



2025 Valspar Championship
(13th 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

COMPLETED First-Round Notes – Friday, March 21, 2025

Weather: *Thursday:* Partly cloudy and breezy with afternoon showers. High of 75. Wind SW at 10-20 mph with afternoon gusts to 30 mph. *Friday:* Partly cloudy and breezy. High of 64. Wind N at 12-15 mph with morning gusts to 25 mph.

Suspension: Play was suspended Thursday due to darkness at 7:39 p.m. ET with 10 players yet to complete their round. The first round resumed Friday at 8:56 a.m. and was completed at 9:39 a.m.

COMPLETED First-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	R1
T1	Jacob Bridgeman	67 (-4)
T1	Keith Mitchell	67 (-4)
T1	Stephan Jaeger	67 (-4)
T1	Ricky Castillo	67 (-4)
T1	Sami Valimaki	67 (-4)

Jacob Bridgeman (T1/-4)

- Second career first-round lead/co-lead on TOUR (2024 3M Open/finished T19)
- Clemson product in his second season on TOUR; finished No. 113 in the 2024 FedExCup Fall standings after posting five top-15 finishes, including a season-best T11 at the Sanderson Farms Championship
- Finished No. 14 in the 2023 Korn Ferry Tour Points List to earn his PGA TOUR card for the first time
- Ninth start this season; posted a career-best T2 at the Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches

Keith Mitchell (T1/-4)

- Second career first-round lead/co-lead on TOUR (2023 Genesis Invitational/finished 5th)
- 54-hole leader at the 2024 Valspar Championship (finished T17)
- Fourth career tournament appearance (best: T11/2017)
- One top-25 finish in six starts this season (T21/The American Express)

Stephan Jaeger (T1/-4)

- Holds a share of the first-round lead for the second time in three years at the Valspar Championship (2023)
- Third career first-round lead/co-lead on TOUR (most recent: 2023 Valspar Championship/finished T27); 0-for-2 converting the victory
- Will defend his first career PGA TOUR title at next week's Texas Children's Houston Open
- Two top-10s in eight starts this season (T3/Sony Open in Hawaii, T6/Mexico Open at VidantaWorld)

Ricky Castillo (T1/-4)

- University of Florida product earns first career lead/co-lead after any round on TOUR (29th round)
- PGA TOUR rookie needed only 20 putts in round one, the lowest total in a round on TOUR this season; first player with 20 putts or less in a round on TOUR since Adrien Dumont de Chassart (20/2024 RSM Classic/R1)
- T15 at the Farmers Insurance Open marks his best finish in seven starts this season
- Second career tournament appearance; competed as a sponsor exemption in 2024 (MC)

Sami Valimaki (T1/-4)

- First career first-round lead/co-lead on TOUR
- Finland native is in his second season on TOUR; earned his PGA TOUR card via the 2023 DP World Tour Top 10 and finished No. 113 in the 2024 FedExCup Fall standings
- Career-best finish on TOUR: 2nd/2024 Mexico Open at VidantaWorld
- One top-15 finish in six starts this season (T15/Farmers Insurance Open)
- Last player to win the Valspar Championship in his tournament debut: Gary Woodland/2011

Miscellaneous Notes

- Five co-leaders are the second-most after any round on TOUR this season (most: 6/Sony Open in Hawaii/R1)
- 4-under marks the highest first-round lead/co-lead in relation to par at the Valspar Championship since 2016 (4-under) and second highest in tournament history (3-under/2014); ties the highest first-round lead/co-lead in relation to par this season (The Genesis Invitational)
- Co-leader **Sami Valimaki** played the Snake Pit (Nos. 16-18) in 2-under (par-birdie-birdie), the lowest score of any player in the field in round one
- The five co-leaders combine for two PGA TOUR titles (Keith Mitchell/2019 Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches, Stephan Jaeger/2024 Texas Children's Houston Open)
- Defending champion **Peter Malnati** (T79/+2) missed every fairway in round one, the first player to miss every fairway in a round at the Valspar Championship since 2000
- **Patton Kizzire** (back injury) and **Charley Hoffman** (back injury) withdrew during the first round