



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)

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, December 6, 2025

Weather: Partly cloudy. High of 82. Wind SSE 6-14 mph.

Third-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	Total
1	Sepp Straka	66	69	64	199 (-17)
2	Scottie Scheffler	66	69	65	200 (-16)
T3	Alex Noren	69	66	67	202 (-14)
T3	Hideki Matsuyama	68	66	68	202 (-14)

Sepp Straka (1st/-17)

- Posts two eagles (Nos. 6 and 15) for a bogey-free 64, tying his low 18-hole score in 15 career rounds at Albany (R4/2023)
- Hit every fairway in regulation (13 of 13); has accomplished the feat twice in official TOUR events (2025 THE PLAYERS Championship/R2, 2025 Sentry/R3)
- Led the field in Strokes Gained: Tee to Green (5.879) and Strokes Gained: Around the Green (3.067) in round three
- Joins Scheffler as the only players in the field with multiple victories on TOUR this season (The American Express, Truist Championship)
- Fourth career tournament appearance (best: 2nd/2023)

Scottie Scheffler (2nd/-16)

- Plays his first seven holes in 6-under en route to a 65 and his 19th consecutive round of par or better at Albany
- Leads the field with 19 birdies through three rounds
- Trailed Justin Thomas by one stroke after 54 holes in 2024 on his way to victory
- Hit every fairway in regulation (13 of 13); has accomplished the feat three times in official TOUR events (2023 American Express/R3, 2021 American Express/R2, 2021 Sentry/R4)
- Leads the field in Strokes Gained: Putting (6.220) through three rounds
- Seeks to become the first player to win the Hero World Challenge in three consecutive years; Tiger Woods (2006-2007) and Viktor Hovland (2021-2022) are the only other players to win in back-to-back years
- Fifth career tournament appearance (1st/2024, 1st/2023, 2nd/2022, 2nd/2021)

Miscellaneous Notes

- 2016 Hero World Challenge champion **Hideki Matsuyama** (T3/-14) cards a career-best front-nine 31 at Albany and posts 68
- In his third career tournament appearance and first at Albany, **Alex Noren** (T3/-14) posts 67 for his third consecutive round in the 60s; sits second in Strokes Gained: Putting (3.560) through three 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