



**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**

**Third-Round Notes – Saturday, March 1, 2025**

*Weather: Partly cloudy. High of 81. Wind WSW 3-6 mph, switching to NE 4-8 mph in the afternoon.*

**Third-Round Leaderboard**

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	Total
1	Jake Knapp	59	70	68	197 (-16)
2	Michael Kim	65	66	67	198 (-15)
T3	Russell Henley	63	70	66	199 (-14)
T3	Ben Griffin	68	65	66	199 (-14)
T3	Doug Ghim	68	63	68	199 (-14)

**Jake Knapp (1<sup>st</sup>/-16)**

- Marks second 54-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR: 2024 Mexico Open at VidantaWorld/Won
- Notches his third lowest 54-hole total on TOUR: 194/2024 Mexico Open at VidantaWorld/Won, 195/2024 CJ CUP Byron Nelson/8<sup>th</sup>
- One stroke shy of the tournament-record 54-hole score: 196/Davis Love III/Country Club at Mirasol (Sunset)/2003; joins Rickie Fowler (2017) and Chris Kirk (2023) with the low 54-hole score at PGA National (The Champion)
- Seeks to become the first wire-to-wire winner (no ties) of the Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches since 1996 (Tim Herron/TPC Eagle Trace); last wire-to-wire winner (no ties) on the PGA TOUR in an individual stroke play event: Lee Hodges/2023 3M Open
- With a win, would become the sixth player, and the first since Brandt Snedeker (2018 Wyndham Championship), to shoot a sub-60 round and go on to win
- 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**

- **Michael Kim** (2<sup>nd</sup>/-15) makes his first bogey of the week at his 51<sup>st</sup> hole; sits No. 2 in the Aon Next 10 with a chance to play his way into next week's Signature Event, the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by MasterCard; finished T2 at WM Phoenix Open to earn a spot in last month's Signature Event, The Genesis Invitational (T13); seeks first TOUR victory since 2018 John Deere Classic
- With birdies on his final three holes, 2014 Cognizant Classic winner **Russell Henley** (T3/-14), the highest ranked player in the field by Official World Golf Ranking (No. 17), looks for his fifth PGA TOUR title and first since the 2022 World Wide Technology Championship; with a win, would become the fifth multiple winner of the Cognizant Classic
- **Doug Ghim** (T3/-14) and **Ben Griffin** (T3/-14) both seek their first TOUR victories in their 151<sup>st</sup> and 84<sup>th</sup> respective starts on TOUR; 16 players have made the Cognizant Classic their first career win on TOUR, including two in the last three years: Sepp Straka (2022), Ausin Eckroat (2024)
- 2017 Cognizant Classic winner **Rickie Fowler** (T6/-13) sits three strokes back 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
- **Taylor Montgomery** (T6/-13) held the solo lead at 15-under before making a quadruple-bogey 7 at the par-3 15<sup>th</sup> hole; enters this week requiring a 3-way tie for 13<sup>th</sup> or better to satisfy a Major Medical Extension and earn a spot into the 2025 PLAYERS Championship
- **Joe Highsmith** and **Max McGreevy** post 7-under 64s after making the cut on the number to move from T48 to T8

- PGA TOUR rookie **Rikuya Hoshino** (T14/-11) was 6-under through his first seven holes en route to a 6-under 65; 6-under 29 is one stroke shy of the tournament-record front-nine score (28/Erik van Rooyen/2024)
- The day after reaching 20 points to earn PGA TOUR membership via PGA TOUR University Accelerated, amateur **Luke Clanton** (T24/-10) posts 1-under 70; hits 15 of 18 greens in regulation and requires 33 putts, his most in any round this week

#### **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 third round:
  - Nick Taylor, Michael Kim (2<sup>nd</sup>), Maverick McNealy, Jake Knapp (1<sup>st</sup>), Brian Campbell (T14), Harris English, Daniel Berger (T8), Patrick Rodgers (T14), Sam Stevens, Lucas Glover (MC)
- Projected Aon Swing 5 Leaderboard after the third round:
  - Aldrich Potgieter, Ben Griffin (T3), Isaiah Salinda (T50), Doug Ghim (T3), Joel Dahmen (T14)