

2025 John Deere Classic (30<sup>th</sup> of 36 FedExCup Regular Season events)



Silvis, Illinois TPC Deere Run July 3-6, 2025 Par/Yards: 35-36—71/7,289 yards FedExCup points: 500 (winner) Purse: \$8.4 million/\$1,512,000

### Pre-Tournament Information – 2025 John Deere Classic

Player Interviews Tuesday, July 1 10:30 a.m. – Rickie Fowler 1:30 p.m. – Luke Clanton Wednesday, July 2 9 a.m. – Davis Thompson 10 a.m. – Jackson Koivun 10:30 a.m. – Zach Johnson After 8:52 a.m. (9-hole) Pro-Am – Max Homa

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## **Rickie Fowler**

- Making his second start at the John Deere Classic and first appearance since 2010 (MC) as a PGA TOUR rookie
- Six-time PGA TOUR winner looking for first victory since the 2023 Rocket Classic
- In 14 starts this season, owns five top-25 finishes, including one top-10 (T7/the Memorial Tournament presented by Workday)
- Enters the week at No. 72 in the FedExCup standings and is playing on the final year of his Tournament Winners Exemption

## Luke Clanton

- Finished T2 at the 2024 John Deere Classic as a sponsor exemption, one of four top-10s in 13 PGA TOUR starts as an amateur
- Became the second player to earn PGA TOUR membership through PGA TOUR University Accelerated (Gordon Sargent); secured his 20th point in PGA TOUR University Accelerated to earn TOUR membership following a made cut at the 2025 Cognizant Classic in The Palm BeachesHialeah, Florida native capped off his time at Florida State as the top-ranked player in the World Amateur Golf Ranking and was named the 2025 Ben Hogan Award winner
- Since turning professional at the RBC Canadian Open, has made three starts (MC/RBC Canadian Open, T34/Travelers Championship, T60/Rocket Classic)

#### **Davis Thompson**

- Won the 2024 John Deere Classic by four strokes, earning first PGA TOUR title in 63rd start
- Became the 24th player to make the John Deere Classic his first PGA TOUR victory and first since Dylan Frittelli (2019)
- Seeks to become the first repeat winner at the John Deere Classic since Steve Stricker won three in a row from 2009-11
- At 28-under 256, holds the lowest 72-hole tournament scoring record by one stroke
- One top-10 in 18 starts this season (T10/THE PLAYERS Championship) and enters the week at No. 70 in the FedExCup standings with five weeks remaining until the FedExCup Playoffs

#### Jackson Koivun

- No. 1-ranked player in the World Amateur Golf Ranking will make his tournament debut at the John Deere Classic after receiving a sponsor exemption
- Rising Auburn University junior finished T4 in stroke play at the 2025 NCAA Championship to earn the final point needed to reach the 20-point threshold in PGA TOUR University Accelerated and will be eligible to take up PGA TOUR membership at the conclusion of his collegiate career; became the third player to earn TOUR status through Accelerated, joining Vanderbilt's Gordon Sargent and Florida State's Luke Clanton
- Sixth start on the PGA TOUR: 52<sup>nd</sup>/2024 Memorial Tournament presented by Workday, MC/2024 Rocket Classic, T56/2025 Farmers Insurance Open, T48/2025 Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard, MC/2025 U.S. Open

- While leading Auburn to the 2024 National Championship, became the third player in SEC history to earn SEC Freshman of the Year and SEC Player of the Year honors in the same season
- First college player to sweep the Fred Haskins, Ben Hogan, Jack Nicklaus and Phil Mickelson national awards in the same season (2024)
- Koivun's father, George, grew up in Moline, and has spent a significant amount of time in the Quad Cities

## Zach Johnson

- Making 23rd career start at the John Deere Classic, five more than any player on TOUR since 2002 (18/Jonathan Byrd)
- Owns seven top-10s at the event, highlighted by a win in 2012 and runner-up finishes in 2009, 2013 and 2014
- Has 388 birdies in 82 rounds at TPC Deere Run, the most birdies made by a player on a single course since 2003
- Cedar Rapids, Iowa native has the most made cuts in tournament history (19), surpassing D.A. Weibring (18) with his T26 finish in 2024; enters the week with 15 consecutive made cuts at the John Deere Classic (2008-2024)

## Max Homa

- Set to make his third start at the John Deere Classic and first since 2017 (T35/2015, MC/2017)
- Seeks his first top-10 result this year; best in 16 starts this season: T12/Masters Tournament
- Enters the week No. 122 in the FedExCup standings
- Six-time PGA TOUR winner's most recent victory came at the 2023 Farmers Insurance Open

# John Deere Classic notes:

- On June 2, the PGA TOUR, Deere & Company and the Quad Cities Golf Classic Charitable Foundation announced that John Deere had signed a multi-year extension through 2030 as title sponsor of the John Deere Classic. John Deere is the PGA TOUR's second-longest running title sponsor (1998), behind only AT&T (1986).
- Inside the field:
  - Six past champions of the John Deere Classic in the field: Dylan Frittelli (2019), Lucas Glover (2021), Zach Johnson (2012), Michael Kim (2018), J.T. Poston (2022), Davis Thompson (2024)
  - Fourteen of the top 50 players from the 2024 FedExCup, led by Sungjae Im (7<sup>th</sup>) and Chris Kirk (27<sup>th</sup>)
  - Highest ranked player in the field: Ben Griffin (No. 6/FedExCup, No. 17/Official World Golf Ranking)
- The top-three players in the World Amateur Golf Ranking are in the field on sponsor exemptions: Jackson Koivun (No. 1), University of Virginia rising senior and two-time First Team All-American Ben James (No. 2) and Ole Miss rising senior and NCAA individual champion Michael La Sasso (No. 3); James has made two cuts in eight career PGA TOUR starts (best: T33/2025 Valero Texas Open), while La Sasso will make his third career TOUR start (MC/2025 U.S. Open, MC/2025 Rocket Classic)

## PGA TOUR season notes

- The John Deere Classic is the 30th event of the FedExCup Regular Season, with only five weeks remaining until the start of the FedExCup Playoffs. Among the notable players in the field on the top 70 bubble include **Chris Kirk** (No. 67), **Davis Thompson** (No. 70), **Rickie Fowler** (No. 72), and **Karl Vilips** (No. 73)
- Nine first-time winners in 2025: Thomas Detry (WM Phoenix Open), Brian Campbell (Mexico Open at VidantaWorld), Joe Highsmith (Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches), Karl Vilips (Puerto Rico Open), Min Woo Lee (Texas Children's Houston Open), Ben Griffin/Andrew Novak (Zurich Classic of New Orleans), Ryan Fox (ONEflight Myrtle Beach Classic), Aldrich Potgieter (Rocket Classic)
  - Aldrich Potgieter became the second PGA TOUR rookie to win in 2025 with his win at the Rocket Classic (Karl Vilips/Puerto Rico Open)
- International players have won 16 of 29 events this season: Hideki Matsuyama/Japan, Nick Taylor/Canada, Sepp Straka/Austria/2, Rory McIlroy/Northern Ireland/3, Thomas Detry/Belgium, Ludvig Åberg/Sweden, Karl Vilips/Australia, Viktor Hovland/Norway, Min Woo Lee/Australia, Garrick Higgo/South Africa, Ryan Fox/New Zealand/2, Aldrich Potgieter/South Africa