



2025 Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard
(10th of 36 FedExCup Regular Season events)

Orlando, Florida
 Arnold Palmer's Bay Hill Club & Lodge

March 6-9, 2025
 Par/Yards: 36-36 – 72/7,466

FedExCup points: 700 (winner)
 Purse: \$20 million/\$4 million

First-Round Notes – Thursday, March 6, 2025

Weather: Sunny with a high of 67. Wind WNW 14-18 mph with gusts of 25 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	R1
1	Wyndham Clark	67 (-5)
T2	Keegan Bradley	69 (-3)
T2	Corey Conners	69 (-3)
T2	Christiaan Bezuidenhout	69 (-3)
T2	Shane Lowry	69 (-3)

Wyndham Clark (1st/-5)

- Sixth first-round lead/co-lead on in a stroke play event and second of the season (2025 WM Phoenix Open/finished T16); has never converted a first-round lead/co-lead to victory; 10 first-round leaders/co-leaders have gone on to win the Arnold Palmer Invitational (most recent: Jason Day/2016); no first-round leader/co-leader has won during the 2025 season
- Fourth player in 2025 with multiple first-round leads/co-leads; others: Tom Hoge (The Sentry, Sony Open in Hawaii), Harry Hall (Sony Open in Hawaii, Mexico Open at VidantaWorld), Denny McCarthy (Sony Open in Hawaii, The Genesis Invitational)
- Finished runner-up at the 2024 Arnold Palmer Invitational, his best finish in four starts at Bay Hill; the last player to finish runner-up and win the same tournament the following year: Robert MacIntyre (2023, 2024 Genesis Scottish Open)
- Runner-up finish at the 2024 Arnold Palmer Invitational was his first of consecutive runner-up finishes in 2024, both of which he lost to Scottie Scheffler (other: THE PLAYERS Championship)
- 5-under 67 marks his second-lowest round at the Arnold Palmer Invitational (66/R2/2024)
- Has three career PGA TOUR titles, including one major (2023 U.S. Open) and two Signature Events (2023 Truist Championship, 2024 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am)
- Sixth start of the 2025 season with a T15 at The Sentry his best finish

Miscellaneous Notes

- **Shane Lowry** (T2) went eagle-par-bogey to finish at 3-under 69, two shots off the lead; held the solo-lead after the first round of the 2024 Arnold Palmer Invitational and went on to finish third behind winner Scottie Scheffler and runner-up Wyndham Clark, his best finish in six starts at Bay Hill
- **Keegan Bradley** (T2) has four top-10s in 13 previous starts at Bay Hill: T3/2013, 2nd/2014, T10/2021, T10/2023
- World No. 1 and defending champion **Scottie Scheffler** (T11) posted a 1-under 71 and sits four shots off the lead; the 2024 Arnold Palmer Invitational was the first of seven PGA TOUR wins in the 2024 season, including back-to-back titles at Bay Hill and next week's PLAYERS Championship
- 2018 Arnold Palmer Invitational champion **Rory McIlroy** (T6), who won the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am in his season debut, is three back at 2-under 70; moved to No. 2 in the Official World Golf Ranking this week, passing Xander Schauffele, who held the No. 2 position since May 2024
- **Christiaan Bezuidenhout** (T2/-3) and **Max Greyselman** (T6/-2) are the only players under par that have yet to win on TOUR
- **Xander Schauffele** (T52), who is making his first start since The Sentry in January following a rib injury, recorded a 5-over 77, his highest score in 13 rounds at Bay Hill; has a round of 74 or worse in each of three previous starts at Bay Hill
- Arnold Palmer Cup Exemption recipient **Jackson Koivun** (T15), a sophomore at Auburn University, opened with an even-par 72; the No. 2-ranked amateur has 18 points in PGA TOUR University Accelerated and can reach the 20-point threshold to become eligible for PGA TOUR membership with a made cut (1 point) and top-10 finish (1 point); last week, Florida State junior Luke Clanton became the second player (Gordon Sargent) to become eligible for PGA TOUR membership through PGA TOUR University Accelerated after making the cut at the Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches (finished T18)
- One of three Signature Events to feature a cut, the field will be reduced after 36 holes to low 50 players and ties and any additional players within 10 strokes of the 36-hole lead