



SANDERSON FARMS
CHAMPIONSHIP

2025 Sanderson Farms Championship
(Second of seven FedExCup Fall events)

Jackson County Club
Jackson, Mississippi

October 2-5, 2025
Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,461

FedExCup Points: 500 (winner)
Purse: \$6 million (\$1,080,000)

First-Round Notes – Thursday, October 2, 2025

Weather: Mostly sunny and hot. High of 89. Wind E 6-12 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	Total
T1	Eric Cole	65 (-7)
T1	Sam Ryder	65 (-7)
T1	Garrick Higgo	65 (-7)
T1	Danny Walker	65 (-7)
T5	<i>Eight players</i>	67 (-5)

- Four players sharing the first-round lead is the most on the PGA TOUR since five did so at the 2025 Open Championship
- Marks the most first-round co-leaders at the Sanderson Farms Championship since four held a share of the lead in 2020 (Kevin Chappell, Charley Hoffman, Sebastian Munoz, Jimmy Walker)

Eric Cole (1st/-7)

- Second 18-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR; 0-for-1 converting to victory (2025 Sony Open in Hawaii/5th)
- Lowest 18-hole score in 11 career rounds at the Sanderson Farm Championship (previous best: 66/R1/2024)
- Career-best 10 birdies in a single round on TOUR
- Making his fourth start at the event (MC/2022, T35/2023, T16/2024)
- No. 78 in the FedExCup Fall standings with two top-10s in 27 starts (5th/Sony Open in Hawaii, T5/THE CJ CUP Byron Nelson)
- Two runner-up finishes in 101 career starts (2023 Cognizant Classic/P2, 2023 Baycurrent Classic/T2)

Sam Ryder (1st/-7)

- Third 18-hole lead/co-lead; 0-for-2 converting to victory (2023 Farmers Insurance Open/T4, 2025 Valero Texas Open/T40)
- Lowest 18-hole score in 21 career rounds at the Sanderson Farm Championship (previous best – 67; R2/2021, R1/2023)
- Making his eighth start at the event, with a T45 in 2022 his best finish
- No. 110 in the FedExCup Fall standings with seven top-25s in 22 starts, led by a T13 at the ONEflight Myrtle Beach Classic
- Has two runner-up finishes in 223 career starts (2018 John Deere Classic/T2, 2021 Corales Puntacana Championship/T2)

Garrick Higgo (1st/-7)

- Holds his first 18-hole lead/co-lead; previous-best first-round position: T2, most recently en route to winning the 2025 Corales Puntacana Championship
- Equals his lowest 18-hole score in 11 career rounds at the Sanderson Farm Championship (R4/2023)
- Making his fourth start at the event (3rd/2022, T16/2023, MC/2024)
- No. 88 in the FedExCup Fall standings with two top-10 finishes in 12 starts (1st/Corales Puntacana Championship, T7/Procore Championship)

Danny Walker (1st/-7)

- Holds his first 18-hole lead/co-lead; previous-best first-round position: T2 (2025 Farmers Insurance Open/T42)
- Equals his best round on TOUR (most recent: 2025 Texas Children's Houston Open/R2)
- PGA TOUR Rookie is making his debut appearance at the Sanderson Farms Championship
- No. 104 in the FedExCup Fall standings with one top-10 finish in 21 starts (T6/THE PLAYERS Championship); enters the week with eight straight missed cuts

Miscellaneous Notes

- **Kevin Yu** (T5/-5) opens with a 67 in bid to become the first back-to-back winner at the Sanderson Farms Championship

- Sponsor exemption **Michael La Sasso** (T13/-4) won the 2025 NCAA Division I individual title as a junior for the University of Mississippi, becoming the second Rebel to win the title (Braden Thornberry/2017); received a two-stroke penalty on the par-4 sixth hole for a breach of Rule 8.1a (Improving conditions), leading to a double bogey
- **Niklas Norgaard** (T88/E) and **Matt Kuchar** (T13/-4) aced the par-3 fourth hole from 183 yards, marking the second time there have been multiple aces on No. 4 in the same round at this event (2022/R1/Brandon Wu, MJ Daffue); marks Kuchar's sixth ace on TOUR and Norgaard's first
- 2015 Sanderson Farms Championship winner **Peter Malnati** WD prior to the start of the first round with a chest injury; he was replaced by **Scott Piercy** (T125/+3)

FedExCup Fall Notes

- The 2025 Sanderson Farms Championship is the second event of the FedExCup Fall, a group of seven tournaments played after the TOUR Championship that finalizes eligibility for the 2026 PGA TOUR Season
- At the conclusion of the final FedExCup Fall event (The RSM Classic), players inside the top 100 of the FedExCup Fall Points List will secure exempt status for 2026, while players finishing between Nos. 101-150 will have conditional status
- Nos. 1-50 in the FedExCup standings through the TOUR Championship are locked in their positions while Nos. 51 and beyond carry their FedExCup points into the Fall; Nos. 51-60 through the FedExCup Fall will qualify for two Signature Events in 2026 (AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am and The Genesis Invitational)
- Winners of events during the FedExCup Fall receive the similar benefits of winners of Full-Field Events during the Regular Season, including 500 FedExCup points, Official World Golf Ranking points, a two-year PGA TOUR exemption (exempt thru 2027) and invitations to The Sentry, THE PLAYERS Championship and PGA Championship