



2025 Open Championship
(33rd of 36 FedExCup Regular Season events)

Portrush, Northern Ireland
Royal Portrush

July 17-20, 2025
Par/Yards: 36-35—71 (7,381 yards)

FedExCup points: 750 (winner)
Purse: \$17 million (\$3.1 winner)

First-Round Notes – 2025 Open Championship

Weather: Mostly cloudy with intermittent rain showers. High of 72. Wind SE 10-15 mph, with gusts to 23 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	R1
T1	Jacob Skov Olesen	67 (-4)
T1	Haotong Li	67 (-4)
T1	Matt Fitzpatrick	67 (-4)
T1	Christiaan Bezuidenhout	67 (-4)
T1	Harris English	67 (-4)
T6	Four Players	68 (-3)

- Five players sharing the first-round lead is the most at The Open Championship since a record six shared the lead at Royal St. George's in 1938 (Jimmy Adams, Bill Cox, Ernest Whitcombe, Marcel Dallemagne, John Fallon, Jimmy Bruen Jr.)
- A victory by any of the co-leaders would mark the 12th consecutive first-time Open Championship winner; the event has currently had 11 first-time winners, equaling the longest streak from 1994-2004; Ernie Els in 2012 is the last player to become a multiple winner of The Open Championship

LEADERS (T1/-4)

- 2024 British Amateur champion **Jacob Skov Olesen** has two prior starts on the PGA TOUR: 2024 Open Championship at Royal Troon (T60), 2025 ISCO Championship (MC)
 - Holds his first lead after any round on TOUR
- **Haotong Li** finished solo-third in his debut Open Championship start in 2017, his best finish in 47 prior TOUR starts
 - Holds his second 18-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR: 2019 WGC-HSBC Champions (T24)
- **Matt Fitzpatrick** records his best opening-round score in his 10th start at The Open Championship (previous: 69/2017)
 - Holds his third 18-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR: 2017 Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard (T13), 2021 WGC-Workday Championship at The Concession (T11)
- **Christiaan Bezuidenhout** posts his best score in 17 Open Championship rounds (previous: 68 –R1/2021, R3/2022)
 - Holds his first lead/co-lead after any round in 119 PGA TOUR starts
- **Harris English** is making his 10th Open Championship start, with his lone top-25 finish coming in 2013 (T15)
 - Holds the first-round lead/co-lead for the sixth time on TOUR; 2-for-5 to date converting to victory (2013 FedEx St. Jude Championship, 2021 The Sentry)
 - 2025 Farmers Insurance Open champion is seeking to become the TOUR's seventh multiple winner of the season

Additional Player Notes

- World No. 1 **Scottie Scheffler** (T6/-3) cards an opening-round 68 in bid to become the second straight player to win the PGA Championship and Open Championship in the same season (Xander Schauffele/2024); is the only player to finish inside the top 10 in the first three majors of 2025 (4th/Masters Tournament, 1st/PGA Championship, T7/U.S. Open)
- 2025 Masters Tournament champion and World No. 2 **Rory McIlroy** (T20/-1) would become the first player to win the Masters and Open Championship in the same year since Tiger Woods in 2005; opened in 2019 at Royal Portrush with a 79
- 2019 Open Championship winner (at Royal Portrush) **Shane Lowry** (T20/-1) records a 70; opened with a 67 in 2019
- In bid to become the first player to successfully defend at The Open since Pádraig Harrington (2008), **Xander Schauffele** (T32/E) posts a 71