



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

**Palm Harbor, Florida**  
**Innisbrook Resort (Copperhead Course)**

**March 20-23, 2025**  
**Par/Yards: 36-35—71/7,352**

**FedExCup points: 500 (winner)**  
**Purse: \$8,700,000/\$1,566,000**

**Pre-Tournament Information – Valspar Championship**

**Player Interviews** *(All times local ET)*

**Tuesday, March 18**

9:30 a.m. – Neal Shipley

Noon – Luke Clanton

**Wednesday, March 19**

10 a.m. - Peter Malnati

Following 9:09 a.m. Pro-Am (9 holes) – Xander Schauffele

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**Defending champion Peter Malnati**

- Won the 2024 Valspar Championship by two strokes over Cameron Young, earning his second PGA TOUR title and first since the 2015 Sanderson Farms Championship; snapped a winless streak of 8 years, 4 months, 16 days
- Seeks to become the third back-to-back winner over the last six editions of the event (Paul Casey/2018-2019, Sam Burns/2021-2022)
- Win came in his eighth appearance at the event after missing the cut in six of his first seven starts (other: T60/2019)
- Qualified for the 2024 FedExCup Playoffs and went on to finish No. 78 in the FedExCup Fall standings
- Eighth start this season (best finish: T49/WM Phoenix Open)

**Neal Shipley**

- Sponsor exemption is set to make 11<sup>th</sup> career PGA TOUR start and first at the Valspar Championship
- First start on TOUR this season; recorded eight made cuts in 10 starts in 2024 (eight as a professional/two as an amateur), three of which he converted into top-25s, including a T6 at the 2024 ISCO Championship
- No. 43 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List with two top-15 finishes in his first six starts (T9/The Panama Championship, T15/Astara Chile Classic presented by Scotiabank)
- Low amateur at the Masters Tournament (T53) and U.S. Open (T26) in 2024, becoming the first player since Viktor Hovland in 2019 to achieve the feat at both major championships in the same year
- Played three seasons at James Madison University (2019-22), followed by two seasons at Ohio State University (2022-24); graduated from James Madison with a degree in quantitative finance, and earned a master's degree in data analytics at Ohio State

**Luke Clanton**

- Junior at Florida State and the No. 1-ranked amateur earned a sponsor exemption for the 2025 Valspar Championship with his win at the 2024 Valspar Collegiate Invitational
- Earned his 20<sup>th</sup> point to earn PGA TOUR membership through PGA TOUR University Accelerated with a made cut in his most recent start at the Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches; became the second player to earn PGA TOUR membership through PGA TOUR University Accelerated (Gordon Sargent)
- 21-year-old will become eligible to accept PGA TOUR membership upon turning professional, following the conclusion of the collegiate season at the 2025 NCAA Championship (May 23-26)
- Earned his sixth collegiate victory at the 2025 Seminole Intercollegiate, which followed his fifth collegiate title at the 2025 Watersound Invitational (Shark's Tooth Golf Course in Panama City Beach, Florida) in February.
- In spring 2024, became the first Seminole to win three consecutive tournaments (Seminole Intercollegiate, Valspar Collegiate Invitational, Lewis Chitengwa Memorial)

### Xander Schauffele

- World No. 3 is making his third career Valspar Championship appearance (T12/2022, T5/2024)
- Final-round 65 in 2024 is one of five sub-70 scores in eight career rounds at the Copperhead Course
- Fourth start of the season and third consecutive after returning from a rib injury at the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard
- Most recent of nine PGA TOUR victories came at the 2024 Open Championship
- Holds the TOUR's current longest streak of consecutive made cuts at 59 after making the cut on the number at last week's PLAYERS Championship (finished 72<sup>nd</sup>)

### Valspar Championship notes

- 18 of the top 50 players in the Official World Golf Ranking are in the field, including eight of the top 25, led by No. 3 Xander Schauffele
- Seven past champions: Gary Woodland (2011), Luke Donald (2012), Jordan Spieth (2015), Adam Hadwin (2017), Sam Burns (2021, 2022), Taylor Moore (2023), Peter Malnati (2024)
- 2015 Valspar Championship winner **Jordan Spieth** is making his eighth start at the event; his win at the Valspar Championship was the second of his career and first of five during the 2014-15 season en route to the FedExCup title
- **Adam Scott** will make his eighth career appearance at the Valspar Championship and first since 2018 (best finish: T16/2018)
- Six-time PGA TOUR winner **Lucas Glover**, who finished T3 at THE PLAYERS Championship, will make his 20<sup>th</sup> start at the Valspar Championship, tied for the most all time (Brian Gay); his 14 made cuts are the most in tournament history
- With a T4 finish in the Puerto Rico Open, amateur **Kieron Van Wyk** earned a spot in the field this week and is up to No. 24 in the 2025 PGA TOUR University Ranking as a senior at College of Charleston; in his APGA Tour debut, won the 2025 APGA Farmers Insurance Invitational at the Torrey Pines South Course, becoming the first amateur to win an APGA event
  - Other top-10 qualifiers from the Puerto Rico Open: **Rasmus Neergaard-Petersen** (2<sup>nd</sup>), **Joseph Bramlett** (3<sup>rd</sup>), **Steven Fisk** (T4), **Kevin Roy** (T6) and **William Mouw** (T6).

### PGA TOUR season notes

- PGA TOUR rookie **Danny Walker** finished T6 in his PLAYERS Championship debut after gaining entry to the field Thursday morning upon Jason Day's withdrawal; earned TOUR membership for 2025 for the first time with a No. 28 finish on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List
- **Aldrich Potgieter** (No. 45) and **Danny Walker** (No. 46) sit highest in the FedExCup standings among 32 rookies; **Karl Vilips** (No. 48) is the only rookie with a win this season (Puerto Rico Open)
- **Bud Cauley** reached the top 125 threshold of his Major Medical Extension with a T6 finish at THE PLAYERS Championship
- The Florida Swing concludes at the Valspar Championship and marks the second opportunity for players to earn FedExCup points toward the Aon Swing 5 for the RBC Heritage. The five players, not otherwise exempt, that earn the most FedExCup points at the Puerto Rico Open, Valspar Championship, Texas Children's Houston Open and Valero Texas Open will qualify for the RBC Heritage via the Aon Swing 5
- The top 10 players in the FedExCup standings through the Masters Tournament who are not otherwise exempt will earn spots in the RBC Heritage via the Aon Next 10. J.J. Spaun's runner-up finish at THE PLAYERS Championship vaulted him to No. 1 in the Aon Next 10