



2025 American Express
(3rd of 36 FedExCup Regular Season events)

La Quinta, California	January 16-19, 2025	FedExCup points: 500 (winner)
PGA WEST PETE DYE STADIUM COURSE	Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,210	Purse: \$8,800,000/\$1,584,000
PGA WEST NICKLAUS TOURNAMENT COURSE	Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,147	
LA QUINTA COUNTRY CLUB	Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,060	

First-Round Notes – Thursday, January 16, 2025

Weather: Sunny. High of 73. Wind NNW 3-6 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	Total
1	J.T. Poston	62 (-10) NT
2	Justin Lower	63 (-9) LQ
T3	Matti Schmid	64 (-8) NT
	Joel Dahmen	64 (-8) NT
	Chris Kirk	64 (-8) LQ
	Jason Day	64 (-8) LQ
	J.J. Spaun	64 (-8) LQ

J.T. Poston (1st/-10)

- 10-under 62 at Nicklaus Tournament Course marks his fifth round of 62 on TOUR, but one stroke shy of his career-low round of 61 (R4/2024 Sony Open in Hawaii/6th); previous low at this event: 64/twice
- Holds the 18-hole lead/co-lead for the seventh time on TOUR (1-for-6 to date; 2022 John Deere Classic)
- Ninth appearance at The American Express with two top-10 results (T7/2019, T6/2023)
- Three-time PGA TOUR winner (2019 Wyndham Championship, 2022 John Deere Classic, 2024 Shriners Children’s Open)

Additional player notes

- **Justin Lower’s** (2nd/-9) 63 at La Quinta Country Club equals his low round on the PGA TOUR (3 times, most recent: R3/2024 World Wide Technology Championship); first player to record back-to-back eagles in the 2025 season (Nos. 5 and 6 at La Quinta CC); five players achieved the feat in the 2024 season
- Making his fifth appearance at The American Express, **Joel Dahmen** (T3/-8) seeks to make the cut (54-hole cut) for the first time
- Playing his 13th round at The American Express, 13-time PGA TOUR winner **Jason Day** (T3/-8) matches his tournament low-round score with an opening 8-under 64 (R2/64/2023)
- After missing the playoff by one-stroke at last week’s Sony Open in Hawaii and finishing T3, **J.J. Spaun** (T3/-8) makes his seventh start at The American Express and first since 2022 (best: T25/2022)
- **Carson Young, Jackson Suber** and **Nick Taylor**, last week’s winner at the Sony Open in Hawaii, sit T8 with the low score of the day at the Stadium Course (7-under 65)
- Defending champion **Nick Dunlap** sits T28 after 5-under 67 at La Quinta Country Club
- **Sami Valimaki’s** (T28/-5) ace at No. 12 on the Nicklaus Tournament Course marks his first hole-in-one in his 29th TOUR start
- **Blades Brown** (T116/E), a 17-year-old sponsor exemption, began par, bogey, double bogey at La Quinta before carding three consecutive birdies and 12 additional pars to notch a 72 in his first round as a professional
- **Adam Schenk** withdrew with back spasms following the completion of the first round