



2025 Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches
(9th of 36 FedExCup Regular Season events)

Palm Beach Gardens, Florida
PGA National Resort (Champion)

February 27-March 2, 2025
Par/Yards: 35-36—71/7,167

FedExCup points: 500 (winner)
Purse: \$9.2 million (\$1.656 million/winner)

Pre-Tournament Information - 2025 Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches

Player Interviews (all times local)

Tuesday, February 25

9:30 a.m. – Jordan Spieth

10:30 a.m. – Austin Eckroat

Wednesday, February 26

9 a.m. – Gary Woodland

12 p.m. – Luke Clanton

Following 10:41 a.m. (9-hole) Pro-Am – Daniel Berger

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Jordan Spieth

- Making his Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches debut; has one PGA TOUR victory when making his tournament debut (2017 Travelers Championship)
- Fourth start of the 2025 season (best: T4/WM Phoenix Open) and first since a missed cut at The Genesis Invitational
- In the final year of his Tournament Winners exemption (thru 2025) after finishing No. 80 in the final 2024 FedExCup Fall standings
- Underwent wrist surgery in August following the 2024 FedEx St. Jude Championship and returned to competition at the 2025 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am

Austin Eckroat

- Two-time PGA TOUR winner attempts to defend a PGA TOUR title for the first time in his career
- Followed his win at the 2024 Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches with a second title at the 2024 World Wide Technology Championship in Mexico, becoming one of seven multiple winners during the 2024 season
- Held a one-stroke lead when play was suspended due to darkness on Sunday last year at PGA National and completed 11 holes on Monday to claim a three-stroke victory over Erik van Rooyen and Min Woo Lee; one of three unscheduled Monday finishes last season (RBC Heritage, Wyndham Championship)
- Led the field in Total Birdies en route to victory (23)
- Two top-15 finishes in six starts this season (T15/The Sentry, T13/AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am)

Luke Clanton (a)

- Florida State junior will make his second attempt to become eligible for PGA TOUR membership through PGA TOUR University Accelerated. After missing the cut at the WM Phoenix Open, Clanton enters the week with 19 points in PGA TOUR University Accelerated, and a made cut will elevate him to the 20-point threshold to earn PGA TOUR membership. When he reaches 20 points, Clanton will be eligible to take up full PGA TOUR membership following the conclusion of the collegiate season in May.
- 12th career PGA TOUR start and first at the Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches, highlighted by two runner-up finishes in eight starts in 2024; fourth start on TOUR this season (MC/Sony Open in Hawaii, T15/Farmers Insurance Open, MC/WM Phoenix Open)
- In spring 2024, became the first Seminole to win three consecutive tournaments (Seminole Intercollegiate, Valspar Collegiate Invitational, Lewis Chitengwa Memorial); through his win at the 2024 Valspar Collegiate Invitational, secured an exemption into the PGA TOUR's 2025 Valspar Championship

- Last week, won the Watersound Invitational in Panama City Beach, Florida with rounds of 73-66-67, his first college start of the spring and the fifth win of his collegiate career

Gary Woodland

- Makes 371st PGA TOUR start and fifth this season, notching three consecutive top-25 finishes before missing the cut in his most recent start (The Genesis Invitational)
- Making his 11th start at the Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches where his best result among four top-10s is T2 in 2017, finishing four strokes back of winner Rickie Fowler
- Underwent surgery to remove a brain lesion in August 2023 and returned to competition at the 2024 Sony Open in Hawaii
- Finished No. 140 in the 2024 FedExCup Fall standings, with a T9 at the Shriners Children's Open his lone top-10 in 26 starts
- Four-time PGA TOUR winner seeks first win since the 2019 U.S. Open and is on the final year of his exemption

Rickie Fowler

- Six-time PGA TOUR winner makes his 350th start and fifth this season; made the cut in three of four prior starts (WD/WM Phoenix Open)
- Seeks his first TOUR title since the 2023 Rocket Classic
- 15th appearance at the Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches where he has four top-10 finishes including a win (2017) and T2 finish (2019)
- Low round at PGA National is 65 (R1/2013, R3/2017)

Daniel Berger

- Four-time PGA TOUR winner makes his 212th start and ninth at the Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches where he owns three top-10 results (2nd/2015, T4/2020, 4th/2022)
- Following a final-round 64, lost a playoff to Pdraig Harrington at the 2015 Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches; held the outright 36- and 54-hole leads/co-leads at this event in 2022 before a final-round 74 led to solo-fourth
- Was limited to 12 starts in 2022 due to a back injury and did not compete for 18 months after missing the cut at the 2022 U.S. Open; returned to competition at the 2024 American Express
- Currently sits No. 23 in the FedExCup standings after five starts this season; finished T2 (WM Phoenix Open) and 12th (The Genesis Invitational) in his two most recent starts
- Finished No. 100 in the 2024 FedExCup Fall standings after posting two top-10 finishes in 27 starts, including a T2 finish in the final event of the FedExCup Fall at The RSM Classic, which elevated him from No. 127 to No. 100 in the standings to secure fully-exempt status on TOUR in 2025

Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches notes:

- The field features 10 past champions: Austin Eckroat (2024), Chris Kirk (2023), Sepp Straka (2022), Sungjae Im (2020), Keith Mitchell (2019), Rickie Fowler (2017), Russell Henley (2014), Camilo Villegas (2010), Luke Donald (2006), Matt Kuchar (2002)
- Four of the last six winners of the Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches claimed their first career PGA TOUR title at the event (Austin Eckroat/2024, Sepp Straka/2022, Sungjae Im/2020, Keith Mitchell/2019)
- Shane Lowry enters the week with three consecutive top-five finishes at PGA National: (T4/2024, T5/2023, 2nd/2022) and was the 54-hole co-leader in 2024. Lowry owns the lowest cumulative scoring average at the Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches since 2022 (67.75; minimum of six rounds)
- Min Woo Lee earned his first of two runner-up finishes in 2024 at the Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches (other: Rocket Classic); went on to qualify for the FedExCup Playoffs for the first time in his career and finished No. 65 in the final 2024 FedExCup Fall standings

PGA TOUR season notes

- Brian Campbell became the season's second first-time winner through eight tournaments (Thomas Detry/WM Phoenix Open) with his win at the Mexico Open at VidantaWorld, which marked his first career top-10 finish in his 28th start. A 2024 Korn Ferry Tour graduate, Campbell was previously a PGA TOUR member in 2016-17 (via the Korn Ferry Tour) before returning to the Korn Ferry Tour from 2018-2024.
- The Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches marks the final opportunity for players to qualify for THE PLAYERS Championship via two categories:
 - The top 50 players from Official World Golf Ranking through the Cognizant Classic
 - The top 10 players from the 2025 FedExCup standings through the Cognizant Classic; if necessary to complete a field of 144 players, PGA TOUR members below the 10th position in the FedExCup standings will be selected in order of their position through the Cognizant Classic

- **Aon Next 10:** The top 10 players in the FedExCup standings not otherwise exempt following the Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches will qualify for the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard through the Aon Next 10.

Aon Next 10 entering the Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches (bold = in the field):

Rank	Player	Points
1.	Nick Taylor	777.297
2.	Maverick McNealy	663.625
3.	Harris English	553.134
4.	Brian Campbell	506.629
5.	Patrick Rodgers	414.973
6.	Sam Stevens	411.429
7.	Michael Kim	406.688
8.	Lucas Glover	402.833
9.	Daniel Berger	401.625
10.	Andrew Novak	380.000

- **Aon Swing 5:** This week marks the final opportunity for players to earn FedExCup points towards the Aon Swing 5 for entry into next week's Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard; the top five players not otherwise exempt who earn the most FedExCup points during the Mexico Open at VidantaWorld and Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches will qualify for the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard.
- **Aon Swing 5 entering the Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches:**

Rank	Player	Points
1.	Aldrich Potgieter	300.000
2.	Isaiah Salinda	190.000
3.	Ben Griffin	122.500
4.	Joel Dahmen	95.000
5.	Nicolai Højgaard	85.000