



2025 Hero World Challenge
PGA TOUR Challenge Season Event (unofficial)

Albany Golf Course
Albany, Bahamas

December 4-7, 2025
Par/Yards: 36-35—72/7,449

Purse: \$5 million (\$1 million/winner)

Second-Round Notes – Friday, December 5, 2025

Weather: Partly cloudy. High of 81. Wind SE 5-10 mph.

Second-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	Total
T1	Cameron Young	70	64	134 (-10)
T1	Hideki Matsuyama	68	66	134 (-10)
T1	Wyndham Clark	66	68	134 (-10)
T1	J.J. Spaun	66	68	134 (-10)
T1	Akshay Bhatia	66	68	134 (-10)

Cameron Young (T1/-10)

- Second-round 64 included a back-nine 30, tying the low back-nine score at Albany; had the only birdie on the par-4 16th hole in round two
- 64 ties his low 18-hole score in 14 career rounds at Albany (R1/2024/finished 13th)
- Led the field in Strokes Gained: Tee to Green (5.254) and Strokes Gained: Around the Green (2.026) in round two
- Fourth career tournament appearance (best finish: 3rd/2022)
- Posted eight top-10s in 25 starts during the 2025 season, including his first career PGA TOUR title at the Wyndham Championship

J.J. Spaun (T1/-10)

- Posts two eagles (No. 6 and No. 14) for a 68; has yet to make two eagles in the same round in an official start on TOUR
- Leads the field in Strokes Gained: Off the Tee (3.018) and Approach the Green (3.704) through two rounds; sits 18th in Strokes Gained: Putting (-2.800)
- One of three players in the field making their tournament debut (Chris Gotterup, Andrew Novak)
- Seven top-10 finishes in 25 starts in 2025, including his second career PGA TOUR title at the U.S. Open and three runner-up results (Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches, THE PLAYERS Championship, FedEx St. Jude Championship)

Wyndham Clark (T1/-10)

- 68 included an eagle on the par-5 sixth hole; entered the week without a sub-70 score in eight career rounds at Albany
- Making his third tournament appearance (best: T17/2024)
- Finished No. 65 in the 2025 FedExCup Fall standings after posting two top-five finishes in 24 starts (T4/The Open Championship, T5/Texas Children's Houston Open)

Hideki Matsuyama (T1/-10)

- Bogey-free 66 included 12 of 13 Fairways in Regulation
- 2016 Hero World Challenge champion is making his fifth career appearance and first since 2018
- Making his first start on TOUR since the Baycurrent Classic (T20)
- Finished 29th in the FedExCup with one win (The Sentry) and two other top-15 finishes in 23 starts (T13/The Genesis Invitational, T13/Rocket Classic)

Akshay Bhatia (T1/-10)

- Birdies the par-4 18th hole for the second consecutive day to regain a share of the lead
- Finished second in Strokes Gained: Putting (1.872) in round two

- Finished solo fourth in his tournament debut in 2024
- Four top-10s in 26 starts during the 2025 season (best: T3/THE PLAYERS Championship); finished T13 in the FedExCup

Miscellaneous Notes

- Two-time defending champion **Scottie Scheffler** (T6/-9) posts 68 for his 18th consecutive round of par or better at Albany; took the outright lead after an eagle at the par-5 15th hole before posting a double bogey at the par-4 16th hole; sits second in Strokes Gained: Putting (3.211) through two rounds
- **Alex Noren** (T6/-9) holes eight birdies in round two for a 66 and leads the field with 13 birdies through two rounds
- The Hero World Challenge, an unofficial PGA TOUR event played annually following the FedExCup Fall, is being played the Bahamas for the 10th consecutive time, and 26th edition overall
- Eligible players for the Hero World Challenge are as follows:
 - Defending champion of the Hero World Challenge
 - Current year winners of THE PLAYERS Championship, Masters Tournament, PGA Championship, U.S. Open and The Open Championship
 - Three sponsor exemptions restricted to players ranked among the top 50 in the Official World Golf Ranking as of Monday, Aug. 25
 - To complete the field of 20 players, the top available players from the Official World Golf Ranking as of Monday Aug. 25