

Golf

FedEx Cup playoffs

Scheffler seeks better ending to '23 season

No. 1 knows that finishing weekend at East Lake is no simple task



Facts & figures

Event: Tour Championship, East Lake Golf Club (7,346 yards, par 70), Atlanta.

When: Thursday-Sunday. **Bonus money:** \$75 million. Winner's share: \$18 million.

TV: Thursday-Friday, 1-6 p.m., Golf Channel; Saturday, 1-3 p.m., Golf Channel & 3-7 p.m., KDKA; Sunday, noon-1:30 p.m., Golf Channel & 1:30-6 p.m., KDKA.

Defending champion: Rory McIlroy. **FedEx Cup leader:** Scottie Scheffler.

Notes

The PGA Tour ends its season with the top 30 players at the Tour Championship competing for the FedEx Cup and its \$18 million bonus. Scheffler is the No. 1 seed and starts the tournament at 10-under par, two shots ahead of second-seed Viktor Hovland. ... The final five players start at even par. ... McIlroy is the only three-time winner of the FedEx Cup. He is the No. 3 seed. ... Ryder Cup qualifying for the United States ended last week. Zach Johnson will announce six captain's picks Tuesday. ... In the previous 16 years of the FedEx Cup, only three players who had the No. 1 seed have gone on to win. Tiger Woods did it twice. The others: Vijay Singh (2008) and Dustin Johnson (2020).

By Doug Ferguson
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Scottie Scheffler already has one small piece of history at the Tour Championship, the only player to be the No. 1 seed going into the FedEx Cup finale in consecutive years.

He also is reminded, by history and experience, that finishing it off at East Lake to capture the silver cup and its \$18 million bonus is no small feat.

The history came from last year. He not only began with a two-shot lead, Scheffler expanded the margin to six shots until he threw it all away on the front nine and wound up finishing one shot behind Rory McIlroy.

"I definitely wanted to end the season on a better note than I did last year, for sure," Scheffler said Wednesday before another light day of practice due to temperatures in the upper 90s Fahrenheit (mid- to upper 30s Celsius).

Historically, only five times in 16 years of the FedEx Cup has the No. 1 seed at East Lake gone on to win the FedEx Cup, and only twice in the past four years — Dustin Johnson in 2020 and Patrick Cantlay in 2021 — since the Tour Championship went to a staggered start.

Scheffler starts at 10-under par as the No. 1 seed, two shots clear of BMW Championship winner Viktor Hovland, three ahead of McIlroy and four ahead of

Jon Rahm. The rest of the top 30 who reached the FedEx Cup finale are grouped at various stages all the way down to the last five players who start at even par.

Is it the best system? The only agreement from players is they can't think of anything better. The last thing the PGA Tour wanted — and golf fans needed — was keeping track of points and other forms of math to figure out who was going to win.

"There's a lot of people that have different opinions on what it should be," said McIlroy, the only three-time winner of the FedEx Cup.

His only conclusion was it gives the best chance to the player who has played the best golf all year, followed by the two postseason events. Scheffler has produced one of the most consistent years since the height of Tiger Woods — no missed cuts, a top-10 finish in 16 of his 22 tournaments, two victories.

Most players would take Rahm's year — the Masters as part of his tour-leading four victories, though none since April. The Spaniard began the postseason as the No. 1 seed but then finished in the middle of the pack at the two FedEx Cup playoff events and dropped to No. 4.

That effectively cost him four shots going into the Tour Championship, and Rahm knows from experience what that means. Two years ago, he started four shots behind Cantlay, had a



Tour Championship No. 1 seed Scottie Scheffler signs an autograph for a young fan Wednesday during a practice round at East Lake Golf Club in Atlanta. Kevin C. Cox/Getty Images

raw score that was three shots better and wound up one behind.

"I don't think it's the best, but it is the easiest to understand," Rahm said of the format that dates to 2019. "So if you ask me, I think we can come up with something better."

There's potentially another competition brewing between Scheffler and Rahm, one that could illustrate how PGA Tour players feel about the FedEx Cup.

Ballots will go out next week for PGA Tour player of the year. Rahm would seem to have that locked up with the most wins and a major.

But if Scheffler wins the

FedEx Cup, that gives him three victories — one of them The Players Championship, the next best thing to a major — along with the Vardon Trophy for lowest scoring average and a record \$21 million in earnings, some \$4.5 million ahead of Rahm.

"It depends what you value," McIlroy said. "Scottie, he could end up with the best ball-striking season of all time. He's hit the ball as good, if not better, than Tiger hit it in 2000, which is the benchmark for all of us. But I think Jon probably has a little more to show for his year."

"I think it could come down to this week and who

performs," McIlroy said. "But it's a two-horse race between Jon and Scottie."

For now, it's a 30-horse race in stifling heat to cap off a year in which Scheffler has never had a really bad week — only two results worse than a tie for 12th — and would desperately like to win for more than just 18 million reasons.

He was tied for the 54-hole lead last week at Olympia Fields, shot 66 and was passed by Viktor Hovland and his 61, the lowest final round by a winner all year.

"I think it's just quite difficult to win out here," Scheffler said.

That includes the FedEx Cup.

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