



2026 Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard
(8th of 34 FedExCup Regular Season events)

Orlando, Florida
Arnold Palmer's Bay Hill Club & Lodge

March 5-8, 2026
Par/Yards: 36-36 – 72/7,466

FedExCup points: 700 (winner)
Purse: \$20 million/\$4 million

Final-Round Notes – Sunday, March 8, 2026

Weather: Partly cloudy with chance of showers. High of 87. Wind S 4-12 mph.

Final Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
P1	Akshay Bhatia*	70	66	68	69	273 (-15)
P2	Daniel Berger	63	68	72	70	273 (-15)
T3	Ludvig Åberg	66	71	72	67	276 (-12)
T3	Cameron Young	67	73	67	69	276 (-12)
5	Collin Morikawa	66	71	70	70	277 (-11)

**def. Daniel Berger with a par-4 on the first playoff hole (No. 18)*

Playoff:

- Eighth playoff in tournament history (since 1966)
- Seventh playoff at Arnold Palmer's Bay Hill Club & Lodge (since 1979)
- First playoff in the event since 1999 (Tim Herron defeated Tom Lehman)
- Second playoff of the 2026 season (WM Phoenix Open: Chris Gotterup def. Hideki Matsuyama)
- Updated playoff records:
 - Daniel Berger: 1-3
 - Akshay Bhatia: 3-0

Akshay Bhatia (P1/-15)

- Earns his third PGA TOUR title in his 102nd start at the age of 24 years, 1 month, 8 days
- Sat 10-under par with nine holes remaining in final round, five strokes back from then-leader Daniel Berger
- Played the back nine in 5-under 31, including four straight birdies on Nos. 10-13 and an eagle on the par-5 16th
- Led the field in Strokes Gained: Putting (10.605) and Strokes Gained: Around the Green (5.664)
- Wins in his second start in the Arnold Palmer Invitational (MC/2025, Won/2026)
- All three PGA TOUR titles have come in a playoff where he won on the first playoff hole:
 - 2026 Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard (def. Daniel Berger)
 - 2024 Valero Texas Open (def. Denny McCarthy)
 - 2023 Barracuda Championship (def. Patrick Rodgers)
- Third finish of T6 or better in his last four starts on TOUR (T3/WM Phoenix Open, T6/AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, T16/The Genesis Invitational, Won/Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard)
- Earns 700 FedExCup points and climbs to No. 2 in the FedExCup standings (entered the week No. 16)

Daniel Berger (P2/-15)

- Loses in bid to become the first wire-to-wire winner at the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard since Jason Day in 2016
- Led after each of the first three rounds (lead): Round One (three), Round Two (five), Round Three (one)
- Led the field in Strokes Gained: Tee to Green (10.804) and Strokes Gained: Approach the Green (7.914)
- Third top-15 finish in four starts in the Arnold Palmer Invitational (T13/2015, T15/2025, P2/2026)
- Marks his second top-10 finish in his seventh start of the season (other: T6/Sony Open in Hawaii)
- Ninth runner-up finish in his 235th career start on TOUR (first since 2025 WM Phoenix Open/T2)
- Climbs from No. 45 to No. 13 in the FedExCup standings

Miscellaneous Notes

- **Ludvig Åberg** (T3/-12) notches his best finish on TOUR since the 2025 Genesis Invitational (Won) and his first top-10 since the 2025 BMW Championship (T7)
- **Cameron Young** (T3/-12) and defending champion **Russell Henley** (T6/-10) were the only players bogey free in the final round
- **Collin Morikawa** (5th/-11) claims his third consecutive top-10 finish (Won/AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, T7/Genesis Invitational) and his third top-10 in six career starts in the event (T9/2020, 2nd/2025, 5th/2026)
- **Sahith Theegala** (T6/-10) records the low round of the day with a 6-under 66, his best score in 16 career rounds in the Arnold Palmer Invitational, and earns his third top-15 finish in the event (T14/2023, T6/2024)
- After playing the front nine in 3-over 39, **Min Woo Lee** (T6/-10) closes in 5-under 31 on the back and secures his best finish in five career appearance in the Arnold Palmer Invitational (previous: T44/2024)
- In his 14th career start in the Arnold Palmer Invitational, **Rickie Fowler** (T9/-8) records his fifth top-25 finish in the event and his first top-10 since 2013 (T3)
- World No. 1 **Scottie Scheffler** (T24/-2) cards a final-round 73 and records his first finish outside the top 20 since the 2025 WM Phoenix Open (T25); has not finished outside the top 25 since the 2024 BMW Championship (T33)
- Finishes from other notable players in the field:
 - **Jacob Bridgeman** (T18/-3) drops from No. 1 to No. 3 in the FedExCup standings
 - **Chris Gotterup** (T18/-3), the only player with multiple wins on TOUR this season
 - 10-time PGA TOUR winner **Xander Schauffele** (T24/-2)
 - Arnold Palmer Cup Exemption and University of Texas sophomore **Daniel Bennett** (T47/+5)