



## 2025 FedEx St. Jude Championship

(First of three FedExCup Playoffs Events)

Memphis, Tennessee  
TPC Southwind

August 7-10, 2025  
Par/Yards: 35-35—70/7,288 yards

FedExCup Points: 2,000/winner  
Purse: \$20 million (\$3.6 million/winner)

### First-Round Notes – Thursday, August 7, 2025

**Weather:** Mostly sunny. High of 93. Wind ESE 3-10 mph.

### First-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	R1
1	Akshay Bhatia	62 (-8)
2	Tommy Fleetwood	63 (-7)
T3	Harry Hall	64 (-6)
T3	Justin Rose	64 (-6)
T3	Bud Cauley	64 (-6)

### Akshay Bhatia (1<sup>st</sup>/-8)

- 62 marks his career low 18-hole score in his 92nd start (previous: 63, six times, most recently at 2025 3M Open/R3)
- Ties the lowest opening round score at TPC Southwind since the FedEx St. Jude Championship moved in 2022 (J.J. Spaun and Si Woo Kim in 2022)
- Third career 18-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR and his first this season (1-for-2 in converting to victory)
- Previous 18-hole leads/co-leads: 2024 Valero Texas Open/Won, 2024 Rocket Classic/finished T2
- Played his final three holes at 4-under par, finishing eagle-birdie-birdie on Nos. 16-18
- Making second career start in the FedEx St. Jude Championship (T12/2024)
- Entered the week No. 45 in the FedExCup standings; projected to climb to No. 4 should he go on to win
- In 21 starts this season, owns three top-10 finishes (T9/Genesis Invitational, T3/PLAYERS Championship, 9<sup>th</sup>/Mexico Open at VidantaWorld)
- Last season marked his first time qualifying for the FedExCup Playoffs, advancing to the 2024 TOUR Championship where he finished 26<sup>th</sup>
- **PGA TOUR wins (2):** 2023 Barracuda Championship, 2024 Valero Texas Open

### FedExCup Playoffs:

- Following the FedEx St. Jude Championship, the top 50 players in the FedExCup standings will qualify for next week's BMW Championship (the second of three events in the FedExCup Playoffs)
- Following the first round, two players are projected to move inside the top 50:
  - **Bud Cauley** (T3), 53<sup>rd</sup> → 24<sup>th</sup>
  - **Rickie Fowler** (T7), 64<sup>th</sup> → 48<sup>th</sup>
- Following the first round, two players are projected to move outside the top 50:
  - **Jake Knapp** (T57), 47<sup>th</sup> → 54<sup>th</sup>
  - **Min Woo Lee** (69<sup>th</sup>), 50<sup>th</sup> → 56<sup>th</sup>

### Additional notes:

- Seven-time DP World Tour winner **Tommy Fleetwood** (2<sup>nd</sup>/-7) opens with a 7-under 63, his lowest opening round on TOUR (previous: 65, 3 times; most recent: 2024 Genesis Scottish Open/finished T34); qualified for the FedExCup Playoffs for the fourth consecutive year (seventh total)
- **Harry Hall** (T3/-6) cards a bogey-free 64 in his debut at the FedEx St. Jude Championship; No. 44 in the FedExCup standings, qualified for the playoffs for the first time in his third season on TOUR

- 11-time PGA TOUR winner **Justin Rose** (T3/-6) sits inside the top-10 after 18 holes for the sixth time this season and the second consecutive year at the FedEx St. Jude Championship (T5/finished T22); this season marks his 18<sup>th</sup> time qualifying for the playoffs in his 19<sup>th</sup> season on TOUR
- Entering the week ranked No. 53 in the FedExCup standings, **Bud Cauley** (T3/-6) makes first appearance in the FedExCup Playoffs since the 2019-20 season
- Making first start since earning 17th PGA TOUR victory at The Open Championship, World No. 1 and reigning FedExCup Champion **Scottie Scheffler** (T12/-3) has four occasions with wins in back-to-back starts (most recent: 2025 CJ CUP Byron Nelson, PGA Championship)
- Defending champion **Hideki Matsuyama** (T27/-1) opens with a 69 in his bid to become the first player to successfully defend at the FedEx St. Jude Championship since Ernie Els (1996-97)