



## 2025 Zurich Classic of New Orleans

(19<sup>th</sup> of 36 events in the FedExCup Regular Season)

Avondale, Louisiana  
TPC Louisiana

April 24-27, 2025  
Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,425

Purse: \$9,200,000/\$1,329,400 to each winner  
FedExCup points: 400 to each winner

### Second-Round Notes – Friday, April 25, 2025

**Weather:** Partly cloudy. High of 83. Wind S 10-15 mph.

**36-hole cut:** 36 teams at 10-under 134 from a field of 80 teams

### Second-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Team	R1	R2	Total
1	Isaiah Salinda/Kevin Velo	58	69	127 (-17)
2	Andrew Novak/Ben Griffin	62	66	128 (-16)
3	Nicolai Højgaard/Rasmus Højgaard	59	70	129 (-15)
4	Jacob Bridgeman/Chandler Phillips	62	68	130 (-14)

#### Isaiah Salinda/Kevin Velo (1<sup>st</sup>/-17)

- After opening with a tournament-record 58 in Four-ball, post 69 in Foursomes; closed with a 4-under 32 after opening with 1-over 37
- First lead/co-lead after any round on TOUR for both players
- PGA TOUR rookies seek to join Puerto Rico Open winner Karl Vilips as the only rookie winner so far this season and one of five first-time winners in 2025 (most recent: Min Woo Lee/Texas Children's Houston Open)
- No rookie has won the Zurich Classic of New Orleans since the inception of the team format in 2017
- Players to win their first career PGA TOUR title at the Zurich Classic of New Orleans since 2017: Cameron Smith (2017 with Jonas Blixt), Nick Hardy/Davis Riley (2023)
- Salinda is making his 10<sup>th</sup> start of the season, with a third-place finish at the Mexico Open at VidantaWorld his career-best finish (20 starts); earned TOUR membership by finishing No. 18 on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List
- Velo is making his 11<sup>th</sup> start of the season, with two made cuts and a season-best T40 at the Puerto Rico Open; enters week with three straight missed cuts; earned membership by finishing No. 15 on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List
- Salinda entered the week No. 73 in the FedExCup while Velo entered at No. 194
- Salinda (Panama Championship) and Velo (Astara Golf Championship presented by Mastercard) won in back-to-back weeks on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour

#### Andrew Novak/Ben Griffin (2<sup>nd</sup>/-16)

- Post seven birdies to one bogey in Foursomes for a 66, tied for the low round of the day (Nick Taylor/Adam Hadwin)
- Novak is coming off a playoff loss to Justin Thomas at last week's RBC Heritage, one of three top-three finishes in 13 starts this season; others: 3<sup>rd</sup>/Farmers Insurance Open, T3/Valero Texas Open
- The last player to lose in a playoff and win the following week on TOUR: Patrick Cantlay/2022 RBC Heritage, 2022 Zurich Classic of New Orleans
- Griffin owns three top-10s in 13 starts this season: T4/Mexico Open at VidantaWorld, T4/Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches, T7/The American Express
- Griffin is making his third tournament appearance; missed the cut in his previous two appearances (2023/Ryan Gerard, 2024/Taylor Montgomery)

#### Additional Team Notes

- Players in the top four teams on the leaderboard through two rounds are in search of their first career PGA TOUR title: Salinda/Velo, Novak/Griffin, Højgaard/Højgaard, Bridgeman/Phillips
- Denmark twins **Nicolai/Rasmus Højgaard** (3<sup>rd</sup>/-15) post 70 in Foursomes after carding 59 in Four-ball; partners for the second consecutive year after missing the cut in 2024; one of three sets of brothers competing as teams this week; others: **Matt/Alex Fitzpatrick** (MC/-9), **Jeremy/Yannik Paul** (MC/-7)
- **Rory McIlroy/Shane Lowry** (T16/-11) bogey three of their final six holes for a 69

#### Format

- This is the eighth year the Zurich Classic of New Orleans will be played in a two-man team format, which was introduced in 2017 (canceled in 2020 due to COVID-19)
- Teams play Four-ball in the first and third rounds, and Foursomes (alternate shot) in the second and final rounds
- Each player on the winning team will receive 400 FedExCup points, \$1,329,400, a two-year exemption on the PGA TOUR (through 2027) and entry into the three remaining Signature Events