



2025 Valero Texas Open
(15th of 36 FedExCup Regular Season events)

San Antonio, Texas
TPC San Antonio (Oaks Course)

April 3-6, 2025
Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,438

FedExCup Points: 500 (winner)
Purse: \$9.5 million/\$1.71 million

First-Round Notes – Thursday, April 3, 2025

Weather: Mostly cloudy morning and sunny afternoon. High of 92. Wind SSE 5-12 mph, gusting to 18 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	R1
1	Sam Ryder	63 (-9)
2	Keith Mitchell	64 (-8)
3	Brian Harman	66 (-6)
T4	Carson Young	67 (-5)
T4	Jordan Spieth	67 (-5)

Sam Ryder (1st/-9)

- Second career 18-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR; 0-for-1 converting to victory (T1/2023 Farmers Insurance Open/finished T4)
- Bogey-free 63 is his lowest score in 19 career rounds played at TPC San Antonio (previous: 66, R4/2023, R2/2019)
- Marks his lowest round of the season (previous: 64/R1/Cognizant Classic in the Palm Beaches/finished T48)
- Fifteenth straight par-or-better opening round on TOUR
- Sixth player to record a score of 63 or better at the Valero Texas Open since the event moved TPC San Antonio in 2010, first since Denny McCarthy in the final round last year
- Birdied six of his final seven holes (Nos. 12-14 and 16-18)
- Recorded 15 one-putts, a new career best on TOUR (previous: 13/R4/2020 WM Phoenix Open)
- Led the field in Strokes Gained: Putting (5.353)
- In six career starts at the Valero Texas Open, has one top-10 finish (2023/T3)
- Made the cut in all nine starts this season, totaling four top-25 finishes, highlighted by a T14 at THE PLAYERS Championship

Keith Mitchell (2nd/-8)

- Cards bogey-free 8-under 64 with six birdies and an eagle (par-5 No. 8); played Nos. 8-11 at 5-under (E-B-B-B), tying his career-best birdie/eagle streak of four (R4/2023 World Wide Technology Championship)
- Led the field in Strokes Gained: Tee-to-Green (5.464) and Strokes Gained: Approach the Green (4.496)
- Lowest score in 13 career rounds in the Valero Texas Open (previous best: 69, three times, most recently R4/2024)
- Making his fourth career start at the Valero Texas Open (2024/T14, 2021/T17, 2018/T26)
- In eight starts this season, has three top-25 finishes, highlighted by a T18 at last week's Texas Children's Houston Open

Miscellaneous Notes

- **Brian Harman** (3rd/-6) records his lowest score in 25 career rounds at the Valero Texas Open (previous best: 68/R4/2024); sits inside the top 10 after 18 holes for the first time since 2024 Charles Schwab Challenge (T2/finished T24)
- 2021 Valero Texas Open champion **Jordan Spieth** (T4/-5) sits inside the top four after 18 holes for the first time since the 2023 FedEx St. Jude Championship (18-hole solo leader/finished T6); in eight career starts at the Valero Texas Open, has four top-10 finishes (2024/T10, 2021/Won, 2015/2nd, 2014/10th)
- **Carson Young** (T4/-5), in his ninth TOUR start this year, sits inside the top five after 18 holes for the first time since the 2023 Barracuda Championship (T5/finished 43rd)
- In his seventh career TOUR start, amateur **Ben James** (T6/-4) opens with a 68 via six birdies and two bogeys; earned a sponsor exemption this week by virtue of winning the 2024 Valero Texas Collegiate; University of Virginia junior is ranked No. 3 in the World Amateur Golf Ranking
- **Corey Connors**, two-time winner of the Valero Texas Open (2019, 2023), sits T43 following a 1-under 71
- Defending champion **Akshay Bhatia** (T103/+2) records one birdie against three bogeys for a 2-over 74