



2024 ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP (5th of 8 FedExCup Fall events)

ACCORDIA GOLF Narashino CC October 24-27, 2024 FedExCup Points: 500 (winner)
Chiba, Japan Par/Yards: 34-36—70/7,079 Purse: \$8.5 million (\$1,530,000)

Third-Round Notes - Saturday, October 26, 2024

Weather: Mostly cloudy. High of 74. Wind NE 5-10 mph.

# **Third-Round Leaderboard**

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	Total
1	Nico Echavarria	64	64	65	193 (-17)
2	Justin Thomas	66	64	65	195 (-15)
3	Max Greyserman	64	68	64	196 (-14)
T4	Nate Lashley	70	66	63	199 (-11)
T4	Kevin Yu	65	68	66	199 (-11)
T4	Rickie Fowler	68	64	67	199 (-11)

#### Nico Echavarria (1st/-17)

- Seeks second career PGA TOUR win in his 58th start (2023 Puerto Rico Open)
- Win on Sunday would come at 30 years, 2 months, 23 days
- Records 5-under 65 in the third-round, which included a closing eagle and holds a two-stroke lead
- Holds second career 54-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR (won/2023 Puerto Rico Open)
- Posts career low 54-hole score of 193 (previous: 199/2023 Puerto Rico Open/1st)
- Sets tournament 54-hole low score (previous: 194/Tiger Woods/2019)
- With a win, would join Hideki Matsuyama (Japan/2021) as ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP international winners
- Making his tournament debut; won 2023 Puerto Rico Open in his first start at the event
- Entered the week with one top-10 this season (T4/Zurich Classic of New Orleans with partner Max Greyserman)
- Projected to move from 113<sup>th</sup> to 65<sup>th</sup> in the FedExCup Fall points list with a victory

# Justin Thomas (2<sup>nd</sup>/-15)

- Seeks 16th career PGA TOUR victory and first since the 2022 PGA Championship
- Four wins in Asia twice each in Malaysia (2015, 2016 CIMB Classic) and Korea (2017, 2019 THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES)
- Making first start at ACCORDIA GOLF Narashino CC since 2019 where he finished T17 in the inaugural tournament; finished
  T2 at the 2020 ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP when it was played at Sherwood Country Club in Thousand Oaks, California due to
  COVID-19
- Has the most TOUR wins (15) and is the only past FedExCup Champion (2017) in the field
- Making his first start since his T14 finish at TOUR Championship, with five top-10s during the 2024 season included three in Signature Events (T6/AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, T5/RBC Heritage, T5/Travelers Championship)

### **Miscellaneous Notes**

- Making his tournament debut, Max Greyserman (3<sup>rd</sup>/-14) seeks to becomes the first first-time winner of the event
- Rickie Fowler (T4/-11) records a 3-under 67; seeks his second top-10 in fifth start at the ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP (T57/2020, T44/2021, T2/2022, T64/2023)
- South Korea's Sungjae Im (T12/-8) sets tournament record for best third-round score with 8-under 62 (previous: 63)
- The ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP is co-sanctioned with the Japan Golf Tour Organization (JGTO); **Taisei Shimizu** (T12/-8) leads the 14 JGTO members in the field

# FedExCup Fall Notes

- Nos. 1-50 in the FedExCup standings through the TOUR Championship are locked in their positions, while Nos. 51 and beyond carry their FedExCup points into the Fall; Nos. 51-60 through the FedExCup Fall will qualify for two Signature Events in 2024: AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, The Genesis Invitational
  - No players are currently projected to move into Nos. 51-60
- The Top 125 will be exempt into all Full-Field events and THE PLAYERS next season and Nos. 126-150 will earn full Korn Ferry Tour status and conditional status on TOUR next season
  - o Currently projected to move into Top 125: Joel Dahmen (T29; No. 129 to No. 123)
  - o Currently projected to move out of Top 125: Joe Highsmith (Not in field; No. 125 to No. 126)