



2025 PLAYERS Championship (12th of 36 FedExCup Regular Season events)

Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida March 13-16, 2025 FedExCup points: 750 (winner)

TPC Sawgrass (THE PLAYERS Stadium Course) Par/Yards: 36-36 – 72/7,352 Purse: \$25 million/\$4.5 million (winner)

Second-Round Notes - Friday, March 14, 2025

Weather: Mostly sunny. High of 73. Wind E at 8-15 mph.

36-Hole Cut: 72 professionals at 1-under 143 from a field 144 professionals

Second-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	Total
T1	Min Woo Lee	67	66	133 (-11)
T1	Akshay Bhatia	67	66	133 (-11)
3	J.J. Spaun	66	68	134 (-10)
T4	Rory McIlroy	67	68	135 (-9)
T4	Collin Morikawa	70	65	135 (-9)
T4	Alex Smalley	68	67	135 (-9)

Akshay Bhatia (T1/-11)

- Third career 36-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR; 1-for-2 converting to victory; previous instances: 1st/2024 Valero Texas Open (Won); T1/2024 Rocket Classic (finished T2)
- Is the youngest 36-hole leader/co-leader in PLAYERS Championship history at 23 years, 1 month, 14 days (previous record: Fred Couples/1984/24 years, 5 months, 27 days)
- Seeks third PGA TOUR win in his 77th start; previous wins: 2023 Barracuda Championship; 2024 Valero Texas Open
- Two top-10 finishes in six starts this season on TOUR (T9/The Genesis Invitational; 9th/Mexico Open at VidantaWorld); entered week No. 40 in the FedExCup standings
- Second appearance at THE PLAYERS (MC/2024)

Min Woo Lee (T1/-11)

- First career 36-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR; previous best 36-hole position: T3/2023 PLAYERS Championship (finished T6)
- Seeks first PGA TOUR win in his 55th start; best finish: T2/2024 Rocket Classic; T2/2024 Cognizant Classic in The Palm Reaches
- Looks to become the third player to make THE PLAYERS his first PGA TOUR victory (Craig Perks/2002, Tim Clark/2010)
- T11 at the Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches is his best finish of the 2025 season in five starts; entered the week No. 59 in the FedExCup standings
- Third appearance at THE PLAYERS Championship (T6/2023, T54/2024); played in the last group of the final round in his
 debut in 2023 with eventual winner Scottie Scheffler
- 6-under 66 matches his low 18-hole score at THE PLAYERS in his 10th round (previous instance: R3/2023)

Justin Thomas (T29/-4)

- 10-under 62 matches the low 18-hole score in PLAYERS Championship history (previous instance: Tom Hoge/62/2023/R3); low round of the day by three strokes
- 11 birdies sets the record for most birdies in a round in PLAYERS history; six players previously shared the record of 10 birdies, including Thomas' third round in 2015
- 16-stroke turnaround (78-62) is the largest improvement from the first round to the second round in PLAYERS Championship history; one shy of the record for largest turnaround (any rounds) in PLAYERS history since 1983: George Burns/17 strokes/84-67/R3-R4/1987 and Bob Friend/17 strokes/87-70/R3-R4/1999; previous record for R1-R2: 15 strokes (Kiradech Aphibarnrat/84-69/2019)
- 2021 PLAYERS Championship winner moves to T29 on the leaderboard after starting the round T134
- 13th round of 62 or better on the PGA TOUR, most of any player since 2015

Miscellaneous Notes

- 18-hole co-leader J.J. Spaun (3rd) cards 4-under 68 in the second round; has two top-three finishes in eight starts this season (T3/Sony Open in Hawaii; T2/Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches)
- Making his 15th appearance at THE PLAYERS Championship, Rory McIlroy (T4) posts his second-lowest opening 36-hole score at this event (135); lowest since his win in 2019 (132); seeks to become the eighth multiple winner of THE PLAYERS
- 18-hole co-leader Lucas Glover (T7) follows up his first-round 66 with 2-under 70
- Two-time defending champion **Scottie Scheffler** (T16) shoots 2-under 70; looks to join Jack Nicklaus as the only three-time winners of THE PLAYERS (1974, 1976, 1978) and first at TPC Sawgrass; the last player to win the same PGA TOUR event in three consecutive years is Steve Stricker (John Deere Classic/2009-11)
- **Tom Hoge** (T36) makes the cut for the seventh consecutive time at THE PLAYERS, the longest active streak of players in the field
- 2024 PLAYERS co-runner-up Wyndham Clark (neck injury) withdrew during the second round