FedEx St. Jude Championship
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The pressure-packed drama will be unmatched at the 2023 FedEx St. Jude Championship as only 50 members advance to next week's BMW Championship.

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All 70 members qualified for the FedEx St. Jude Championship will compete at TPC Southwind. The 70-player field for the FedEx St. Jude Championship is listed below:

An, Byeong Hun
Bradley, Keegan
Buckley, Hayden
Burns, Sam
Cantlay, Patrick
Clark, Wyndham
Cole, Eric
Conners, Corey
Davis, Cam
Day, Jason
Detry, Thomas
English, Harris
Finau, Tony
Fitzpatrick, Matt
Fleetwood, Tommy
Fowler, Rickie
Glover, Lucas
Griffin, Ben
Grillo, Emiliano
Hadwin, Adam
Hardy, Nick
Harman, Brian
Hatton, Tyrrell
Henley, Russell
Hodges, Lee
Hoge, Tom
Homa, Max
Hossler, Beau
Hovland, Viktor
Hubbard, Mark
Hughes, Mackenzie
Im, Sungjae
Jaeger, Stephan
Kim, Si Woo
Kim, Tom
Kirk, Chris
Kitayama, Kurt
Kuchar, Matt
Matsuyama, Hideki
McCarthy, Denny
McIlroy, Rory
Mitchell, Keith
Montgomery, Taylor
Moore, Taylor
Morikawa, Collin
NeSmith, Matt
Norrman, Vincent
Poston, J.T.
Power, Seamus
Putnam, Andrew
Rahm, Jon
Rai, Aaron
Riley, Davis
Rodgers, Patrick
Rose, Justin
Ryder, Sam
Schauffele, Xander
Scheffler, Scottie
Schenk, Adam
Smalley, Alex
Spaun, J.J.
Spieth, Jordan
Stevens, Sam
Straka, Sepp
Svensson, Adam
Taylor, Nick
Theegala, Sahith
Todd, Brendon
Wu, Brandon
Young, Cameron

About the FedEx St. Jude Championship

The FedEx St. Jude Championship is the first of three events in the FedExCup Playoffs, the culmination of the season-long competition that is the centerpiece of the PGA TOUR Season. Played August 9-13 at TPC Southwind, the FedEx St. Jude Championship features the top 70 players in the FedExCup Playoffs and Eligibility Points List at the conclusion of the regular season. The City of Memphis has held a PGA TOUR event every year since 1958, and 2023 will mark Memphis' second year hosting a Playoffs event. Since 1970, Memphis' PGA TOUR stop has raised more than $66 million for the championship's primary charitable beneficiary, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, helping to ensure patients' families never receive a bill and can focus solely on helping their child.

Titans open preseason in Chicago to take on Bears
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Nashville can access live Titans preseason games with NFL+, which offers access to all out-of-market preseason games across all devices, live local and primetime regular season and postseason games (phone and tablet only), live local and national audio for every game, and more. The Titans Radio Network and Nashville flagship 104.5 The Zone carry all Titans games across the Mid-South with the "Voice of the Titans" Mike Keith, analyst Dave McGinnis, sideline reporter Ramon Foster and gameday host Rhett Bryan.

Titans head coach Mike Vrabel is entering his sixth season in Tennessee. Since being hired in 2018, the 2021 AP NFL Coach of the Year has directed the team to four winning records, three playoff appearances and two division titles.

Vrabel's coaching staff heading into 2023 includes offensive coordinator Tim Kelly, who was promoted during the offseason after initially joining the club in 2022 as passing game coordinator. On the other side of the ball, Shane Bowen returns for his third season as defensive coordinator, while assistant head coach/special teams coordinator Craig Aukerman is in his sixth year directing the special teams unit.

General manager Ran Carthon enters his first campaign with the Titans after being hired in January by Titans controlling owner Amy Adams Strunk. Carthon spent the past six seasons with the San Francisco 49ers, including the last two years as the team's director of player personnel. He joined the 49ers when head coach Kyle Shanahan and general manager John Lynch took over in 2017 and since then played a part in the team's three playoff appearances, two division titles and an NFC championship in 2019.

The Titans launch the preseason with three quarterbacks on the roster. Starter Ryan Tannehill enters his 12th NFL season and his fifth campaign with the Titans. He is first in franchise history in career passer rating (100.5) and completion percentage (66.9), and he ranks fifth in career passing touchdowns (89) and sixth in passing yards (12,831). Tannehill is backed up by second-year signal caller Malik Willis and rookie Will Levis.

Levis is one of six draft choices who could see their first action in a Titans uniform this week. Former Northwestern offensive lineman and 11th overall pick Peter Skoronski headlined the draft class, followed by Levis (Kentucky) in the second round, running back Tyjae Spears (Tulane) in Round 3, tight end Josh Whyle (Cincinnati) in Round 5, offensive lineman Jaelyn Duncan (Maryland) in Round 6 and wide receiver Colton Dowell (Tennessee-Martin) in Round 7.

The Titans also welcomed several veteran additions during the offseason. The group includes outside linebacker Arden Key, linebacker Azeez Al-Shaair, cornerback Sean Murphy-Bunting, wide receiver DeAndre Hopkins and offensive linemen Daniel Brunskill and Andre Dillard.

The Bears are in their second year under head coach Matt Eberflus. Prior to being hired in 2022, he served as defensive coordinator for the Indianapolis Colts for four seasons.

Bears quarterback Justin Fields, the 11th overall draft pick in 2021, started 27 games during his first two NFL seasons. His career passing statistics include 4,112 yards and 24 touchdowns in addition to 1,563 yards and 10 touchdowns rushing.

After going 3-14 in 2022, the Bears and second-year general manager Ryan Poles initially owned the first pick in the 2023 NFL Draft. They traded the pick to the Carolina Panthers, and after another trade, they selected former University of Tennessee tackle Darnell Wright with the 10th pick. He was the first of 10 total selections for the Bears.

Bauer named to Ray Guy Award Preseason Watchlist

MEMPHIS, Tenn. – University of Memphis punter Reid Bauer was named to the Ray Guy Award Preseason Watchlist on Tuesday, the Augusta Sports Council announced. The Ray Guy Award honors the nation's top collegiate punter in the FBS. In 2013, Memphis' Tom Hornsey was named the winner of the Ray Guy Award.

Bauer came to Memphis prior to the 2023 season from Arkansas, where he played in 48 games from 2018-22. During that time, he averaged 42.0 yards on 179 punts. In 2021, Bauer won the Peter Mortel Holder of the Year award.

The 50 candidates on the list incorporate a broad spectrum of Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) punters. The 2023 watch list was compiled based on the 2022 Ray Guy Award Semifinalist List, the top ten NCAA Punters from 2022, the 2022 All-Conference teams, the 2022 All-American Teams, the 2023 pre-season All-Conference Teams and eligible punters on the 2022 watchlist.

The Augusta Sports Council created the Ray Guy Award in 2000 to honor Thomson, Georgia native and College and Pro Football Hall of Fame inductee, Ray Guy. Among the statistics used to identify the winner is net punting average, number of times punt is downed or kicked out of bounds inside the opponents 20-yard line, total yardage punted, average returned yardage and percentage of punts not returned with particular emphasis placed on net punting average. The winner must display team leadership, self-discipline and have a positive impact on the team's success.

The Tigers will open the 2023 campaign against Bethune-Cookman in the 901 Game on Saturday, Sept. 2 at 6 p.m. at Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium.

Fans can also purchase the $10 tickets through Aug. 18 for Memphis' 901 Game against Bethune-Cookman on Sept. 2 online at GoTigersGo.com/Kroger. Each ticket sold provides three meals to families in need through the Mid-South Food Bank, which supports Kroger's Zero Hunger, Zero Waste program. For questions, call the University of Memphis ticket office at (901) 678-2331.

Season tickets are also available online at www.GoTigersGoTix.com or by calling the Memphis Ticket Office at (901) 678-2331. Season tickets for the 2023 Memphis Football season start at only $99.

Additionally, fans can also utilize a new ticket offering this season, allowing fans the choice of how to customize their gamedays at Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium.

With the Flex Pack, fans can purchase six or more ticket vouchers starting at $99, and from there, can choose how they would like to allocate their vouchers. For example, one voucher could be used for each of Memphis' six home football games, two vouchers could be used to attend each of three games, four vouchers could be used for one game and two more for another, and so on.

For complete information on Memphis Tigers Football, visit www.GoTigersGo.com .

Tyrrell Hatton wins the big Aon Risk Award Challenge; LPGA Tour winner to claim $1 mil prize at CME Group Tour Championship in November 2023

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Aug. 8, 2023 /PRNewswire/ -- Aon plc (NYSE: AON), a leading global professional services firm, and the PGA TOUR announced Tyrrell Hatton as the winner of the 2022-2023 Aon Risk Reward Challenge. As a result of the season-long competition, Hatton will be awarded the Aon trophy and the $1 million prize for his ability to make better decisions on the most strategically challenging holes during the PGA TOUR season.

This season, Hatton was consistently within the top 10 of the Aon Risk Reward Challenge leaderboard week after week, a testament to both the remarkable consistency of his game and trust in his overall decision-making in the moments that mattered most. Throughout the season, Hatton had a birdie rate of 81 percent on the Challenge holes and hit 82 percent of Greens in Regulation across the Challenge holes. His strategic ability to go for the green on par fives combined with his overall proficiency in hitting Challenge greens ultimately secured him the top spot on the leaderboard. For an Aon Risk Reward Challenge season that came down to the wire, Hatton was able to rely on his remarkable performance and sound decision making to claim this year's Aon Risk Reward Challenge trophy.

Throughout his career, Hatton has had success on both the PGA TOUR and DP World Tour, with seven combined wins across both Tours. Hatton's putting has been his strength and led to his record-setting performance at this year's PLAYERS Championship, with the lowest final-round back-nine score in tournament history and his solo second finish, his third career runner-up on the PGA TOUR. Originally from Buckinghamshire, England, Hatton is also going for his third consecutive Ryder Cup appearance for Team Europe.

"I'm thrilled to take home the Aon Risk Reward Challenge trophy as it's a reflection of the work, preparation and dedication my entire team has put in this season," Hatton said. "This competition rewards strategic thinking and the ability to execute on a consistent basis. It's an honor to be named this season's best decision maker."

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"This season, the competition came down to the final stretch, and we would like to congratulate Tyrrell Hatton on winning the Aon Risk Reward Challenge," said Andy Weitz, Chief Marketing Officer, Aon. "At Aon, we know that better information and better advice lead to better decisions in business. Hatton proved that the same is also true in golf. His ability to navigate the Challenge was inspiring to watch and we are thrilled to have him join the elite group of decision makers we have recognized across both Tours."

The Aon Risk Reward Challenge continues on the LPGA Tour, where the winner will claim an equal $1 million prize when the season concludes at the CME Group Tour Championship in November.

About the Aon Risk Reward Challenge

In its fifth season, the Aon Risk Reward Challenge is a unique season-long competition across the PGA TOUR and the LPGA Tour that highlights golf's best strategic decision makers. The Challenge tabulates the two best scores from every participating event a player competes in. Players must compete in a minimum of 40 rounds throughout the season to qualify.

The Challenge runs across regular season tournaments (39 on the PGA TOUR; 30 on the LPGA Tour), with CBS, NBC Sports and the Golf Channel as official broadcast partners. Each week in broadcast, Aon provides insights specific to the Aon Risk Reward Challenge hole.

To view the final Aon Risk Reward Challenge leaderboard on the PGA TOUR and for more information about the Challenge, visit PGA.com.

To view the current Aon Risk Reward Challenge leaderboard on the LPGA Tour and for more information, visit LPGA.com

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