



2025 Mexico Open at VidantaWorld (8th of 36 FedExCup Regular Season events)

Vallarta, MexicoFebruary 20-23, 2025FedExCup points: 500 (winner)Vidanta Vallarta CoursePar/Yards: 35-36-71/7,436Purse: \$7,000,000/\$1,260,000

Third-Round Notes - Saturday, February 22, 2025

Weather: Mostly sunny. High of 86. Wind SW 8-13 mph, gusting to 15 mph.

# **Third-Round Leaderboard**

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	Total
1	Aldrich Potgieter	65	61	67	193 (-20)
2	Brian Campbell	65	65	64	194 (-19)
3	Stephan Jaeger	66	64	66	196 (-17)
4	Alex Smalley	69	65	64	198 (-15)
T5	Aaron Rai	67	64	68	199 (-14)
T5	Ben Griffin	67	65	67	199 (-14)

#### PGA TOUR rookie Aldrich Potgieter (1st/-20)

- Seeks first PGA TOUR title in his 10th start; best finish in nine prior starts on TOUR: T15/2025 Farmers Insurance Open
- At 20-under 193, sets 54-hole scoring record at the tournament (194: Tony Finau/2023, Jake Knapp/2024)
- 193 marks his lowest 54-hole total on TOUR
- Holds 54-hole lead/co-lead for first time on TOUR; 36-hole co-lead was his first lead after any round on TOUR
- Making his tournament debut at the Mexico Open at VidantaWorld
- Ranks first in driving distance (all drives) both this season and this week (326.1)
- Leads the field in birdies (23), Strokes Gained: Putting (8.128)
- Enters the week at No. 111 in the FedExCup standings and is projected No. 10
- Earned 2025 PGA TOUR membership after finishing No. 29 on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List
- Won his maiden Korn Ferry Tour title at the 2024 The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club, becoming the youngest winner in the history of the Korn Ferry Tour at 19 years, 4 months and 11 days
- Won the 2022 British Amateur at Royal Lytham and St Annes, marking the second youngest winner in the events 127year history at the age of 17

# Potgieter - with a win on Sunday

- At 20 years, 5 months and 10 days, would become the sixth youngest winner on TOUR, since start of 1983 season (youngest: Jordan Spieth/2013 John Deere Classic/19 years, 11 months, 17 days)
- Would become the first rookie to win this season and first since Matt McCarty (2024 Black Desert Championship)
- Would become the second first-time winner on TOUR this season (Thomas Detry/WM Phoenix Open)
- Would join Jake Knapp (2024) as first-time winners of the event

#### International victory

- Would become the 100th win and 19<sup>th</sup> different winner from South Africa on TOUR (most recent: Erik van Rooyen/2023 World Wide Technology Championship)
- Would become the youngest South African winner on TOUR (Garrick Higgo/2021 Palmetto Championship at Congaree/22 years, 1 month, 1 day)
- Would become the second winner from outside the United States in tournament history (Jon Rahm/Spain/2022)
- Would become the eighth consecutive different country represented by a winner on TOUR this season

# Brian Campbell (2<sup>nd</sup>/-19)

• Matches round of the day with a 7-under 64 (other 64: Alex Smalley/4<sup>th</sup>), one stroke shy of his career-low 63 (R1/2017 Wyndham Championship)

- Seeks first PGA TOUR win in 28<sup>th</sup> start (best finish: T12/2017 John Deere Classic)
- Making his tournament debut and third start this season (best: T51/The American Express)
- Finished No. 7 on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List earning 2025 PGA TOUR membership, graduated from the Korn Ferry Tour for the first time in 2016

# Miscellaneous notes

- **Stephan Jaeger** (3<sup>rd</sup>/-17) sits three-strokes back in search of his second PGA TOUR title since winning the 2024 Texas Children's Houston Open; making his fourth start at the Mexico Open at Vidanta World (best finish: T3/2024)
- 2025 Latin America Amateur Championship winner **Justin Hastings** (T9/-12), a native of the Cayman Islands who is currently a senior at San Diego State, records a bogey-free 6-under 65 marks his lowest in five rounds on TOUR (MC/2024 Puerto Rico Open); best finish by an amateur on TOUR this season: Luke Clanton (T15/Farmers Insurance Open)
- Patrick Rodgers (T9/-12) seeks fourth consecutive top 10 at the event, as the only player to finish in the top 10 in each of the first three editions (10th/2022, T10/2023, T6/2024)
- Defending champion Jake Knapp sits T45 at 6-under 207

# **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)