



**2025 PLAYERS Championship**  
*(12<sup>th</sup> of 36 FedExCup Regular Season events)*

**Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida**  
**TPC Sawgrass (THE PLAYERS Stadium Course)**

**March 13-16, 2025**  
**Par/Yards: 36-36 – 72/7,352**

**FedExCup points: 750 (winner)**  
**Purse: \$25 million/\$4.5 million (winner)**

**COMPLETED First-Round Notes – Friday, March 14, 2025**

**Weather:** *Thursday:* Mostly sunny. High of 75. Wind S at 8-15 mph. *Friday:* Mostly sunny. High of 73. Wind E at 8-15 mph.  
**Suspension/resumption:** Play was suspended Thursday due to darkness at 7:34 p.m. ET with five players yet to complete their round. Those players were back in action at 8:48 a.m. Friday, with the round completed at 9:09 a.m. The second round began as scheduled at 7:40 a.m.

**First-Round Leaderboard**

Pos.	Player	R1
T1	Lucas Glover	66 (-6)
T1	J.J. Spaun	66 (-6)
T1	Camilo Villegas	66 (-6)

**Lucas Glover (T1/-6)**

- Eighth career first-round lead/co-lead (most recent: 2023 ISCO Championship/finished 5<sup>th</sup>); 0-for-7 in converting to victory
- 17<sup>th</sup> start at THE PLAYERS Championship, tied for the fourth-most starts among players in the field (most: 23/Adam Scott); has two top-10s in 16 previous starts, highlighted by a third-place finish in 2010
- 552<sup>nd</sup> career TOUR start, the second-most of any player in the field (most: 566/Matt Kuchar)
- 66 marks second-lowest score in 44 rounds at TPC Sawgrass; low round (65) on two occasions (most recent: R1/2011)
- T3 at AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am marks best finish in seven starts this season
- Six-time TOUR winner most recently won back-to-back: 2023 Wyndham Championship, 2023 FedEx St. Jude Championship

**J.J. Spaun (T1/-6)**

- Sixth career first-round lead/co-lead (most recent: 2023 Sentry/finished T5); 0-for-5 in converting to victory
- 66 is first round in the 60s in 12 rounds at THE PLAYERS Championship; T64 in 2024 is first made cut in five previous starts (MC/2018, WD/2019, MC/2022, MC/2023, T64/2024)
- Has two top-three finishes in eight starts this season (T3/Sony Open in Hawaii, T2/Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches)
- One PGA TOUR victory in 227 starts: 2022 Valero Texas Open

**Camilo Villegas (T1/-6)**

- 14<sup>th</sup> career first-round lead/co-lead (most recent: 2021 Valero Texas Open/finished T17); 2-for-13 in converting to victory: 2014 Wyndham Championship, 2008 BMW Championship
- 66 is low score in 31 rounds at THE PLAYERS and third round in the 60s (others: 68/R3/2006, 67/R1/2009)
- T3 in tournament debut in 2006 is lone top-10 in 11 starts at THE PLAYERS
- Five-time PGA TOUR winner, most recently won 2023 Butterfield Bermuda Championship

**Miscellaneous Notes**

- Making his third start at TPC Sawgrass, **Min Woo Lee** (T4) finished T6 in his PLAYERS Championship debut in 2023, his first career top-10 on TOUR; played in the final group of the 2023 final round with eventual-winner Scottie Scheffler
- 2019 PLAYERS Champion **Rory McIlroy** (T4) opens with a 5-under 67, the second consecutive year opening the event with a 67 or better; recorded a first-round 65 in 2024 (T19 finish); owns four top-10s at TPC Sawgrass, but none since his victory
- Two-time defending champion **Scottie Scheffler** (T20) opened with a 3-under 69 and is three shots off the lead as he seeks 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)
- **Jordan Spieth** (T31) opened with a 2-under 70, the fourth time in 11 starts he has opened THE PLAYERS with a sub-par score (others: 67/2014, 70/2021, 69/2023); playing on the final year of a tournament winner's exemption (thru 2025), is currently No. 58 in the FedExCup on the strength of two top-10s in four starts this season (T4/WM Phoenix Open, T9/Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches)

- **Chandler Phillips** (T8), one of 27 first-time participants in the field, became the first player to record three eagles in a round at THE PLAYERS (No. 2, No. 9, No. 16).