

# RORY MCILROY READY TO DEFEND HIS RBC CANADIAN OPEN TITLE



*Pairings for the first two rounds of the 2023 RBC Canadian Open*

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**Wednesday, June 7, 2023** – Two-time defending champion Rory McIlroy is ready to make history in defence of the RBC Canadian Open title at Oakdale Golf & Country Club.

The world's number three ranked player will lead a field of 156 of the world's best players looking to become the first player in history to win three consecutive titles.

“Any time you can come back and defend a title sort of wherever that is in the world, it's nice to be able to do that, said McIlroy. “Obviously the Sunday last year was, to me, one of the probably one of the best experiences I've ever had

playing on TOUR. Battling it out with JT and Tony down the stretch. Rosie was on course trying to shoot 59. There was a ton of low scores. Battling with those two guys. JT and Tony being two of the best players in the world. Coming out on top. Yeah, it was really nice. Nice to be able to defend a title. I felt like the support I got out there was absolutely amazing and I'm looking forward to playing in that sort of atmosphere again this week.”

Text, audio, and video transcripts from media interviews on Wednesday, June 7 with Rory McIlroy, Mackenzie Hughes, Corey Connors and Ludvig Aberg are available [here](#).

### **OPENING CEREMONIES KICK OFF AT 6:30 A.M.**

The opening ceremonies for the 2023 RBC Canadian Open will begin at 6:30 a.m. and will include a blessing of the land, National Anthem, and a fly over by the Canadian Forces Snowbirds. The opening ceremonies will conclude with a ceremonial tee shot from Wilf Homenuik. During his career, Homenuik won eight international professional titles, two Canadian Professional Golfer Association (CPGA) championships, two CPGA Match Play Championships for the Millar Trophy and eleven provincial titles. Nine of the 27 holes at Oakdale Golf and Country Club are named after the club’s long-time teaching professional, known as the Homenuik nine. Homenuik was inducted into the Canadian Golf Hall of Fame in 2005.

### **PAIRINGS SET FOR FIRST TWO ROUNDS OF THE RBC CANADIAN OPEN**

Pairings and start times for the opening two rounds of the 112th playing of Canada’s National Men’s Open Championship on Thursday, June 8 and Friday, June 9 are available online [here](#).

### **BROADCAST COVERAGE**

#### **Thursday, June 8 & Friday, June 9 – *all times ET***

TSN 1/4, RDS 2, Golf Channel, Golf Channel.com      3:00pm-6:00pm

TSN 4 – PGA TOUR Live Featured Group      7:30am-3:00pm

#### **Saturday, June 10 – *all times ET***

TSN 4/5, RDS 2	2:30pm-7:30pm
Golf Channel, Golf Channel.com	2:30pm-5:30pm
CTV 2, CBS	5:30pm-7:30pm
<b>Sunday, June 11 – all times ET</b>	
TSN 4/5, RDS 2	1:30pm-6:30pm
CTV 2, CBS	2:30pm-6:30pm
Golf Channel, Golf Channel.com	1:30pm-2:30pm

### ***RBC CANADIAN OPEN – MEDIA GUIDE & PLAYER PERFORMANCE GUIDE...***

Below are links to the RBC Canadian Open Media Guide as well as the all-time Player Performance Guide:

[2023 RBC Canadian Open Media Guide](#)

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### ***FIELD FOR THE 2023 RBC CANADIAN OPEN...***

[Click here](#) for the full current list of competitors competing in the 2023 RBC Canadian Open, June 6-11 at Oakdale Golf and Country in Toronto.

Tickets for the 2023 RBC Canadian Open are available [here](#). Children aged 12-and-under get free admission with a ticketed adult.

### **About the RBC Canadian Open**

Part of the FedExCup, stars of the PGA TOUR will compete at the RBC Canadian Open, June 6-11, 2023, at Oakdale Golf & Country Club in Toronto,

Ont. Conducted by Golf Canada for more than a century, the RBC Canadian Open provides an opportunity for Canada's top talents to compete against the world's best golfers while also creating a positive impact in the event's host community. Established in 1904, Canada's national open golf championship is the third-oldest national open golf championship worldwide next to the British Open and the U.S. Open. The RBC Canadian Open is proudly sponsored by RBC, Audi, theScoreBet, BDO, Transitions, Levelwear, JOURNIE Rewards, Titleist, FootJoy, Hilton, Sleeman, Johnsonville, Think Turkey, Cub Cadet, SiriusXM, The Keg, Sargent Farms, Masi Wines, Cayman Islands, Cottage Springs, Maestro Dobel Tequila, Celebrity Cruises, STALK&BARREL, Matt & Steve's, Avis, Coca-Cola, the Government of Ontario, and the Government of Canada. The RBC Canadian Open is proud to support First Tee Canada as the event's official charity partner. For more information, visit [www.rbccanadianopen.com](http://www.rbccanadianopen.com).

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