



# BMW CHAMPIONSHIP

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## **Viktor Hovland Wins the 2023 BMW Championship at Olympia Fields Country Club after Shooting a Course-Record 61 in Final Round.**

- Hovland wins his first FedExCup Playoff event title with 17-under par performance.
- On Saturday, Hovland met with Diana Llamas who was named the recipient of the sixth BMW Championship Hole-in-One Scholarship as a result of his ace at last year's event.

**Olympia Fields, Ill. – August 20, 2023...** BMW congratulates Viktor Hovland on winning the 2023 BMW Championship today at Olympia Fields Country Club in Olympia Fields, Illinois. Hovland shot a course-record 61 in the final round of the tournament to earn his first FedExCup Playoff event win after finishing the week 17-under-par, winning the event by two strokes.

Despite entering Sunday three shots back, Hovland propelled himself to the top of a leaderboard that featured several major champions by making 10 birdies, including one on the 18<sup>th</sup> hole. With the win, Hovland moved up to No. 2 in the FedExCup Playoff standings heading into the TOUR Championship next week at East Lake Country Club in Atlanta, Ga.

“To win the BMW Championship at a course like Olympia Fields against the world’s best players is a really incredible feeling,” said Hovland.

Ilka Horstmeier, BMW Group Member of the Board of Management, was joined by Western Golf Association Chairman Joe Desch, Tournament Chairman Mike Bruni, and

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Olympia Fields Country Club President, William McErlean to present Hovland with the BMW Championship and J.K. Wadley trophies.

“Congratulations to Viktor Hovland on his incredible performance, especially in the final round to win the 2023 BMW Championship,” said Ilka Horstmeier, Member of the Board of Management of BMW AG, Human Resources and Real Estate. “It has been a fantastic tournament week at a historic venue with great fans. Many thanks to the Olympia Fields Country Club, all our partners, volunteers and everyone involved. In addition to hosting a great tournament, the BMW Group is especially proud to know that the BMW Championship makes a difference in the lives of so many young people.”

Earlier in the week, Hovland met with Evans Scholar Diana Llamas of Chicago who was named the sixth BMW Hole-in-One Scholar as a result of his ace during the 2022 BMW Championship. Each year, BMW donates an additional full, four-year Evans Scholarship in the name of the first player to hit a hole in one during tournament play. The Evans Scholar Foundation awards full college tuition and housing scholarships for deserving caddies across the country.

Since 2007, the BMW Championship has raised more than \$45 million in support of the Evans Scholars, helping more than 3,300 students achieve their dreams of attending college. Currently, a record 1,130 caddies are enrolled in 24 universities across the nation as Evans Scholars.

On Wednesday, the annual BMW Championship Gardner Heidrick Pro-Am kicked off tournament week. The field featured several celebrity guests including World Series champion and Cy Young winner CC Sabathia, former NFL Pro Bowl receiver and fashion icon Victor Cruz, and the No. 2 overall pick of the Chicago Bulls in the 2002 NBA Draft and ESPN media personality Jay Williams. Evans Scholars and Alumni caddied for the groups, donating their tips back to the Program.

Hovland will defend his title next August when the BMW Championship heads to Castle Pines Golf Club in Castle Rock, Colorado. Future tournament venues include Caves Valley Golf Club in Baltimore, Maryland, in 2025, Bellerive Country Club, in St. Louis, Missouri in 2026 and Liberty National Golf Club in Jersey City, New Jersey in 2027.

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### **About the BMW Championship**

The BMW Championship dates back to 1899 when it debuted as the Western Open, making it the third-oldest tournament on the PGA TOUR schedule, behind only the British Open and U.S. Open. BMW has sponsored the tournament since 2007 when it became the penultimate event of the PGA TOUR's FedExCup Playoffs. The BMW Championship features a field of the top 50 players in the FedExCup standings to determine the final 30 players for the FedExCup final at the TOUR Championship in Atlanta. Since 2007, the BMW Championship has contributed more than \$45 million to the Evans Scholars Foundation, the event's charitable beneficiary. To learn more, visit [bmwchampionship.com](http://bmwchampionship.com).

### **About the Western Golf Association**

The Western Golf Association conducts six national golf championships and sponsors the nationally acclaimed Evans Scholars Foundation. Headquartered in Glenview, Illinois, the organization was founded in 1899 by 11 Chicago-area golf clubs to promote their interests in golf. In addition to the BMW Championship on the PGA TOUR and the NV5 Invitational presented by Old National Bank on the Korn Ferry Tour, the WGA conducts four prestigious amateur championships: the Western Amateur, the Western Junior, and the Women's Western Golf Association's Amateur and Junior championships.

### **About the Evans Scholars Foundation**

Established by the WGA and famed amateur golfer Charles Chick Evans Jr., the Evans Scholars Foundation provides full housing and tuition scholarships to high-achieving caddies across the country. Currently, a record 1,130 caddies are enrolled in 24 universities across the nation as Evans Scholars. The Program, which is supported by the WGA, is funded by contributions from more than 36,000 Par Club members, including Evans Scholars Alumni, as well as proceeds from the BMW Championship. Since the Program's inception in 1930, more than 12,040 caddies nationwide have graduated as Evans Scholars. To learn more, visit [www.wgaesf.org](http://www.wgaesf.org).

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