



2025 PLAYERS Championship
(12th 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)

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, March 15, 2025

Weather: Partly cloudy. High of 78. Wind SE at 12-25 mph with gusts to 32 mph in the afternoon.

Third-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	Total
1	J.J. Spaun	66	68	70	204 (-12)
2	Bud Cauley	68	71	66	205 (-11)
T3	Lucas Glover	66	70	71	207 (-9)
T3	Alex Smalley	68	67	72	207 (-9)

J.J. Spaun (1st/-12)

- Fifth career 54-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR and second this season (2025 Sony Open in Hawaii/finished T3); 1-for-4 converting to victory (2022 Valero Texas Open)
- Seeks second PGA TOUR win in his 228th career start (2022 Valero Texas Open)
- 11 top-10s in 80 starts since his win at the 2022 Valero Texas Open (best: T2/2025 Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches)
- World No. 57 would be the lowest-ranked player to win THE PLAYERS Championship since Si Woo Kim (No. 75/2017)
- Two top-three finishes in eight starts this season (T3/Sony Open in Hawaii; T2/Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches)
- Sixth appearance at THE PLAYERS (best: T64/2024); missed the cut or withdrew in his first four appearances

Bud Cauley (2nd/-11)

- Began the week as first alternate and was added to the field on Monday after Lee Hodges withdrew with a rib injury
- Entered the week with six starts left on a Major Medical Extension and needs 66.893 FedExCup points in those six starts to be eligible to play the remainder of the season out of the Major Medical category; can accomplish that by finishing T18 or better
- Injured during the 2020-21 season and is attempting to reach the FedExCup point total from the No. 125 position that season (440.355); returned at the 2024 WM Phoenix Open and has earned one top-10 finish in the first 21 starts of his medical (T5/2024 Sanderson Farms Championship)
- World No. 251 would be the lowest-ranked player to win THE PLAYERS Championship (Craig Perks/No. 203/2002)
- 66 marks his low score in his 13th career round at THE PLAYERS (previous: 69/R1/2019)
- Fifth career appearance and first since 2019 (best: T47/2019)

Miscellaneous Notes

- At 45 years, 4 months, 4 days, **Lucas Glover** (T3/-9) seeks to become the second-oldest winner of THE PLAYERS Championship (Fred Funk/2005/48 years, 9 months, 13 days); six-time TOUR winner entered the week with two top-10s in 16 career appearances at THE PLAYERS (3rd/2010, T6/2017)
- **Alex Smalley** (T3/-9) seeks to join Craig Perks (2002) and Tim Clark (2010) as players to win their first career PGA TOUR title at THE PLAYERS Championship; two career runner-up finishes in 105 starts on TOUR (T2/2022 Corales Puntacana Championship, T2/2023 John Deere Classic)
- **Rory McIlroy** (T5/-8) seeks to become the eighth multiple winner of THE PLAYERS; has won twice on TOUR when trailing by four or more strokes after 54 holes (2010 Truist Championship/4 strokes, 2016 Dell Technologies Championship/6 strokes)
- Of the final seven pairings, **J.J. Spaun** (70) and **Lucas Glover** (71) were the only players to post under-par scores in round three