



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	

Second-Round Notes – Friday, January 17, 2025

Weather: Sunny. High of 70. Wind NNW 10-15 mph.

Second-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	Total
T1	Charley Hoffman	65 LQ	63 NT	128 (-16)
T1	Rico Hoey	65 LQ	63 NT	128 (-16)
T3	Justin Lower	63 LQ	66 NT	129 (-15)
T3	Mark Hubbard	65 NT	64 SC	129 (-15)
T3	Sepp Straka	65 NT	64 SC	129 (-15)

Charley Hoffman (T1/-16)

- 9-under 63 marks his lowest round on TOUR since the 2023 RSM Classic (62/R3/finished T13)
- 128 marks career-best opening 36-hole score on TOUR (previous: 130)
- Eighth career 36-hole lead/co-lead in individual stroke-play events on TOUR; 0-for-7 to date, most recently finishing T22 at the 2017 Masters Tournament
- Seeks his fifth PGA TOUR title in his 517th start and first since the 2016 Valero Texas Open
- Making 17th start at The American Express and has five top-10 finishes (Won/2007, T8/2008, T10/2013, T9/2014, T2/2015)
- First career victory on TOUR came in his first start at the 2007 American Express; defeated John Rollins in a playoff

Rico Hoey (T1/-16)

- 9-under 63 matches his career low round on TOUR (63/2024 The American Express/R1/MC)
- Holds first 36-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR
- Manila, Philippines native’s best finish in 31 starts on TOUR: P2/2024 ISCO Championship
- Making his second start at The American Express (MC/2024) and second start of the season (T59/Sony Open in Hawaii)
- Finished No. 86 in the 2024 FedExCup Fall standings after recording four top-10s in 28 starts during his rookie season

Additional player notes

- **Sepp Straka** (T3/-15) is one of three players bogey-free thru 36-holes (others: Sam Burns/T20, Taylor Moore/T31)
- **Nick Taylor** (T8/-13), last week’s winner at the Sony Open in Hawaii, sits three strokes off the lead; last player to win in back-to-back starts on TOUR: Rory McIlroy (2024 Zurich Classic of New Orleans, 2024 Truist Championship)
- At 21 years, 27 days, defending champion **Nick Dunlap** (T40/-8) seeks to become the second-youngest player to successfully defend a TOUR title since 1900 (John McDermott/1912 U.S. Open/20 years, 11 months, 21 days)
- Following a first-round 72, 17-year-old sponsor exemption **Blades Brown** (T40/-8) follows with an 8-under 64 in his first start as a professional; made his PGA TOUR debut as an amateur at the 2024 Myrtle Beach Classic and finished T26
- **Brendon Todd** withdrew following his second round

Aon Swing 5

- The American Express, the third event of the 2025 PGA TOUR Season and second Full-Field Event, marks the second opportunity for players to earn FedExCup points towards the Aon Swing 5 with entry into each of the next two Signature Events (AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, The Genesis Invitational)

- The Aon Next 10 and Aon Swing 5 are eligibility pathways for players, not already qualified, to play their way into Signature Events via the FedExCup standings.
- The top five players, not otherwise exempt, who earn the most FedExCup points during the Sony Open in Hawaii, The American Express and Farmers Insurance Open will qualify for the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, while the top five players not otherwise exempt who earn the most FedExCup points during those three events and the WM Phoenix Open, will qualify for The Genesis Invitational.
- The Aon Next 10 for the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am and The Genesis Invitational was determined through the 2024 FedExCup Fall standings.
- Projected Aon Swing 5 Leaderboard through the second round:
 - Rico Hoey (T1), Charley Hoffman (T1), Justin Lower (T3), Doug Ghim (T11), Chris Kirk (T20), Vincent Norrman (T20), Billy Horschel (T20)