





Caves Valley Golf Club August 14-17, 2025 FedExCup Points: 2,000 (winner)
Owings Mills, Maryland Par/Yards: 35-35—70/7,601 Purse: \$20 million (\$3.6 million)

## Pre-Tournament Information – 2025 BMW Championship

Field Update: FedExCup No. 5 Sepp Straka has withdrawn from the BMW Championship due to a private family matter.

Statement from Straka's manager Butler Melnyk: "For personal reasons, Sepp is unable to play this week. He intends to compete at the TOUR Championship, but requests privacy at this time as he attends to a family matter at home."

# Player Interviews

Tuesday, August 12

1:30 p.m. - Patrick Cantlay 3:00 p.m. - Rickie Fowler

### Wednesday, August 13

After 8 a.m. (9-hole) Pro-Am - Scottie Scheffler (at Flash Interview Area) After 8 a.m. (9-hole) Pro-Am - Rory McIlroy After 8:12 a.m. (9-hole) Pro-Am - Justin Rose After 9:12 a.m. (9-hole Pro-Am - Xander Schauffele After 9:36 a.m. (9-hole) Pro-Am - Keegan Bradley

### **TBD**

Denny McCarthy

### **Keegan Bradley**

- Won the 2024 BMW Championship at Castle Pines by one stroke over Sam Burns, Ludvig Åberg and Adam Scott for his seventh career TOUR title and first since the 2023 Travelers Championship
- With a victory this week, would join Patrick Cantlay (2021 and 2022 BMW Championship) as the only players to successfully defend a FedExCup Playoffs event
- Became the first 54-hole leader to win the BMW Championship since Patrick Cantlay in 2022
- One of four multiple winners of the BMW Championship in the FedExCup Playoffs era (Tiger Woods/2007, 2009; Dustin Johnson/2010, 2016; Patrick Cantlay/2021, 2022); wins in 2018 and 2024 account for his only two top-10 finishes in 12 starts at this event
- Victory at the 2025 Travelers Championship marked his eighth on TOUR and his first time winning in three consecutive seasons on TOUR
- Enters this week at No. 14 in the FedExCup; began the week of the 2024 BMW Championship at No. 50 in the FedExCup and moved to No. 4 with the victory to advance to the TOUR Championship for the sixth time
- U.S. Ryder Cup Team Captain sits at No. 10 in the U.S. Ryder Cup team ranking

### Scottie Scheffler

- World No. 1 and reigning FedExCup Champion seeks to become first back-to-back winner of the FedExCup
- Finished inside the top 25 in all 17 starts this season, including 12 straight; last finish outside the top 10: THE PLAYERS Championship/T20
- Finished T3 in last week's FedEx St. Jude Championship, one stroke shy of joining a playoff between Justin Rose and J.J. Spaun
- Has three seasons with four or more wins (2022/4, 2024/7, 2025/4)
- FedExCup leader earned the top spot in the Comcast Business TOUR TOP 10 for the third time in four seasons, earning an \$8 million bonus

<sup>\*</sup>Visit www.pgatourmedia.com for the latest interview schedule

• Best finish in five appearances at the BMW Championship: T2/2023; finished T22 at the 2021 BMW Championship when it was last played at Caves Valley Golf Club

## **Patrick Cantlay**

- Eight-time PGA TOUR winner's most recent victory was the 2022 BMW Championship
- Enters the week at No. 19 in the FedExCup standings; marks his ninth consecutive year in the FedExCup Playoffs, advancing to the TOUR Championship seven times (best finish: 1st/2021)
- With victories in 2021 and 2022, is one of seven players in the last 100 years to win the BMW Championship in consecutive years: Nick Price (1993/1994), Jack Nicklaus (1967/1968), Billy Casper (1965/1966), Sam Snead (1949/1950), Ralph Guldahl (1936/1937/1938), Walter Hagen (1926/1927)
- In 2021, went on to win the FedExCup following his victory in the BMW Championship at Caves Valley Golf Club where he prevailed over Bryson DeChambeau in a six-hole playoff
- One of four players to win the BMW Championship en route to claiming the FedExCup: Tiger Woods (2007, 2009), Billy Horschel (2014), Viktor Hovland (2023)
- Has finished top-15 or better in seven of eight appearances at the BMW Championship (T55/2018)

## **Denny McCarthy**

- Rockville, Maryland native seeks first PGA TOUR victory in his 211<sup>th</sup> start
- His two career runner-up finishes were both in sudden-death playoffs (2023 Memorial Tournament presented by Workday/Viktor Hovland, 2024 Valero Texas Open/Akshay Bhatia)
- Fourth consecutive appearance at the BMW Championship (T26/2024, T10/2023, T28/2022)
- One of five players in the field this week in search of their first PGA TOUR victory (Jacob Bridgeman, Tommy Fleetwood, Sam Stevens, Bud Cauley)
- Owns two top-10s this season (T5/Genesis Invitational, T8/PGA Championship)
- Won the Maryland Amateur twice (2013, 2014) and the Maryland Open three times (2010, 2013, 2015)

#### Rickie Fowler

- With his T6 finish at last week's FedEx St. Jude Championship, moved from No. 64 in the FedExCup standings to No. 48, advancing to the BMW Championship for the 12<sup>th</sup> time
- Returns to the BMW Championship after finishing No. 101 in the 2024 FedExCup Fall standings
- Owns three top-five results in 11 appearances at the BMW Championship (T2/2017, T4/2015, T4/2014)
- While making 17 cuts in 20 starts this season, has notched two top-10 finishes (T7/the Memorial Tournament presented by Workday, T6/FedEx St. Jude Championship)
- Six-time PGA TOUR winner's most recent victory: 2023 Rocket Classic

# **Xander Schauffele**

- Two-time major championship winner seeks his 10<sup>th</sup> PGA TOUR victory in his 199<sup>th</sup> start; best finish this season: T7/The Open Championship
- Advanced to the season-finale TOUR Championship in eight consecutive seasons since joining the TOUR in 2017, the longest
  active streak on TOUR (was tied with Tony Finau, who failed to advance to BMW Championship); enters this week at No. 43
  in the FedExCup standings
- Owns 70 consecutive made cuts, the longest active cut streak on TOUR and sixth-longest all time
- Makes ninth appearance at the BMW Championship where his last three starts have resulted in top 10s (T5/2024, T8/2023, T3/2022)

### Rory McIlroy

- Three-time FedExCup Champion (2016, 2019, 2022) competes in his 15<sup>th</sup> BMW Championship, tied with Justin Rose for most of any player in the field
- Enters the week No. 2 in the FedExCup and making his first start on TOUR since a T7 at The Open Championship, one of three consecutive top-10 finishes on TOUR (T6/Travelers Championship, T2/Genesis Scottish Open, T7/The Open Championship)
- Victory this week would mark his 30<sup>th</sup> on TOUR and fourth this season (AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, THE PLAYERS Championship, Masters Tournament); eight consecutive seasons with a win marks the longest active streak on TOUR
- Became the sixth player to complete the Career Grand Slam when he claimed the Masters Tournament this season
- 2012 BMW Championship victory is included among his seven top-10 finishes in 14 prior starts at this event

- 12-time PGA TOUR winner claimed last week's FedEx St. Jude Championship the first event of the FedExCup Playoffs on the third extra playoff hole over J.J. Spaun
- 2018 FedExCup Champion owns two FedExCup Playoff victories in 57 Playoffs starts (2011 BMW Championship, 2025 FedEx St. Jude Championship)
- Enters the week at No. 4 in the FedExCup standings
- Makes 15<sup>th</sup> appearance at the BMW Championship where he owns four top-five finishes highlighted by a victory in 2011 at Cog Hill (2<sup>nd</sup>/2018, T2/2017, 1<sup>st</sup>/2011, T5/2007)
- With the win at the FedEx St. Jude Championship:
  - o Became the 94<sup>th</sup> player to record at least 12 wins on TOUR
  - At 45 years, 11 days, became the oldest winner on TOUR since Phil Mickelson at the 2021 PGA Championship (50 years, 11 months, 7 days)
  - Holds most wins on TOUR of any player from England since 1940 (second most: Nick Faldo, 9 wins)

### **BMW Championship notes**

- The BMW Championship is the oldest non-major on the PGA TOUR schedule, dating back to 1899
- The BMW Championship returns to Caves Valley Golf Club for the second time and first since 2021; 22 players in this week's field competed in the 2021 BMW Championship, including winner Patrick Cantlay, Rory McIlroy (4<sup>th</sup>) and Scottie Scheffler (T22)
- Future BMW Championship host sites include:
  - 2026: Bellerive Country Club St. Louis, Missouri (host of 2030 Presidents Cup)
    2027: Liberty National Golf Club Jersey City, New Jersey (host of 2017 Presidents Cup)
- Four players have won the BMW Championship en route to claiming the FedExCup (Tiger Woods/2007, 2009; Billy Horschel/2014, Patrick Cantlay/2021 Viktor Hovland/2023)
- The field includes:
  - Six FedExCup Champions: Scottie Scheffler (2024), Viktor Hovland (2023), Rory McIlroy (2016, 2019, 2022), Patrick Cantlay (2021), Justin Rose (2018), Justin Thomas (2017)
  - Seven past champions of the BMW Championship: Keegan Bradley (2018, 2024), Viktor Hovland (2023), Patrick
     Cantlay (2022, 2021), Justin Thomas (2019), Jason Day (2015), Rory McIlroy (2012), Justin Rose (2011)
  - Ten players will make their debut at the BMW Championship this week: Jacob Bridgeman, Brian Campbell, Ryan
     Fox, Ryan Gerard, Chris Gotterup, Ben Griffin, Harry Hall, Michael Kim, Andrew Novak, Sam Stevens

## **PGA TOUR** season notes

- The top 30 players after this week will earn a two-year exemption on the PGA TOUR (through 2027) and access into the major championships that traditionally recognize the top 30. Every player in the field at the BMW Championship has qualified for all Signature Events on the 2026 PGA TOUR schedule and the 2026 PLAYERS Championship.
- With 5,456 FedExCup points, Scheffler enters the BMW Championship with a 2,012-point lead over Rory McIlroy and will enter the TOUR Championship as the FedExCup leader for the third consecutive season.
- Of the 12 first-time winners in 2025, 10 qualified for the FedExCup Playoffs, with seven advancing to the BMW
  Championship: Thomas Detry (WM Phoenix Open), Brian Campbell (Mexico Open at VidantaWorld), Ben Griffin/Andrew
  Novak (Zurich Classic of New Orleans), Ryan Fox (ONEflight Myrtle Beach Classic), Ryan Gerard (Barracuda Championship),
  Cameron Young (Wyndham Championship)
- Of the 16 international victories of the 36 of the FedExCup Regular Season events, 10 players qualified for the FedExCup Playoffs, with eight advancing to the BMW Championship: Hideki Matsuyama/Japan, Nick Taylor/Canada, Sepp Straka/Austria/2, Rory McIlroy/Northern Ireland/3, Thomas Detry/Belgium, Ludvig Åberg/Sweden, Viktor Hovland/Norway, Ryan Fox/New Zealand/2

## FedExCup and the FedExCup Playoffs

- The 2025 PGA TOUR Season marks the 19th edition of the FedExCup (established in 2007). The FedExCup is a season-long
  points competition which culminates with the FedExCup Playoffs, a series of three events to determine the FedExCup
  Champion
- The top 70 players in the FedExCup standings are eligible for the FedExCup Playoffs with the three events featuring a progressive cut with fields of 70 (FedEx St. Jude Championship), 50 (BMW Championship) and 30 (TOUR Championship)
- The FedExCup Bonus Distribution total is \$100 million, with the FedExCup Champion earning \$10 million
  - The top 70 players in the FedExCup standings are fully exempt for all Full-Field Events and THE PLAYERS Championship in 2026
  - The top 50 players are exempt for all Signature Events in 2026
  - The top 30 players receive a two-year exemption and invitations to majors that traditionally recognize the top 30

# Players that moved into top 50 following the FedEx St. Jude Championship:

Player	Position	Start Rank	Finish Rank
Kurt Kitayama	Т9	52	37
Bud Cauley	T14	53	46
Rickie Fowler	T6	64	48
Jhonattan Vegas	T14	56	49
LT Poston	T22	51	50

# Players that moved out of top 50 following the FedEx St. Jude Championship

Player	Position	Start Rank	Finish Rank
Aldrich Potgieter	T59	43	52
Jordan Spieth	T38	48	54
Jake Knapp	T62	47	55
Wyndham Clark	T56	49	56
Min Woo Lee	T68	50	57

**Top 30 bubble** – Following the BMW Championship, the top 30 players in the FedExCup will advance to the TOUR Championship: Sungjae Im (No. 25), Chris Gotterup (No. 26), Jacob Bridgeman (No. 27), Viktor Hovland (No. 28), Akshay Bhatia (No. 29), Lucas Glover (No. 30), Sam Stevens (No. 31), Ryan Gerard (No. 32), Daniel Berger (No. 33), Ryan Fox (No. 34), Taylor Pendrith (No. 35)