
 Mexico Open at Vidanta.....
 The Genesis Invitational.....
 WM Phoenix Open.....
 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 field: The only tournament that was a Designated event in 2023 that is not a Signature Event in 2024, the WM Phoenix Open features a field made up of the PGA TOUR's top performers, with 34 of the top 50 from the 2022-23 FedExCup standings in the field. Five of the top 10 players in the Official World Golf Ranking are in the field, led by World No. 1 and two-time defending WM Phoenix Open champion **Scottie Scheffler** and **Wyndham Clark**, who moved to No. 6 following his win at last week's AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am.

Three-peat opportunity: With a win at the WM Phoenix Open, World No. 1 **Scottie Scheffler** would become the first player to win the same PGA TOUR event three years in a row since Steve Stricker at the John Deere Classic in 2009, 2010 and 2011. 17 two-time defending champions have competed on TOUR since Stricker accomplished the feat, with six finishing in the top 10. The most recent attempt at a third win in a row was by Max Homa, who finished T7 in his bid at the 2023 Fortinet Championship. The 2022 WM Phoenix Open was the first of Scheffler's six career wins, which include the 2022 Masters Tournament and 2023 PLAYERS Championship.

Aon Swing 5: The Aon Next 10 and Aon Swing 5 are eligibility pathways for players, not already qualified, to play their way into Signature Events via the FedExCup standings. The top five players not otherwise exempt who earn the most FedExCup points during the Sony Open in Hawaii, The American Express, Farmers Insurance Open and WM Phoenix Open will qualify for The Genesis Invitational. The Aon Next 10 for The Genesis Invitational was determined through the FedExCup Fall standings.

Aon Swing 5 standings entering the WM Phoenix Open

Rk.	Player	Points	Rk.	Player	Points
1	Matthieu Pavon	598.563	6	Jake Knapp	147.950
2	Grayson Murray	500.000	T7	Nate Lashley	145.000
3	Christiaan Bezuidenhout	300.000	T7	Justin Thomas	145.000
4	Kevin Yu	236.667	9	Taylor Pendrith	142.500
5	Stephan Jaeger	195.750	10	Carl Yuan	122.500

44 players in the field have qualified for The Genesis Invitational (including World No. 19 **Justin Thomas** who will qualify as a PGA TOUR member in the top 30 of next week's Official World Golf Ranking). Those who are not exempt can qualify by earning a spot in the Aon Swing 5, winning the tournament, receiving a sponsor exemption and/or moving into the top 30 of the Official World Golf Ranking (if a PGA TOUR member).

56 players in the field competed at last week's AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, including three that finished in the top five: winner **Wyndham Clark**, **Thomas Detry** (T4) and **Mark Hubbard** (T4). Clark, who recorded a course-record 60 in the third round, earned his third PGA TOUR title at the event, which was shortened to 54 holes due to weather and safety concerns. His first two victories came last season (Wells Fargo Championship, U.S. Open) and with the victory, he tied Viktor Hovland for the most TOUR wins since May 1, 2023 (3).

Thomas Detry held at least a share of the 18- and 36-hole leads at last week's AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am and went on to finish T4, his second career top-five on the PGA TOUR and first since finishing solo-second at the 2022 Butterfield Bermuda Championship. Detry, who has played in the final group during the third round in each of the last two weeks on TOUR (T20/Farmers Insurance Open, T4/AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am), is not currently eligible for The Genesis Invitational (trails No. 5 Stephan Jaeger by 154.750 FedExCup points in the Aon Swing 5 standings).

Jake Knapp, who finished T3 at the Farmers Insurance Open to earn a spot in the field (WM Phoenix Open was the next Full-Field Event), enters the week No. 6 in the Aon Swing 5 standings. Knapp, a TOUR rookie, is making his eighth career PGA TOUR start and earned his TOUR card by finishing No. 13 in the Korn Ferry Tour Points List in 2023 (11 top-10 finishes in 2023).

WINNERS (1962-PRESENT)

Year	Player
2023	Scottie Scheffler
2022	Scottie Scheffler
2021	Brooks Koepka
2020	Webb Simpson
2019	Rickie Fowler
2018	Gary Woodland
2017	Hideki Matsuyama
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2015	Brooks Koepka
2014	Kevin Stadler
2013	Phil Mickelson
2012	Kyle Stanley
2011	Mark Wilson
2010	Hunter Mahan
2009	Kenny Perry
2008	J.B. Holmes
2007	Aaron Baddeley
2006	J.B. Holmes
2005	Phil Mickelson
2004	Jonathan Kaye
2003	Vijay Singh
2002	Chris DiMarco
2001	Mark Calcavecchia
2000	Tom Lehman
1999	Rocco Mediate
1998	Jesper Parnevik
1997	Steve Jones
1996	Phil Mickelson
1995	Vijay Singh
1994	Bill Glasson
1993	Lee Janzen
1992	Mark Calcavecchia
1991	Nolan Henke
1990	Tommy Armour III
1989	Mark Calcavecchia
1988	Sandy Lyle
1987	Paul Azinger
1986	Hal Sutton
1985	Calvin Peete
1984	Tom Purtzer
1983	Bob Gilder
1982	Lanny Wadkins
1981	David Graham
1980	Jeff Mitchell
1979	Ben Crenshaw
1978	Miller Barber
1977	Jerry Pate
1976	Bob Gilder
1975	Johnny Miller
1974	Johnny Miller
1973	Bruce Crampton
1972	Homero Blancas
1971	Miller Barber
1970	Dale Douglass
1969	Gene Littler
1968	George Knudson
1967	Julius Boros
1966	Dudley Wysong
1965	Rod Funseth
1964	Jack Nicklaus
1963	Arnold Palmer
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ADDITIONAL STORYLINES

Sixth start in a row: Two players in the field have competed in all five TOUR events so far this season: 2023 PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year **Eric Cole** and **Tom Hoge**. Cole is making his tournament debut after not getting into the field during his rookie year (lost in a playoff at the Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches in his next start after not qualifying for the WM Phoenix Open and The Genesis Invitational), while Hoge is making his seventh appearance in the event (best result: T14/2022).

Arizona State graduate **Kevin Yu** qualified for the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am (T58) at No. 4 in the Aon Swing 5 standings and is not yet qualified for The Genesis Invitational. Yu has two top-10s this season, earning them in consecutive starts for the first time in his TOUR career (T3/The American Express, T6/Farmers Insurance Open). In his second year on the PGA TOUR, the 2021 PGA TOUR University graduate is making his tournament debut at the WM Phoenix Open.

All 13 players who finished T10 or better at the 2023 WM Phoenix Open went on to finish in the top 50 in the FedExCup standings, qualifying for the BMW Championship and clinching a spot in all eight Signature Events in 2024. This includes runner-up **Nick Taylor**, who after finishing outside the top 125 in each of the previous two seasons, won the RBC Canadian Open and earned a spot in the TOUR Championship for the first time in his career (No. 24 in the 2022-23 FedExCup Playoffs and Eligibility Points List).

There have been 11 holes-in-one at TPC Scottsdale's iconic par-3 16th since the WM Phoenix Open moved to TPC Scottsdale in 1987. Most recently, there were two in 2022 (Sam Ryder/R3, Carlos Ortiz/R4).

Holes-in-one at No. 16 during the WM Phoenix Open

Year	Player	Round	Year	Player	Round
2022	Carlos Ortiz	R4	1997	Tiger Woods	R3
2022	Sam Ryder	R3	1991	Jay Delsing	R3
2015	Francesco Molinari	R3	1990	David Edwards	R3
2011	Jarrod Lyle	R2	1990	Brad Bryant	R1
2002	Mike Sposa	R2	1988	Hal Sutton	R3
1997	Steve Stricker	R4			

Bud Cauley is making his first start on the PGA TOUR since the 2020 Fortinet Championship. Cauley entered the season on a Major Medical Extension with 27 starts available to earn 391.355 FedExCup points and match No. 125 from the 2020-21 FedExCup standings (Chesson Hadley/440.355). Cauley has recorded 23 top-10s in 185 career PGA TOUR starts (most recent: T4/2020 American Express).

Youngest player in the field: 21-year-old **Tom Kim**

Oldest player in the field: 50-year-old **Stewart Cink**

2023 LEADERBOARD

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Scottie Scheffler	68	64	68	65	265 (-19)
2	Nick Taylor	66	69	67	65	267 (-17)
3	Jon Rahm	68	66	68	68	270 (-14)
4	Justin Thomas	71	68	67	65	271 (-13)
5	Jason Day	65	71	68	68	272 (-12)
T6	Four players					273 (-11)

STRENGTH OF FIELD STATISTICS

Top 10 FedExCup	6	Wyndham Clark (3)
Top 30 FedExCup	20	
Top 10 OWGR	5	Scottie Scheffler (1)
Top 50 OWGR	27	
PGA TOUR winners	77	Justin Thomas (15)
Past champions	7	Defending: Scottie Scheffler
FedExCup Champions	4	Most recent: Justin Thomas (2017)
PLAYERS winners	6	Scottie Scheffler (2023)
Major winners	13	Most: Jordan Spieth (3)

TOURNAMENT RECORDS

Category	Value	Player	Year
Low 18-hole score	60	3 players (4 instances) most: Phil Mickelson	2005, 2013
Low 36-hole score	125	2 players; most recent: Phil Mickelson	2013
Low 54-hole score	189	2 players; most recent: Phil Mickelson	2013
Low 72-hole score	256	2 players; most recent: Phil Mickelson	2013
Holes-in-one (since 1983)	34	Most recent: Rickie Fowler	2023 (No. 7, R4)
Largest 18-hole lead	4	Phil Mickelson	2013
Largest 36-hole lead	6	Johnny Miller	1975
Largest 54-hole lead	7	Johnny Miller	1975
Largest margin of victory	14	Johnny Miller	1975
Playoffs	18	Scottie Scheffler def. Patrick Cantlay	2022
Wire-to-wire winners	4	Phil Mickelson	2013