



2024 Zurich Classic of New Orleans
(19th of 36 events in the FedExCup Regular Season)

Avondale, Louisiana **April 25-28, 2024** **Purse: \$8,900,000/\$1,286,050 to each winner**
TPC Louisiana **Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,425** **FedExCup points: 400 to each winner**

Second-Round Notes – Friday, April 26, 2024

Weather: *Partly cloudy and breezy. High of 83. Wind SSE 13-18 mph with gusts to 24 mph.*

36-hole cut: *40 teams at 8-under 136 from a field of 80 teams.*

Format: *Teams play Four-Ball in the first and third rounds, and Foursomes (alternate shot) in the second and final rounds.*

Second-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	Total
T1	Davis Thompson/Andrew Novak	62	69	131 (-13)
T1	Ryan Brehm/Mark Hubbard	61	70	131 (-13)
T1	Aaron Rai/David Lipsky	61	70	131 (-13)
T1	Rory McIlroy/Shane Lowry	61	70	131 (-13)
T5	Six Teams			132 (-12)

Rory McIlroy/Shane Lowry (T1/-13)

- 18-hole co-leaders birdie two of their final three holes (Nos. 7 and 8) for a 70 in Foursomes
- Two of McIlroy’s 24 PGA TOUR titles have come in his tournament debut (2010 Wells Fargo Championship, 2019 RBC Canadian Open)
- Lowry seeks his third top-10 finish in his last six starts on TOUR (T4/Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches, 3rd/Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard)
- Results with the 36-hole lead/co-lead:
 - McIlroy (6-for-11 – most recent: 2023 Genesis Scottish Open/Won)
 - Lowry (1-for-3 – most recent: 2019 The Open Championship)

Davis Thompson/Andrew Novak (T1/-13)

- In search of their first PGA TOUR titles, St. Simons Island residents and first-year teammates Davis Thompson and Andrew Novak post 69 in Foursomes; would join Nick Hardy and Davis Riley (2023) as teammates to make the Zurich Classic of New Orleans their first PGA TOUR title
- Novak enters the week with three top-10 finishes in his first 10 starts this season, including T8 results at the WM Phoenix Open and Mexico Open at Vidanta
- Thompson’s best finish in 11 starts this season entering the week: T15/WM Phoenix Open
- Results with the 36-hole lead/co-lead:
 - Thompson (0-for-1 – 2023 American Express/2nd)
 - Novak (First career 36-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR)

Ryan Brehm/Mark Hubbard (T1/-13)

- Playing together as a team for the second time, Ryan Brehm (two starts) and Mark Hubbard (six starts) each posted their best finish at the event as teammates in 2022 (T14)
- Hubbard enters the week with one top-10 in 11 starts this season: T4/2024 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am; T2 at the 2019 Texas Children’s Houston Open is his best finish in 212 starts
- Brehm has one win (2022 Puerto Rico Open) in 129 starts
- Results with the 36-hole lead/co-lead:
 - Brehm (1-for-1 – 2022 Puerto Rico Open)
 - Hubbard (First career 36-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR)

Aaron Rai/David Lipsky (T1/-13)

- Playing together as a team for the third time (T4/2022, T13/2023)

- First career 36-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR for both players; sat T2 through 36 holes at the 2022 Zurich Classic of New Orleans (T4)
- Seek to join Nick Hardy and Davis Riley (2023) as teammates to make the Zurich Classic of New Orleans their first PGA TOUR title

Additional Team Notes

- **Patrick Cantlay/Xander Schauffele** (T5/-12) were 6-under on their round through 17 holes before finishing with bogey on the par-5 18th for a 5-under 67, the low round of the day in Foursomes; only pair in the field ranked inside the top 10 in the Official World Golf Ranking entering the week (Schauffele/No. 5, Cantlay/No. 8)
- Three teams inside the top five with both players in search of their first PGA TOUR titles: **Davis Thompson/Andrew Novak** (T1/-13), **Aaron Rai/David Lipsky** (T1/-13), **Callum Tarren/David Skinnis** (T5/-12)
- Second-round results for three sets of brothers competing as teams in this year's event: **Matt/Alex Fitzpatrick** (T19/-10), **Nicolai/Rasmus Højgaard** (MC/-5), **Parker/Pierceson Coody** (MC/-5)
- Zurich golf ambassadors R2 results: **Collin Morikawa/Kurt Kitayama** (T32/-8), **Sahith Theegala/Will Zalatoris** (MC/-6), **Billy Horschel/Tyson Alexander** (MC/-4)

Format

- This is the seventh year the Zurich Classic of New Orleans is being played in a two-man team format, which was introduced in 2017 (canceled in 2020 due to COVID-19)
- Teams will play Four-Ball in the first and third rounds, and Foursomes (alternate shot) in the second and final rounds
- Each player on the winning team will receive 400 FedExCup points, \$1,286,050, a two-year exemption on the PGA TOUR (through 2026) and entry into the three remaining Signature Events