



**2025 Texas Children's Houston Open**  
(14<sup>th</sup> of 36 FedExCup Regular Season events)

Houston, Texas  
Memorial Park Golf Course  
winner)

March 27-30, 2025  
Par/Yards: 35-35—70/7,475

FedExCup points: 500 (winner)  
Purse: \$9,500,000 (\$1,710,000)

**COMPLETED First-Round Notes – Friday, March 28, 2025**

**Weather:** *Thursday:* Scattered showers. High of 74. Wind SE 10-18 mph. Preferred lies were in effect for the first round.

*Friday:* Cloudy. High of 69. Wind S 8-15 mph.

**Delay:** Due to weather conditions, all first-round morning tee times were delayed five minutes.

**Suspension:** Play was suspended Thursday due to darkness at 7:28 p.m. CT with 16 players yet to complete their round. The first round resumed Friday at 8:28 a.m. and was completed at 9:07 a.m. The second round began as scheduled.

**First-Round Leaderboard**

Pos.	Player	R1
T1	Alejandro Tosti	65 (-5)
T1	Ryan Gerard	65 (-5)
T1	Keith Mitchell	65 (-5)
T1	Taylor Pendrith	65 (-5)
T1	Taylor Dickson	65 (-5)

**18-hole Lead Notes**

- For the second consecutive week on TOUR, five players lead following the first round (Valspar Championship)
- Last time there were five or more 18-hole co-leaders in back-to-back weeks was the 2022 Charles Schwab Challenge (8) and 2022 Memorial Tournament presented by Workday (6)
- Five 18-hole co-leaders ties the most in Texas Children's Houston Open history (2021)

**Alejandro Tosti (T1/-5)**

- Making second start at Texas Children's Houston Open after holding 54-hole co-lead in 2024 before a final-round 68 led to a career-best T2 finish
- Last to finish runner-up and win the same tournament the next year: Robert MacIntyre (2023, 2024 Genesis Scottish Open)
- First career first-round lead/co-lead on TOUR
- Rasario, Argentina native in his second season on TOUR; finished top five and ties from 2024 PGA TOUR Q-School
- Finished No. 3 on the 2023 Korn Ferry Tour Points List to earn his PGA TOUR card for the first time

**Ryan Gerard (T1/-5)**

- Opens with a 5-under 65, his lowest 18-hole score on TOUR this season
- Holds the lead for the first time after any round in an individual stroke-play event on TOUR
- Held the 36-hole lead at the 2023 Barracuda Championship and finished fifth
- Best finish in 32 starts on TOUR: 4th/2023 Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches
- Making ninth start this season (best: T15/Farmers Insurance Open)
- First-year TOUR member finished No. 12 on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List to earn his TOUR card

**Keith Mitchell (T1/-5)**

- Third career first-round lead/co-lead on TOUR
- Holds a share of the first-round lead for the second time in as many weeks (Valspar Championship/finished T54)
- Becomes the second player this season to hold the 18-hole lead/co-lead in back-to-back weeks (Tom Hoge at The Sentry and Sony Open in Hawaii)
- Sixth career tournament appearance (best: T6/2018)

- Two top-25 finishes in seven starts this season (T21/The American Express, T25/WM Phoenix Open)
- Earned lone PGA TOUR victory at 2019 Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches

#### **Taylor Pendrith (T1/-5)**

- 65 marks his career-low score in 11 rounds at Memorial Park Golf Course (previous best: 66/R1/2023)
- Third career first-round lead/co-lead on TOUR (2022 Rocket Mortgage Classic, 2024 Shriners Children's Open)
- Making fourth start at the Texas Children's Houston Open (MC/2021, 66th/2022, T36/2024)
- Would become first Canadian winner in event history and second on TOUR this season (Nick Taylor/Sony Open in Hawaii)
- Two top-10 finishes in eight starts this season (T7/Farmers Insurance Open, T9/AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am)
- Earned lone PGA TOUR victory at the 2024 CJ CUP Byron Nelson

#### **Taylor Dickson (T1/-5)**

- First career lead/co-lead after any round on TOUR
- Has made two cuts in eight starts on TOUR (best: 69<sup>th</sup>/2024 Myrtle Beach Classic)
- PGA TOUR rookie earned membership for the first time finishing No. 6 on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List

#### **Miscellaneous notes**

- World No. 1 and reigning FedExCup champion **Scottie Scheffler** (T14) opens with a bogey-free 3-under 67, his third bogey-free round on TOUR this season; making sixth start at the event and has finished in the top 10 in each of the last three editions (T2/2021, T9/2022, T2/2024)
- Denmark's **Rasmus Højgaard** (T6/-4) and **Nicolai Højgaard** (T37/-1) were paired together, marking the second consecutive year at the Texas Children's Houston Open that twin professionals have played in the same grouping together (Pierceson Coody and Parker Coody/2024/R1, R2)
- Making first start at the event since 2014 and his debut at Memorial Park Golf Course, FedExCup leader **Rory McIlroy** opens with a 70 and sits T59; won THE PLAYERS Championship, his 28th victory in most recent start and has won in back-to-back starts four times in his career (most recent: 2024 Zurich Classic of New Orleans, 2024 Truist Championship)
- **Taylor Moore** withdrew ahead of the first round with a rib injury