



2025 ONEflight Myrtle Beach Classic (22nd of 36 FedExCup Regular Season events)

Myrtle Beach, South Carolina May 8-11, 2025 FedExCup Points: 300 (winner)

Dunes Golf and Beach Club Par/Yards: 35-36—71/7,347 Purse: \$4 million/\$720,000

First-Round Notes - Thursday, May 8, 2025

Weather: Mostly cloudy. High of 78. Variable winds, 4-12 mph with gusts up to 20 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

| Pos. | Player | R1 |
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| 1 | Mackenzie Hughes | 63 (-8) |
| T2 | Seamus Power | 64 (-7) |
| T2 | Will Chandler | 64 (-7) |
| T2 | Thorbjørn Olesen | 64 (-7) |
| T5 | Four players tied | 65 (-6) |

Mackenzie Hughes (1st/-8)

- Sixth career 18-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR; 1-for-5 converting to victory (2016 RSM Classic)
- Previous 18-hole leads/co-leads on TOUR:
 - o 2016 RSM Classic (Won)
 - 2017 PLAYERS Championship (T16)
 - o 2019 Travelers Championship (T51)
 - o 2020 Travelers Championship (T3)
 - 2022 Memorial Tournament presented by Workday (T37)
- 63 marks his lowest round on TOUR since the 2023 RSM Classic (60/R3/finished 2nd)
- Recorded nine birdies against one bogey; closed with birdies on five of his final six holes (Nos. 13, 15-18)
- Sits No. 47 in the 2025 FedExCup standings, the highest ranking of any player in the field
- In 12 starts this season, owns two top-10 finishes (10th/Texas Children's Houston Open, T3/RBC Heritage)
- Last year, finished No. 52 in the 2024 FedExCup Fall standings with six top-10 finishes and 10 top-25s in 26 starts
- Seeking to become the third player this season to hold the 18-hole lead/co-lead and go on to win (Justin Thomas/RBC Heritage, Scottie Scheffler/THE CJ CUP Byron Nelson)
- PGA TOUR wins (2): 2016 RSM Classic, 2022 Sanderson Farms Championship

Miscellaneous Notes

- Seamus Power (T2/-7) recorded his lowest round of the season with a bogey-free 64; carded five birdies and eagled the par-4 eighth, holing out from 162 yards (9-iron); No. 98 in the FedExCup standings, owns four top-25 finishes in 11 starts, highlighted by a T8 finish at the Valspar Championship
- Will Chandler (T2/-7) cards a bogey-free 64, the lowest round of his rookie season on TOUR; earned membership for the first time via 2024 PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry where he finished T4 (top five and ties secure PGA TOUR membership); best finish in 13 starts this year is T6 at the WM Phoenix Open
- Thorbjørn Olesen, making his second start at the ONEflight Myrtle Beach Classic (T16/2024), opens with a bogey-free 7-under 64 and sits T2, one shot back; set the tournament course record last year with a final-round 61, his career-low 18-hole score on TOUR
- For the second consecutive year at the ONEflight Myrtle Beach Classic, **Alejandro Tosti** (T5/-6) sits inside the top 10 after 18 holes; sat T3 after the first round in 2024, finished T63
- In his sixth PGA TOUR start, 17-year-old **Blades Brown** (T9/-5) is inside the top 10 for the first time after any round; made PGA TOUR debut at the 2024 ONEflight Myrtle Beach Classic (finished T26)
- Defending champion Chris Gotterup sits T15 after opening with a 4-under 67
- Amateurs in the field: **Nathan Franks** (T15/-4) and **Jackson Byrd** (T39/-2) are each making their PGA TOUR debut; Franks earned a spot in the field this week by virtue of winning The Q at Myrtle Beach