



2024 WM Phoenix Open
(6th of 36 FedExCup Regular Season events)

Scottsdale, Arizona
 TPC Scottsdale

February 8-11, 2024
 Par/Yards: 35-36—71/7,261

Purse: \$8.8 million (\$1.584 million/winner)
FedExCup points: 500 (winner)

Completed First-Round Notes – Friday, February 9, 2024

Weather: Thursday: Mostly cloudy with afternoon showers. High of 54. Wind WSW 8-14 mph, with gusts to 25 mph. Play was suspended due to unplayable course conditions at 12:32 p.m. and resumed at 4:02 p.m. (delay of 3 hours, 30 minutes). Play was suspended due to darkness at 6:10 p.m., with the entire afternoon wave yet to complete their round. Friday: Mostly sunny. High of 56. Wind variable 4-8 mph. The resumption of the first round was scheduled for 7:30 a.m. but delayed due to frost until 9:13 a.m. (delay of 1 hour, 43 minutes). The round was completed at 1:50 p.m.

First-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	Total
1	Nick Taylor	60 (-11)
T2	Sahith Theegala	65 (-6)
T2	Andrew Novak	65 (-6)
T2	Maverick McNealy	65 (-6)
T2	Doug Ghim	65 (-6)

Nick Taylor (1st/-11)

- Ties the WM Phoenix Open 18-hole scoring record with a career-low 11-under 60 (previous low round was 62; twice: most recently at the 2023 Sony Open in Hawaii/R3)
- Previous 60s at the event: Grant Waite (1996/R4) Mark Calcavecchia (2001/R2) Phil Mickelson (2005/R2, 2013/R1)
- Records the 55th 60 in PGA TOUR history and the third this season; the others: Nick Dunlap/The American Express/R3/won, Wyndham Clark/AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am/R3/won
- Five-stroke lead ties Jim Gallagher, Jr. (1993 TOUR Championship) for the largest 18-hole lead in a stroke-play event on record (1983-present); breaks the record for largest 18-hole lead at the WM Phoenix Open (Mickelson/4 strokes/2013)
- After beginning his round on No. 10 and posting a 5-under 31, turns in his career-low nine-hole score on TOUR with a 29 on his inward nine; has 10 30s on TOUR, most recently on Nos. 10-18 in round one of the 2023 WM Phoenix Open
- Holds fourth 18-hole lead/co-lead on the PGA TOUR; is 1-for-3 to date converting to victory (2019 Shriners Children’s Open/T29, 2020 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am/1st, 2022 Charles Schwab Challenge/T48)
- Making his 10th start at the WM Phoenix Open, with a runner-up finish in 2023 his lone top-10 finish
- Three PGA TOUR wins (2014 Sanderson Farms Championship, 2020 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, 2023 RBC Canadian Open)
- Making fifth start of the season, with a T7 at the Sony Open in Hawaii his best finish
- The last first-round leader/co-leader to win the WM Phoenix Open was Rickie Fowler in 2019

Miscellaneous Notes

- Making his third start at the WM Phoenix Open (T3/2022, T39/2023), **Sahith Theegala** (T2/-6) opens with a 6-under 65; held the second- and third-round lead at the event in 2022 before finishing one stroke shy of joining Scottie Scheffler and Patrick Cantlay in a playoff
- With a win at the WM Phoenix Open, World No. 1 **Scottie Scheffler** (T14/-3) 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
- Making his first start on TOUR since the 2020 Fortinet Championship, **Bud Cauley** (T23/-2) 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)
- **Wyndham Clark** (T81/+1), winner of last week’s AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, has one top-10 finish in five previous starts at the WM Phoenix Open (T10/2023)
- **Lucas Glover** withdrew prior to the start of the first round and was replaced by **Ryo Hisatsune** (T98/+2)
- Following a first-round 6-over 77, **Carl Yuan** withdrew with a neck injury
- Preferred lies were in effect during the first round