



## ATB Classic

Northern Bear Golf Course | Sherwood Park, Alberta, Canada | September 11-14, 2025

### Third-Round Notes – September 13, 2025

**PGA TOUR Americas 2025 Season:** 14th of 16 events

- Segment II: 8th of 10 events

**Fortinet Cup Points:** 500 (winner)

**Purse:** \$225,000 (\$40,500 winner)

Pos.	Player	Score
T1	Michael Brennan (United States)	61-66-74 – 201 (-15)
T1	Derek Hitchner (United States)	66-65-70 – 201 (-15)
T3	Luke Gutschewski (United States)	65-71-66 – 202 (-14)
T3	Beau Breault (United States)	70-67-65 – 202 (-14)
5	Davis Lamb (United States)	65-68-70 – 203 (-13)

**Sherwood Park, Alberta** – Michael Brennan and Derek Hitchner are tied for the lead after 54-holes at the ATB Classic, and will play together in the final group on Sunday for the third time this season.

After starting the third round with a four-stroke lead, Brennan carded a 2-over 74 on Saturday, while Hitchner turned in a 2-under 70 to take a share of the lead heading into the final round.

In 13 starts on PGA TOUR Americas this season, Brennan a Fortinet Ambassador, entered the week at No. 1 in the Fortinet Cup points list, with two wins in his last three starts. The Wake Forest alum became the first wire-to-wire champion of the season after his win at the BioSteel Championship. With a third win this season, Brennan would earn a three-victory promotion and secure exempt status on the Korn Ferry Tour in 2026.

In his last 14 starts, Brennan has made 13 cuts with 10 top-10 finishes. The second-year professional has not missed a cut since the 2025 Inter Rapidísimo Golf Championship and has only finished outside of the top-15 three times this season.

After a runner-up finish at the CRMC Championship presented by Northern Pacific Center, Hitchner entered the week at No. 21 in the Fortinet Cup. After carding a 1-over 37 on the front nine, Hitchner made four straight birdies on Nos. 12-15 to tie the lead. After missing the cut in his first four starts of the North America Swing, Hitchner has finished in the top-15 in two of his last three starts.

All players finished second-round play on Saturday, with 61 players making the cut at 5-under. Final round tee times are expected to run from 7:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. mdt in twosomes off the No. 1 tee on Sunday.

### **Charting the Leaders**

Name	Michael Brennan
2025 Fortinet Cup Standings	No. 1
Age/Birthplace	23/Leesburg, Virginia
Residence	Leesburg, Virginia
College	Wake Forest
Turned Pro	2024

Name	Derek Hitchner
2025 Fortinet Cup Standings	No. 21
Age/Birthplace	25/Summit, NJ
Residence	Minneapolis, MN
College	Pepperdine
Turned Pro	2023

### **About Michael Brennan (T1/-15)**

- Third win would come at the age of 23 years, 7 months, and 5 days.
- Will play in the final group for the fourth time in his career, and third time in the last four events.
- Carded an 11-under 61 in the first round, breaking the course record at Northern Bear Golf Course by two strokes.
- Won his second career PGA TOUR Americas event at the CRMC Championship presented by Northern Pacific Center at the age of 23 years, 6 months, and 23 days after overcoming a four-stroke deficit in the final round.
- Won his first title at the BioSteel Championship, where he coasted to a five-stroke win, the largest margin on PGA TOUR Americas since 2024. Became the first wire-to-wire winner of the season.
- Has the most top-10 finishes of the 2025 season with nine. Brennan has finished in the top-10 14 times in 23 career starts on PGA TOUR Americas, 12 of which have come in his last 17 starts dating back to the 2024 season.
- Finished as the No. 12 player in the PGA TOUR University Class of 2024 to earn PGA TOUR Americas membership.
- Tied for third in Wake Forest program history with Curtis Strange with eight individual titles: Brennan only trails Bill Haas (10), and Gary Hallberg (9).
- Earned Co-Medalist honors at the 2024 ACC Championships and earned All-ACC honors four times during his time with the Demon Deacons.
- Won the Middle Atlantic Amateur Championship in 2017, 2018, and 2019.
- Won the 2019 Virginia State Amateur Championship.

### **About Derek Hitchner (T1/-15)**

- First win would come at the age of 25 years, 11 months and 11 days
- Best finish of the season came at the CRMC Championship presented by Northern Pacific Center, where he finished as the runner-up.
- Making his 30<sup>th</sup> start across PGA TOUR Americas after turning professional in 2023. Making his third start at the CRMC Championship presented by Northern Pacific Center; best finish came in 2023 (T34).
- During his senior season at Pepperdine, Hitchner was named to the West Coast Conference First-Team in 2023 and earned Co-Player of the Year in honors.

- Named the Minnesota Golf Association Player of the Year after winning the Minnesota Amateur Championship in 2021.
- Was the 2017 Minnesota Golf Association Junior Boys Player of the Year.

### **Competition Notes**

**Course Setup:** Par 72 / 7,352 yards; R3 average: 71.803

**Weather:** Sunny with a high of 25 (78). Wind from the southeast at 8-16 km/h with gusts up to 29 km/h.

- Fortinet Cup No. 1 Michael Brennan and Derek Hitchner share the 54-hole lead heading into the final round of the ATB Classic, and will play together in the final group for the third time in the last four events: Brennan and Hitchner previously played in the final group together at the BioSteel Championship and CRMC Championship presented by Northern Pacific Center
- Beau Breault (T3) and Jack Lundin (T6) carded the low-rounds of the day, turning in a pair of 7-under 65's.
- Monday Qualifier Luke Gutschewski, who entered the week at No. 124 in the Fortinet Cup, is projected to move to No. 55 in the points list after the third round.
- Hole No. 15, the 579-yard par-5 played as the easiest hole at Northern Bear Golf Course on Saturday (-0.475 strokes over par).
- Hole No. 13, the 200-yard par-3, played as the toughest hole at Northern Bear Golf Course on Saturday (+0.344 strokes over par).

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