



2025 CJ CUP Byron Nelson
(20th of 36 FedExCup Regular Season events)

McKinney, Texas
TPC Craig Ranch

May 1-4, 2025
Par/Yards: 36-35 – 71/7,569

FedExCup points: 500 (winner)
Purse: \$9.9 million (\$1,782,000)

COMPLETED Second-Round Notes – Saturday, May 3, 2025

Friday Weather: Cloudy. High of 83. Wind NNE at 5-10 mph, gusting to 20 mph. Preferred lies were in effect for the second round. Rain on Friday: 0.88 inches

Saturday Weather: Sunny. High of 72. Wind N at 10-15 mph, gusting to 20 mph.

Suspension Summary: Round two was suspended at 9:46 a.m. CT Friday due to lightning and resumed at 4:01 p.m., a delay of 6 hours, 15 minutes. Play was suspended due to darkness at 8:06 p.m. and resumed at 7:15 a.m. Saturday with 18 players yet to begin round two. The second round was completed at 1:00 p.m. Third-round tee times are 1:25 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. off Nos. 1 and 10.

Cut: 70 professionals at 5-under 137 from a field of 152 professionals and four amateurs

Second-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	Total
1	Scottie Scheffler	61	63	124 (-18)
2	Sam Stevens	65	65	130 (-12)
T3	Ricky Castillo	65	66	131 (-11)
T3	Kurt Kitayama	66	65	131 (-11)
T5	Jhonattan Vegas	63	69	132 (-10)
T5	Rasmus Højgaard	65	67	132 (-10)

Scottie Scheffler (1st/-18)

- Began round two with eight consecutive pars and an eagle at his ninth hole (No. 18) before play was suspended; at the resumption of play, makes six birdies en route to a 6-under 30 on his inward nine for 8-under 63
- 124 (-18) marks his best 36-hole total on TOUR; previous best, 127/2019 The Greenbrier/T7; shot 128 at this event in 2023 en route to a T5 finish
- 18-under marks his best 36-hole score in relation to par (previous, 16-under/2024 Sentry)
- One stroke shy of the all-time 36-hole opening score on TOUR (since 1983): Justin Thomas/123/2017 Sony Open in Hawaii
- Marks his 17th time holding the 36-hole lead/co-lead (6-for-16) on TOUR: most recent, 2025 Texas Children's Houston Open/T2
- Six-stroke lead is largest 36-hole lead in tournament history (previous, 5 strokes/Jason Kokrak/2017) and the largest 36-hole lead this season (previous, 4 strokes); last player to lead by six strokes or more through 36 holes on the PGA TOUR: Brooks Koepka/7 strokes/2019 PGA Championship
- 28-year-old Dallas resident seeks his 14th win in his 139th start on TOUR; last win: 2024 TOUR Championship
- Would be his fourth consecutive season with a win (four wins in 2022; two wins in 2023; seven wins in 2024)
- World No. 1 entered the week No. 4 in the FedExCup standings; has finished in the top 25 in each of his eight starts on TOUR in 2025 (best finish: T2/Texas Children's Houston Open)
- Sixth appearance at THE CJ CUP Byron Nelson; best finish: T5 (2023)

Miscellaneous Notes

- Fort Worth native **Sam Stevens** (2nd/-12) is bogey-free through 36 holes for the first time in his 82nd start on TOUR; one of two players bogey-free through 36 holes (Scottie Scheffler); makes third appearance at THE CJ CUP Byron Nelson (T34/2023, T64/2024); seeks first victory on TOUR, with one of his two runner-up results coming in Texas (2025 Farmers Insurance Open, 2023 Valero Texas Open)
- PGA TOUR rookie and former University of Florida standout **Ricky Castillo** (T3/-11) looks to improve on his best result on TOUR (T12/2025 Valspar Championship)
- **Kurt Kitayama** (T3/-11), who owns one victory in 100 starts on the PGA TOUR (2023 Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard), seeks his first top-25 finish in his 12th start this season; making second start at this event (MC/2022)

- After missing the cut last year, 40-year-old former University of Texas golfer **Jhonattan Vegas** (T5/-10) makes his eighth cut in nine starts at THE CJ CUP Byron Nelson; best result at this event: T9/2021; Venezuela native is a four-time TOUR winner
- After posting a runner-up finish with his teammate and brother, Nicolai, at last week's Zurich Classic of New Orleans, **Rasmus Højgaard** (T5/-10) started this week at No. 4 in the Aon Swing 5, and is now projected at No. 2 in the Aon Swing 5 in his first appearance at THE CJ CUP Byron Nelson
- **Aon Swing 5:** The top five FedExCup points earners from the Corales Puntacana Championship, Zurich Classic of New Orleans, and THE CJ CUP Byron Nelson will earn spots in next week's Truist Championship via the Aon Swing 5.

▪ **Projected Aon Swing 5 after the second round:**

Rank	Player	Position	Projected Points
1.	Garrick Higgo	-	300
2.	Rasmus Højgaard	T5	267.5
3.	Ricky Castillo	T3	188.62
4.	Michael Thorbjørnsen	T49	173.136
5.	Nicolai Højgaard	T49	167.886

- In the third week of distance-measuring device (DMD) testing on the PGA TOUR, **Davis Riley** (T49/-5) was assessed a two-stroke penalty on hole No. 17 for using the device with slope feature activated (breach of Rule 4.3) after self-reporting the incident; holed an eagle putt from 11 feet, 3 inches on his 36th hole (No. 9) to make the cut on the number
- **Matt Wallace** withdrew with a neck injury during the second round