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Lee Hodges Set to Defend 3M Open Title <u>Tony Finau, Sam Burns, Joel Dahmen, Sahith Theegala, Billy Horschel,</u> <u>Zach Johnson</u> <u>Among Early Player Commitments</u>

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BLAINE, MN – Tournament officials today announced several player commitments, including last year's champion Lee Hodges, who will defend his title at TPC Twin Cities July 22-28 when the 3M Open celebrates its sixth year as Minnesota's only PGA TOUR event.

Hodges became the 3M Open's first wire-to-wire winner last year as he won by seven strokes for the largest winning margin in tournament history. It was his first PGA TOUR victory.

"We are delighted that Lee will be joining us again and we look forward to seeing if he can become our first champion to successfully defend his title, " said Mike Welch, 3M Open Tournament Director. "We are equally excited to have these other players scheduled to compete as they are a group of popular and successful players on the TOUR."

2022 3M Open champion and World No. 16 Tony Finau is planning to return for the fifth consecutive year. Including his win, he has three top ten finishes and has placed no worse than T28 in the tournament. Prior to Hodges performance last year, Finau's three-stroke margin of victory in 2022 was the largest in tournament history.

Joining these past champions in the 156-player field will be five-time PGA TOUR winner, and World No. 27 Sam Burns, who was T7 in 2019. He won the 2023 WGC-Match Play Championship and was a captain's pick for the 2023 Ryder Cup, the first of his career. Joel Dahmen will be making his third start in Blaine. His best finish is a T67 . Billy Horschel will be making his second consecutive start at the 3M Open. The 2014 FedExCup champion, who was T13 last year, has eight career wins, including one this April. Two-time major champion Zach Johnson will be making his first start here. Johnson has 12 PGA TOUR career wins and was the U.S. Ryder Cup captain last year. The popular 26-year-old and 14th ranked player in the world Sahith Theegala, who picked up his first TOUR win last year, is making his third consecutive start after missing the cut the past two years.

Players have until 4:00 pm Central on Friday, July 19 to commit to the 3M Open and can withdraw at any time.

Country Music star Chris Lane will be performing on the grounds of TPC Twin Cities Saturday of tournament week at approximately 6:45 pm. For concert information, other 3M Open news, including ticket and hospitality information, visit <u>www.3MOpen.com</u>.

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About the 3M Open

A PGA TOUR event, the inaugural 3M Open was contested in July of 2019 and enters its sixth year. Its list of champions includes Matthew Wolff, Michael Thompson, Cameron Champ, Tony Finau and Lee Hodges. Minnesota's only PGA TOUR event is contested at the TPC Twin Cities and will be held July 22-28, 2024. Managed by Pro Links Sports, the tournament benefits local programs through the 3M Open Fund. For more information, please visit <u>3mopen.com</u>. Follow the 3M Open on Instagram/Twitter @3MOpen and at facebook.com/3MOpen.

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