



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 FedExCup points: 500 (winner)
Par/Yards: 35-36—71/7,167 Purse: \$9,200,000/\$1,656,000

Final-Round Notes - Sunday, March 2, 2025

Weather: Sunny. High of 78. Winds NNW at 10-15 mph.

## **Final Leaderboard**

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Joe Highsmith	65	72	64	64	265 (-19)
T2	Jacob Bridgeman	68	68	67	64	267 (-17)
T2	J.J. Spaun	64	70	67	66	267 (-17)
T4	Max McGreevy	69	68	64	67	268 (-16)
T4	Ben Griffin	68	65	66	69	268 (-16)

## Joe Highsmith (1st/-19)

- First PGA TOUR win in his 34th start at the age of 24 years, 10 months, 11 days (previous best finish: 5th/2024 World Wide Technology Championship)
- Becomes the first player on TOUR to win after making the cut on the number (5-under) since Brandt Snedeker (2016 Farmers Insurance Open); sixth player to accomplish this since 2003
- Largest final-round comeback (4 strokes) of the season (previous: 2 strokes; two times); largest on TOUR since 2024 PLAYERS Championship (5 strokes/Scottie Scheffler)
- Cards his low 72-hole score (265) on TOUR (previous low: 267/2024 Black Desert Championship)
- Cards the low 72-hole score since the Cognizant Classic moved to PGA National (The Champion) in 2007; one stroke shy of the Cognizant Classic 72-hole record (264/Justin Leonard/Country Club at Mirasol (Sunset)/2003)
- Cards the low final 36 holes (128) in Cognizant Classic history (previous: 129/Blaine McCallister/TPC Eagle Trace/1989)
- Becomes the first left-handed winner on TOUR since Matt McCarty (2024 Black Desert Championship)
- 17th player to earn his first PGA TOUR win at the Cognizant Classic; fifth in the last seven years
- Third first-time winner of the 2025 season (Brian Campbell/Mexico Open at VidantaWorld; Thomas Detry/WM Phoenix Open)
- At 24 years, 10 months, 11 days, becomes the youngest winner of the season in the ninth event of 2025
- Earns 500 FedExCup points and moves up to No. 10 in the FedExCup standings; extends his PGA TOUR eligibility through 2027
- Moves to No. 59 in the Official World Golf Ranking after starting the week at No. 170
- Earns a spot in the five remaining Signature Events of 2025, the 2025 Masters Tournament, 2025 PGA Championship and 2026 Sentry

## Miscellaneous notes

- **Jacob Bridgeman** matched the low round of the day (64) to finish T2 at 17-under; earns his first top-10 finish on TOUR in his 37th start (previous best finish: T11/2024 Sanderson Farms Championship)
- J.J. Spaun earns his second top-three of the season in seven starts with a T2 finish (previous: T3/Sony Open in Hawaii)
- **Jake Knapp**, who held the solo lead after each of the first three rounds, closes with 1-over 72 including triple bogey on the par-4 11th, to finish T6 at 15-under
- 2014 Cognizant Classic winner **Russell Henley** finished T6 at 15-under; his fourth top-10 finish at this event in 11 starts; third top-10 of the 2025 season in five starts on TOUR
- Two days after reaching 20 points to earn PGA TOUR membership via PGA TOUR University Accelerated, amateur **Luke Clanton** closes with 69 to finish T18 at 9-under; earns his sixth top-25 finish in 12 PGA TOUR starts

## Aon Next 10 and Aon Swing 5

- The top 10 FedExCup points earners through the Cognizant Classic will earn spots in the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard via the Aon Next 10.
- The top five 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.
- Aon Next 10 (earned their way into the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard):
  - Nick Taylor, Maverick McNealy, Harris English, Joe Highsmith (1st), J.J. Spaun (T2), Brian Campbell (T48),
     Michael Kim (T6), Patrick Rodgers (T18), Daniel Berger (T25), Sam Stevens
- Aon Swing 5 (earned their way into the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard):
  - o Aldrich Potgieter, Jacob Bridgeman (T2), Ben Griffin (T4), Isaiah Salinda (T39), Max McGreevy (T4)