



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

Palm Beach Gardens, Florida
PGA National Resort (The Champion)

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

FedExCup points: 500 (winner)
Purse: \$9,200,000/\$1,656,000

First-Round Notes – Thursday, February 27, 2025

Weather: Mostly cloudy. High of 80. Winds SSE at 5-10 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	R1
1	Jake Knapp	59 (-12)
T2	Daniel Berger	63 (-8)
T2	Russell Henley	63 (-8)
T2	Sami Valimaki	63 (-8)

Jake Knapp (1st/59)

15th sub-60 score in PGA TOUR history

- 14th different player (15th time) to shoot a sub-60 round on the PGA TOUR (Jim Furyk has a 58 and 59)
- First sub-60 score on the PGA TOUR in 238 days since the 2024 John Deere Classic (Hayden Springer/59/R1)
- Cards his low 18-hole score on the PGA TOUR in his 116th round (previous best: 63/R3/2024 Mexico Open at VidantaWorld)
- Cards the low 18-hole score in Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches history (previous best: 61/Matt Jones/R1/2021; Brian Harman/R2/2012)
- Previous low 18-hole score of the 2025 season by any player on the PGA TOUR was 61 (Aldrich Potgieter/R2/Mexico Open at VidantaWorld)
- 30-year-old seeks his second win on the PGA TOUR in his 35th start (last win: 2024 Mexico Open at VidantaWorld)
- Marks first 18-hole lead/co-lead on the PGA TOUR (previous best 18-hole position: T2/two times; most recent: 2025 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am/finished T33)
- Largest 18-hole lead (4) of the 2025 season (previous: 2 strokes/Ludvig Åberg/2025 Farmers Insurance Open); the last 18-hole lead of four strokes or more came at the 2024 TOUR Championship (5 strokes/Scottie Scheffler); the last instance in a tournament without Starting Strokes was the 2024 WM Phoenix Open (5 strokes/Nick Taylor)
- Matches the largest 18-hole lead in Cognizant Classic history (previous instance: Mike Sullivan/1987/TPC Eagle Trace)
- Finished T4 in his tournament debut at the Cognizant Classic in 2024
- In seven previous starts this season, he has two top-25 finishes and sits No. 61 in the FedExCup standings (best tournament finish in 2025: T17/The Genesis Invitational)

Sub-60 Rounds:

Player	Date	Age (Y-M-D)	Rd	Since Last (Y-M-D)	Event	Course (Par/Yards)	Out-In
Jake Knapp	2/27/25	30-8-27	1	0-7-23	Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches PGA National (The Champion)	71 / 7,167	29-30=59
Hayden Springer	7/4/24	27-5-25	1	0-0-12	John Deere Classic TPC Deere Run	71 / 7,289	27-32=59
Cameron Young	6/22/24	27-1-15	3	3-10-1	Travelers Championship TPC River Highlands	70 / 6,835	28-31=59
Scottie Scheffler	8/21/20	24-2-0	2	0-11-8	FedEx St. Jude Championship TPC Boston	71 / 7,308	30-29=59
Kevin Chappell	9/13/19	33-2-5	2	1-0-28	A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier	70 / 7,111	31-28=59

					The Old White TPC		
Brandt Snedeker	8/16/18	37-8-9	1	1-6-26	Wyndham Championship Sedgefield CC	70 / 6,970	32-27=59
Adam Hadwin	1/21/17	29-2-20	3	0-0-9	The American Express La Quinta CC	72 / 7,060	29-30=59
Justin Thomas	1/12/17	23-8-14	1	0-5-5	Sony Open in Hawaii Waialae CC	70 / 7,005	30- 29*=59
Jim Furyk	8/7/16	46-2-26	4	2-10-25	Travelers Championship TPC River Highlands	70 / 6,841	27-31=58
Jim Furyk	9/13/13	43-4-1	2	3-1-12	BMW Championship Conway Farms	71 / 7,149	31-28=59
Stuart Appleby	8/1/10	39-3-0	4	0-0-24	A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier The Old White Course	70 / 7,031	28-31=59
Paul Goydos	7/8/10	46-0-19	1	11-5-166	John Deere Classic TPC Deere Run	71 / 7,268	31-28=59
David Duval	1/24/99	27-2-15	5	7-3-105	The American Express PGA West – Palmer	72 / 6,950	31-28=59
Chip Beck	10/11/91	35-0-30	3	14-4-123	Shriners Children’s Open Sunrise GC	72 / 6,914	30- 29*=59
Al Geiberger	6/10/77	39-9-9	2	N/A	FedEx St. Jude Classic Colonial CC – South	72 / 7,282	29-30=59

Sub-60 Rounds: Statistical Breakdown

	Year	Eagles	Birdies	Pars	Bogeys	Fairways	GIR	Putts	Last Putt
Jake Knapp	2025	0	12	6	0	12 of 14	16/18	25	1’4” – birdie
Hayden Springer	2024	2	8	8	0	10 of 14	14/18	21	12’ 8” – birdie
Cameron Young	2024	2	7	9	0	6 of 14	15/18	24	9’ 7” – par
Scottie Scheffler	2020	0	12	6	0	7 of 14	16/18	23	4’ 6” – birdie
Kevin Chappell	2019	0	11	7	0	8 of 14	17/18	24	1’ 2” - par
Brandt Snedeker	2018	1	10	6	1	9 of 14	15/18	22	20’ 4” - birdie (from fringe)
Adam Hadwin	2017	0	13*	5	0	12 of 14	15/18	21	4-foot - par
Justin Thomas	2017	2	8	7	1	8 of 14	14/18	23	14’ 11”- eagle
Jim Furyk	2016	1	10	7	0	14 of 14	18/18	24	2’ 0” - par
Jim Furyk	2013	1	11	5	1	14 of 14	17/18	23	3’ 3”- birdie
Stuart Appleby	2010	1	9	8	0	11 of 14	15/18	23	10’ 10”- birdie
Paul Goydos	2010	0	12	6	0	13 of 14	16/18	22	7-foot birdie
David Duval	1999	1	11	6	0	11 of 13	17/18	23	6-foot eagle
Chip Beck	1991	0	13*	5	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	3-foot birdie
Al Geiberger	1977	1	11	6	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	8-foot birdie

*All-time PGA TOUR Record for Most Birdies in a Round

>some final putt distances are best estimates

Miscellaneous notes

- 2014 Cognizant Classic winner **Russell Henley**, the highest ranked player in the field by Official World Golf Ranking (No. 17), posted bogey-free 63 and is one of three players T2 at 8-under along with **Daniel Berger** and **Sami Valimaki**.
- Past winners of the Cognizant Classic **Rickie Fowler** (2017) and **Keith Mitchell** (2019) each sit T5 at 7-under.
- Making his tournament debut at the Cognizant Classic, **Jordan Spieth** opens with 6-under 65 and sits T11. Spieth birdied all three holes of the “Bear Trap” (Nos. 15-17), becoming the 14th player to make birdie or better on each hole in a round.
- Amateur **Luke Clanton** (T28) shoots 4-under 67. If Clanton makes the cut this week, he will earn PGA TOUR membership via PGA TOUR University Accelerated. Clanton entered the week with 19 points in the program and a made cut would earn him the one point needed to reach the 20-point threshold for membership, which he could accept in June 2025.
- Today’s 68.62 field stroke average is the lowest in a round at the Cognizant Classic since the event moved to PGA National Resort (The Champion) in 2007. It is the third-lowest single-round field stroke average in Cognizant Classic history.

Lowest Single-Round Field Stroke Averages at the Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches

Field Stroke Average	Year	Round	Golf Course	Par
68.54	2003	2nd	CC at Mirasol (Sunset)	72
68.61	2003	4th	CC at Mirasol (Sunset)	72
68.62	2025	1st	PGA National (The Champion)	71
68.72	2001	3rd	TPC Heron Bay	72
68.79	2024	4th	PGA National (The Champion)	71

Aon Next 10 and Aon Swing 5

- The top 10 FedExCup points earners through the Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches will earn spots in the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard via the Aon Next 10.
- The top 5 FedExCup points earners in the Mexico Open at VidantaWorld and Cognizant Classic will earn spots in the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard via the Aon Swing 5.
- The Aon Next 10 and Aon Swing 5 are eligibility pathways for players, not already qualified, to play their way into Signature Events via the FedExCup standings.
- Projected Aon Next 10 Leaderboard after the first round:
 - Nick Taylor, Maverick McNealy, Jake Knapp (1st), Daniel Berger (T2), Harris English, Brian Campbell (T48), Michael Kim (T11), Patrick Rodgers (T28), Andrew Novak (T16), Sam Stevens
- Projected Aon Swing 5 Leaderboard after the first round:
 - Aldrich Potgieter, Sami Valimaki (T2), Isaiah Salinda (T48), Ben Griffin (T48), Joe Highsmith (T11)