Scheffler, Fowler, and Morikawa return to the FedEx St. Jude Championship ... from sports page 1

(2020-2022)

- Earned best finish in the FedEx St. Jude Championship with a T4 (2020/TPC Boston)

History at TPC Southwind:

- Five appearances at TPC Southwind (MC/2014; T43/2018; T15/2020; 14/2021; MC/2022)

Rickie Fowler

Current FedExCup rank: 9 Wins on TOUR this season: 1 (Rocket Mortgage Classic) Career PGA TOUR wins: 6 FedExCup movement this season: Reached No. 7 following a T2 finish at the ZOZO CHAM-PIONSHIP... Fell to season-low No. 30 after a missed cut at the PGA Championship... Moved to No. 17 after he carded a firstround 62 and held at least a share of the lead after each of the first three rounds of the U.S. Open before finishing T5, his best result in a major championship since finishing runner-up at the 2018 Masters Tournament... Won the Rocket Mortgage Classic in a playoff over Adam Hadwin and Collin Morikawa, earning his first title since the 2019 WM Phoenix Open, and reached No. 8 in the FedExCup standings... Has remained in the top-20 since the U.S. Open.

Best career finish in FedExCup standings: 4/2015

History at the FedEx St. Jude **Championship:**

- Qualified for the FedExCup Playoffs 12 times (2010-2020,
- Three top-10 finishes in 11 appearances at the FedEx St. Jude Championship (T9/2013/Liberty National GC; T9/2014/Ridge-Country Club; T7/2016/Bethpage State Park (Black))

History at TPC Southwind:

- Four appearances at TPC Southwind (T13/2014;MC/2017; T15/2020; T64/2022)

Collin Morikawa

Current FedExCup rank: 20 Best finish on TOUR this season: 2 (Sentry Tournament of Champions, Rocket Mortgage Classic) Career PGA TOUR wins: 5 FedExCup movement this season: Jumped to No. 18 following a runner-up finish at the Sentry Tournament of Champions... Finished solo-third at the Farmers Insurance Open, his second consecutive top-five on TOUR, moved to No. 12... Reached season-high No. 11

after T6 finish at The Genesis Invitational... Finished T10 at the Masters Tournament, his second consecutive top-10 at the event... Lost to Fowler in a playoff in his tournament debut at the Rocket Mortgage Classic... Has eight top-15 finishes this season, including two runners-up.

Best career finish in FedExCup standings: 6/2020

History at the FedEx St. Jude Championship:

- Has reached the FedExCup Playoffs in four consecutive seasons (2019-2022)
- Earned best finish in the opening event of the FedExCup Playoffs with T5 at TPC Southwind

History at TPC Southwind:

Three appearances at TPC (T20/2020; Southwind T26/2021; T5/2022)

For more information about the FedEx St. Jude Championship, please visit FedExChampionship.com. Fans are encouraged to follow the FedEx St. Jude Championship on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for tournament

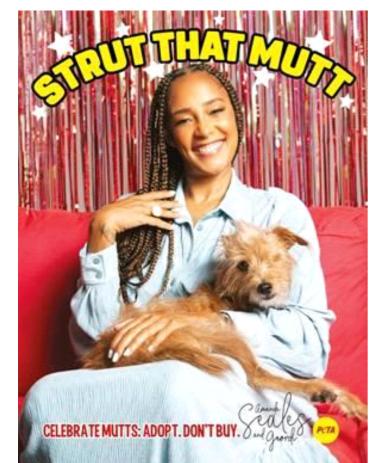
About the FedEx St. Jude Championship

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.

Fans can follow the PGA TOUR on the new PGA TOUR app and PGATOUR.COM, and on social media channels, including Facebook, Instagram (in Spanish, Korean and Japanese), LinkedIn, TikTok, Twitter (in English and Spanish), WeChat, Weibo, Toutiao, Douyin and LINE.

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Marksmanship class teaches gun safety from sports-military page 2

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ing were walked through a real match with a coach standing right behind them, providing top of the line instruction to introduce them to the sport safely.

After the classroom portion, participants received training on handling the M9 pistol.

The USAMU instructors' passion for marksmanship was palpable as they explained pistol safety and provided many opportunities for questions and one-on-one instruction throughout the day. Additional coaches and the USAMU gunsmiths were available to make sure everyone could get individual learning time and get familiar with the M9 pistol.

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The Small Arms Firing School concludes with an M9 EIC Match.

For the range portion of the class, there was roughly one coach for every two participants. There were six strings of fire; three practice strings and three EIC match strings. The first string was 10 shots slow-fired in 5 minutes. The second string was 2 strings of 5 shots in 20 seconds for a total of 10 shots. The last string is 2 rounds of 5 shots in 10 seconds for a total of 10 rounds. The top 10% of shooters who did not already have EIC points were eligible for 4 points towards the 30 points needed to earn the Distinguished Pistol Badge. A total of 17 competitors earned points with the unofficial cut-off score of 223-3X.

Jason Kozora, a first-time pistol SAFS course participant, was impressed with the coaching. "The instruction was fantastic, having no real pistol background, the coaches tweaked my position and got me zoned in and helped me identify things I need to work on" he said. Jason also appreciated the information on how a pistol match is set up. Kozora has a background in rifle and noted that the pistol match set up is "completely different." After firing, students go down range with their instructor to re-

view their target and learn. Much of the instruction was about the mental part of shooting, with coaches reminding students to think positively, using positive talk to focus on what they did well and what they can improve, instead of focusing on negative things.

Col. Greg Kitchens, who usually attends the advanced pistol course, was a line coach at this year's SAFS class. The Colonel is retired Marine Corps and spent the last five years in the reserve running the Marine Corps

Reserve Marksmanship Unit. Col. Kitchens wants his students to have fun, learn safety and have an appreciation for the fact that this sport is challenging. "It's difficult, there's no instant gratification, but if you work at with dedication it you can do well. I'm just glad more people are coming out" he stated.

For more information on signing up for the upcoming Rifle Small Arms Firing School, please visit: https://thecmp.org/trainingtech/small-arms-firing-schools/. The Civilian Marksmanship Program is a federally chartered 501 (c) (3) non-profit corporation. It is dedicated to firearm safety and marksmanship training and to the promotion of marksmanship competition for citizens of the United States. For more information about the CMP and its programs, log www.TheCMP.org.

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Orlando to host Pro Bowl; Peyton and Eli return as head coaches ... from sports page 2

ball as a critical part of the sport's future. The 2023 Pro Bowl Games in Las Vegas garnered 6.4 million viewers across Disney, ESPN, ABC, Disney XD and digital and more than 58,000 inperson fans at Allegiant Stadium, up 16% from the previous year. The skills challenges on Thursday averaged 1.06 million viewers on ESPN in primetime, up 23% for the program the year before, and social video views from Sunday's event were up over 16% from last year.

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last year's event was the impressive coaching and captain lineup that starred Peyton and Eli Manning as head coaches, Ray Lewis and DeMarcus Ware as defensive coordinators, flag football stars as offensive coordinators, and Snoop Dogg and Pete Davidson as captains for the AFC and NFC respectively. In a nail-biting finish that peaked at 7 million viewers, the NFC ultimately won the inaugural Pro Bowl Games with a comeback victory that came down to the very last play "Building off the success from

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elevated flag football and intro-

\$200, and can be purchased at GoTigersGo.com.

For complete information on Memphis Tiger Men's Basketball, visit www.GoTigersGo.com

Follow the team's social media on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.

> 2023-24 AAC Home **Opponents**

Charlotte Florida Atlantic Rice **SMU** South Florida Tulane **UAB** UTSA Wichita State

> 2023-24 AAC Away **Opponents**

East Carolina Florida Atlantic **North Texas SMU Temple** Tulane Tulsa **UAB** Wichita State

duced fun forms of competition and entertainment, we are thrilled to bring The 2024 Pro Bowl Games to Orlando," said PETER O'REILLY, NFL Executive Vice President, Club Business and League Events. "Hosting multiple Pro Bowls in years past, Orlando is a world-class destination

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and a favorite getaway for our players and their families, and we look forward to working with the city of Orlando and Florida Citrus Sports to create the ultimate all-star celebration for players, their families and our

Orlando has hosted four consecutive Pro Bowl competitions in 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020. This year's Pro Bowl Games will feature events across Central Florida, including fan experiences that will celebrate the football season and bring fans close to their favorite clubs and players. "There's no doubt Orlando is the

country's premier destination for neutral site games and major events, and there's no bigger show you can bring to town than the NFL," said Florida Citrus Sports CEO STEVE HOGAN.

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For broadcasting and programming The 2024 Pro Bowl Games, the NFL will work with longstanding partners, including the Disney family of ESPN and ABC, Peyton Manning's Omaha Productions, producers of shows such as ESPN's Monday Night Football with Peyton & Eli, the Places franchise, and Netflix's new docuseries Quarterback, and A. Smith & Co. Productions, producers of shows such as American Ninja Warrior, Hell's Kitchen and The Titan Games.

The Pro Bowl Games will continue to highlight a strategic priority for the NFL – flag football. In partnership with RCX Sports, the NFL's flag football operating partner, and International Federation of American Football (IFAF), the NFL will integrate the sport throughout the week as a celebration of all levels of football – from youth to the NFL's best. In addition to the AFC vs NFC flag games played by Pro Bowl players, other events will include the NFL FLAG Championships, organized with RCX

The NFL FLAG Championships will feature the top girls' and boys' youth flag teams from across the country, as well as an International Division to reflect the ongoing growth and interest in the game around the world.

Flag football is one of the world's fastest-growing sports disciplines, played by over 20 million in more than 100 countries, across every continent. It is the most inclusive and accessible

format of football, played by people of all ages and genders, with women and girls driving some of the fastest growth.

"As the future of football, flag has seen incredible momentum around the world because it truly embodies the motto of 'football for everyone," said TROY VIN-CENT, NFL Executive Vice President, Football Operations. "We've received overwhelming support from the players on flag football at The Pro Bowl Games. NFL players and Legends are proud to get behind the sport, using the all-star event as a major platform to make this statement." Further into the season, the NFL will provide the week-long schedule and additional details surrounding The 2024 Pro Bowl Games presented by Verizon.

Fans interested in receiving the latest information can register at NFL.com/ProBowlGames for exclusive ticket presale and VIP package opportunities. Season Ticket Members for all 32 teams will automatically be included in the presale, and all previous Pro Bowl ticket buyers will receive priority access to purchase tickets.

The official hospitality partner of the NFL, On Location, will offer guests premium seating options and elevated hospitality at The 2024 Pro Bowl Games.

Fans looking to be the first to know when ticket and hospitality packages go on sale should sign up via On Location's website at https://onlocationexp.com/nfl/pr o-bowl-tickets.

