



2025 John Deere Classic
(30th 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

First-Round Notes – Thursday, July 3, 2025

Weather: Mostly sunny. High of 90. SSW wind 5-10 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	R1
1	Doug Ghim	62 (-9)
T2	Austin Eckroat	63 (-8)
T2	Max Homa	63 (-8)
T4	Four players	64 (-7)

Doug Ghim (1st/-9)

- Opens with a bogey-free 9-under 62, his career-low in 488 rounds (previous: 63/four times)
- Holds first lead after any round on TOUR (previous best 18-hole position: T2/four times)
- Best finish in 162 starts on TOUR: 2nd/2024 Shriners Children's Open
- Illinois native is making his sixth start at the John Deere Classic (best: T18/2021)
- Best finish in 17 starts this season: T11/Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches
- Enters the week at No. 124 in the FedExCup standings

Austin Eckroat (T2/-8)

- Cards two eagles (No. 2, No.5) in his 288th round, his first time with multiple eagles in a round on TOUR
- Making tournament debut at the John Deere Classic
- Best finish in 19 starts this season: T13/AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am
- Two-time PGA TOUR winner: 2024 Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches, 2024 World Wide Technology Championship

Max Homa (T2/-8)

- Records an 8-under 63, his lowest opening-round score on TOUR (previous: 64/2023 The Genesis Invitational)
- Making 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

Additional notes:

- Winner of last week's Rocket Classic, PGA TOUR rookie **Aldrich Potgieter** (T24/-4) opens with a 4-under 67
 - Last to earn first two wins in consecutive starts was Camilo Villegas (2008 BMW Championship, 2008 TOUR Championship)
 - Last rookie to win twice in a season was Nick Dunlap in 2024 (The American Express, Barracuda Championship)
- Defending champion **Davis Thompson** (T43/-3) seeks to become the first repeat winner at the John Deere Classic since Steve Stricker won three in a row from 2009-11
- Making his 23rd consecutive start in the John Deere Classic, Cedar Rapids, Iowa native and 2012 champion **Zach Johnson** (T61/-2) has 399 birdies in 83 rounds at TPC Deere Run, the most birdies made by a player on a single course since 2002
- The top-three players in the World Amateur Golf Ranking in the field playing on sponsor exemptions: No. 2 **Ben James** (T44/-3), No. 1 **Jackson Koivun** (T84/-1), No. 3 **Michael La Sasso** (T145/+4)
- 33 eagles were recorded in the first round, the most eagles in a round at TPC Deere Run since 2000 (previous: 26/2024/R1)
- **Stephan Jaeger** withdrew following his first round