

## 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

### Final-Round Notes – Sunday, April 27, 2025

**Weather:** Partly cloudy. High of 86. Wind SSE 7-12 mph. Play was suspended due to inclement weather at 2:42 p.m. CT and resumed at 4:15 p.m., a delay of 1 hour, 33 minutes.

### Final-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Team	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Andrew Novak/Ben Griffin	62	66	61	71	260 (-28)
2	Nicolai Højgaard/Rasmus Højgaard	59	70	64	68	261 (-27)
3	Jake Knapp/Frankie Capan III	63	69	60	70	262 (-26)

### Andrew Novak/Ben Griffin (1<sup>st</sup>/-28)

- At 28-under, finish one stroke ahead of Nicolai and Rasmus Højgaard to win the Zurich Classic of New Orleans
- Since the team format was introduced in 2017, join Cameron Smith (2017 with Jonas Blixt) and Nick Hardy/Davis Riley (2023) as players winning their first career PGA TOUR title at the event
- Become the fourth of eight winning teams who held the 54-hole lead/co-lead; the others: 2022/Patrick Cantlay/Xander Schauffele, 2019/Ryan Palmer/Jon Rahm, 2017/Jonas Blixt/Cameron Smith
- Each receives 400 FedExCup points, \$1,329,400, a two-year exemption on the PGA TOUR (through 2027) and entry into the three remaining Signature Events and the PGA Championship

### Andrew Novak – with this victory

- Earns his first PGA TOUR title in his 100<sup>th</sup> start at the age of 30 years, 27 days
- Moves from No. 15 to No. 6 in the FedExCup standings
- Improves to 1-for-2 with the 54-hole lead/co-lead (2024 Butterfield Bermuda Championship/2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Wins one week after a playoff loss to Justin Thomas at the RBC Heritage and now has four top-three finishes in 14 starts this season; the others: 3<sup>rd</sup>/Farmers Insurance Open, T3/Valero Texas Open
- Becomes the first player to lose in a playoff and win the following week since Patrick Cantlay at the 2022 RBC Heritage and Zurich Classic of New Orleans
- Previous-best finishes on TOUR: 2025 RBC Heritage (P2) and 2024 Butterfield Bermuda Championship (2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Wins in his fourth start at the Zurich Classic (2024/Davis Thompson/T23, 2023/Trevor Cone/MC, 2022/Max McGreevy/MC)
- Only other PGA TOUR-sanctioned title: 2020 LECOM Suncoast Classic (Korn Ferry Tour)

### Ben Griffin – with this victory

- Earns his first PGA TOUR title in his 90<sup>th</sup> start at the age of 28 years, 11 months, 21 days
- Moves from No. 47 to No. 21 in the FedExCup standings
- Improves to 1-for-3 with the 54-hole lead/co-lead (2023 Sanderson Farms Championship/P2, 2022 Butterfield Bermuda Championship/T3)
- Previous-best finishes on TOUR: 2024 RBC Canadian Open (2<sup>nd</sup>) and 2023 Sanderson Farms Championship (P2)
- Owns four top-10s in 14 starts this season; the others: T7/The American Express, T4/Mexico Open at VidantaWorld, T4/Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches
- Wins in his third start at the Zurich Classic (2024/Taylor Montgomery/MC, 2023/Ryan Gerard/MC)
- Only other PGA TOUR-sanctioned title: 2018 Staal Foundation Open (PGA TOUR Canada)

### Additional Team Notes

- In their second year as partners (MC/2024), Denmark twins **Nicolai/Rasmus Højgaard** finish runner-up;
  - Nicolai has three runner-up finishes on TOUR (2025 Zurich Classic of New Orleans/2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 Farmers Insurance Open/2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 Corales Puntacana Championship/2<sup>nd</sup>)
  - Rasmus earns his third top-10 finish on TOUR (2025 Zurich Classic of New Orleans/2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 Genesis Scottish Open/T10, 2022 Corales Puntacana Championship/6<sup>th</sup>)

- **Jake Knapp/Frankie Capan III**, each making their tournament debut, finish solo-third:
  - Capan earns his first top-10 finish on TOUR in 16 career starts (previous-best: T12/2025 American Express)
  - 2024 Mexico Open at VidantaWorld champion Knapp finishes runner-up for the first time in 40 TOUR starts
- **Rory McIlroy/Shane Lowry** finish T12 in bid to become the first team to successfully defend their title at the Zurich Classic of New Orleans; with a win, McIlroy would have joined Gene Sarazen (1935 Massachusetts Open) as the only players to win in their first start after completing the Career Grand Slam
- PGA TOUR rookies **Isaiah Salinda/Kevin Velo** finish T8 after holding the 18- and 36-hole lead

#### **Aon Swing 5 and Aon Next 10**

- The top 10 FedExCup points earners through THE CJ CUP Byron Nelson will earn spots in the Truist Championship via the Aon Next 10
  - Current standings: Andrew Novak (1,380 points), Maverick McNealy (1,190), J.J. Spaun (1,090), Justin Rose (1,038), Daniel Berger (950), Michael Kim (922), Nick Taylor (871), Ben Griffin (845), Lucas Glover (835), Min Woo Lee (764)
- The top five FedExCup points earners in the Corales Puntacana Championship, Zurich Classic of New Orleans and THE CJ CUP Byron Nelson will earn spots in the Truist Championship via the Aon Swing 5
  - Current standings: Garrick Higgo (300), Michael Thorbjornsen (168), Nicolai Højgaard (163), Rasmus Højgaard (163), Keith Mitchell (111)