



**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

**Second-Round Notes – Friday, February 28, 2025**

**Weather:** Mostly sunny. High of 78. Winds NE at 5-10 mph.

**Cut:** 67 professionals and one amateur at 5-under 137 from a field 143 professionals and one amateur

- Last time a cut was 5-under or lower was 2024 Black Desert Championship (5-under)

**Second-Round Leaderboard**

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	Total
1	Jake Knapp	59	70	129 (-13)
2	Matthieu Pavon	66	64	130 (-12)
T3	Michael Kim	65	66	131 (-11)
T3	Daniel Berger	63	68	131 (-11)
T3	Doug Ghim	68	63	131 (-11)
T3	Jesper Svensson	64	67	131 (-11)

**Jake Knapp (1st/-13)**

- Third career 36-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR; 1-for-2 converting to victory (Won/2024 Mexico Open at VidantaWorld, 8th/2024 THE CJ CUP Byron Nelson)
- Following a first-round 59, posts 1-under 70 to become the most recent player to hold the 36-hole lead/co-lead without a round in the 60s (over those two rounds); most recent: Jim Furyk/co-led 2013 BMW Championship after rounds of 72-59
- Best finish in seven starts this season: T17/The Genesis Invitational
- Second career appearance at the Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches (T4/2024)
- Finished No. 59 in the 2024 FedExCup after collecting four top-10 finishes in 2024

**Miscellaneous notes**

- **Matthieu Pavon** (2nd/-12) tied career-best birdie/eagle streak with E-B-B on Nos. 10-12 (most recent: 3/2024 Travelers Championship) en route to a 7-under 64; seeks second TOUR title since winning 2024 Farmers Insurance Open; marks best position through 36 holes on TOUR (33 events)
- Amateur **Luke Clanton** (T10/-9) posts a 5-under 66 to make the cut and reach 20 points to earn PGA TOUR membership; the 21-year-old is the second player to earn his TOUR card via PGA TOUR University Accelerated (Gordon Sargent/October 2023); will become eligible to accept PGA TOUR membership in June 2025
- After a first-round 63, **Daniel Berger** (T3/-11) follows with a 3-under 68 in his ninth start at the Cognizant Classic (best finish: P2/2015); four-time TOUR winner seeks first victory since 2021 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am
- **Michael Kim** (T3/-11) is the only player in the field bogey-free through 36 holes after posting a second-round 66; seeks first TOUR victory since 2018 John Deere Classic
- The 2017 Cognizant Classic winner **Rickie Fowler** (T7/-10) sits three shots back from the lead in his 15<sup>th</sup> appearance at the event; best finish in four starts this season: T21/The American Express; seeks seventh TOUR title and first since 2023 Rocket Classic
- Defending champion **Austin Eckroat** (MC/-1) misses the cut

**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.
- Projected Aon Next 10 Leaderboard after the second round:
  - Nick Taylor, Maverick McNealy, Jake Knapp (1st), Harris English, Michael Kim (T3), Daniel Berger (T3), Brian Campbell (T35), Patrick Rodgers (T35), Sam Stevens, Lucas Glover (MC)
- Projected Aon Swing 5 Leaderboard after the second round:
  - Aldrich Potgieter, Isaiah Salinda (T48), Ben Griffin (T10), Jesper Svensson (T3), Joel Dahmen (T15)