



**2025 Mexico Open at VidantaWorld**  
(8<sup>th</sup> of 36 FedExCup Regular Season events)

Vallarta, Mexico  
Vidanta Vallarta Course

February 20-23, 2025  
Par/Yards: 35-36—71/7,436

FedExCup points: 500 (winner)  
Purse: \$7,000,000/\$1,260,000

**First-Round Notes – Thursday, February 20, 2025**

*Weather: Mix of sun and high clouds. High of 81. Wind SW 8-14 mph.*

**First-Round Leaderboard**

Pos.	Player	R1
T1	Harry Hall	64 (-7)
T1	Jeremy Paul	64 (-7)
T1	Kris Ventura	64 (-7)
T4	Five players	65 (-6)

**Harry Hall (T1/-7)**

- Holds third 18-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR and second this season (0-for-2 to date; T3/2023 Charles Schwab Challenge, T10/2025 Sony Open in Hawaii)
- Making third consecutive start at Mexico Open at VidantaWorld (T10/2023, T33/2024)
- Winner of the 2024 ISCO Championship

**Jeremy Paul (T1/-7)**

- Records 7-under 64, his career-low 18-hole score and holds the lead for the first time in his 11<sup>th</sup> round on TOUR
- PGA TOUR rookie making fourth start on TOUR (best: T45/Sony Open in Hawaii)
- Earned membership after finishing 21<sup>st</sup> on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List

**Kris Ventura (T1/-7)**

- 64 marks his career low opening-round score
- Puebla, Mexico native's best finish in 56 starts on TOUR: T4/Farmers Insurance Open
- Holds first lead after any round on TOUR (previous best 18-hole position: T12/2020 Sanderson Farms Championship/finished T6)
- Making his tournament debut at the Mexico Open at VidantaWorld
- Returning to the PGA TOUR for the first time since 2021; played back-to-back TOUR seasons (2019-20, 2020-21)
- Earned TOUR membership for a second time, finished No. 24 on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List

**Miscellaneous notes**

- Argentina's **Alejandro Tosti** (T4/-6) earned his first career top 10 at the 2023 Mexico Open at VidantaWorld playing on a sponsors exemption
- Making his second start at the Mexico Open at VidantaWorld (T4/2023) **Akshay Bhatia** (T9) opens with a 5-under 66; one of 10 players in the field that competed at last week's Genesis Invitational (finished T9)
- **Jake Knapp** (T18/-4) seeks to become the first player to successfully defend his title at the Mexico Open at VidantaWorld; last player to successfully defend a title on TOUR: World No. 1 Scottie Scheffler (2024 THE PLAYERS Championship)
- First-round scores of the five players from Mexico in the field: **Santiago de la Fuente** (67), **Gerardo Gómez** (70), **Álvaro Ortiz** (72), **José Antonio Safa** (72), **José Cristóbal Islas** (73)

**Aon Swing 5**

- The Mexico Open at VidantaWorld marks the first opportunity for players to earn FedExCup points toward the Aon Swing 5 for the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard. The five players, not otherwise exempt, that earn the most

FedExCup points at the Mexico Open at VidantaWorld and next week's Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches will qualify for the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard.

- Five players in the field at the Mexico Open at VidantaWorld are currently qualified for the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard: Akshay Bhatia (Top 50 in 2024 FedExCup), Stephan Jaeger (Top 50 in 2024 FedExCup), Aaron Rai (Top 50 in 2024 FedExCup), Patrick Rodgers (Aon Next 10), Sam Stevens (Aon Next 10)