2026 Austin Championship presented by Compliance Solutions
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Jackson Koivun is looking to continue his streak of 8 consecutive cuts made having not missed a cut on the PGA Tour since his first start as a professional at the 2026 John Deere Classic.

Austin Smotherman is seeking to become the first player since 2017 to win in 3 or more consecutive starts on the PGA Tour (Dustin Johnson).

Tommy Morrison one of the newest members of the 2026 Korn Ferry Tour Graduate class, Morrison is making his third career start on the PGA Tour.

Brian Harman has six previous Top 10 finishes in the state of Texas, second most of any state in his PGA Tour career.

Chris Kirk enters this week 102nd on the FedExCup Fall Points list, on the outside looking in of the Top 100 bubble.

Pierceson Coody is one of three players who has spent every week inside the Aon Next 10 in the FedExCup Fall, enters the week 60th in the standings.

Blades Brown became the fourth youngest winner on the PGA Tour last week capturing his first win in his PGA Tour career at the World Wide Technology Championship.

Andrew Novak is making his first start since his first individual PGA Tour victory at the 2026 VidantaWorld Mexico Open.

Max Homa is ranked 61st in the FedExCup Fall Standings entering the week and had spent 6 of the last 7 weeks inside the Aon Next 10.

Billy Horschel is set to make his 35th start in the state of Texas and is seeking to earn his first win here since the 2021 WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play event.

Daniel Berger is making his first start since The Open Championship and is seeking his best finish on the PGA Tour since his runner-up at the 2026 Arnold Palmer Invitational.

Doug Ghim enters this week with six consecutive Top 20 finishes, the longest active streak of any player on the PGA Tour this season.

FedExCup Storylines

The Austin Championship presented by Compliance Solutions marks the seventh of eight events in the FedExCup Fall, where players look to secure their position inside the top 100 in the standings and become exempt on the PGA Tour for the 2027 season. In addition to the winner receiving a two-year exemption on the PGA Tour and earning their card for the PGA Tour Championship Series in 2028, players will also look to secure access to early-season Signature Events in 2027 through the Aon Next 10. Players ranked No. 51-60 in the standings at the conclusion of the FedExCup Fall will qualify for next season's AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am and The Genesis Invitational.

What's at Stake in the FedExCup Fall:

- **Aon Next 10:** Players in the Aon Next 10 through the RSM Classic will be eligible for the two west coast Signature Events (AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am and The Genesis Invitational)
- **The Top 100:** Will be fully-exempt for the 2027 PGA Tour season, earn spots in 2027 The Players Championship
- **101-150:** Earn conditional status on PGA Tour next season

46.67% In each of the last three seasons 14 of the 30 players to finish inside in Aon Next 10 qualified for the FedExCup Playoffs the following season

26.67% In each of the last three seasons, eight of the 30 players to finish inside in Aon Next 10 finished inside the Top 50 of the FedExCup Standings the following season and six of players qualified for the Tour Championship the following season

Current Aon Next 10
Entering Austin Championship

	Rank	Pts
Austin Smotherman	51st	1,544.93
Keith Mitchell	52nd	1,160.14
Ben James	53rd	1,120.61
Andrew Novak	54th	1,045.62
Michael Kim	55th	975.41
Steven Fisk	56th	960.54
Harry Hall	57th	920.56
Doug Ghim	58th	919.76
Blades Brown	59th	918.14
Pierceson Coody	60th	913.43

Top 100 Bubble
Entering Austin Championship

		+/- pts
96th	Christiaan Bezuidenhout	+39.04
97th	Max Greyserman	+27.16
98th	Billy Horschel	+11.53
99th	Kevin Yu	+5.65
100th	Chandler Phillips	--
101st	Jason Day	-0.44
102nd	Chris Kirk	-17.31
103rd	Mackenzie Hughes	-29.51
104th	Taylor Pendrith	-31.61
105th	Brandt Snedeker	-33.29

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28.6 Average age of the current Aon Next 10, with five players under the age of 30 (Ben James 23/Steven Fisk 29/Harry Hall 29/Blades Brown 19/Pierceson Coody/26)

13 players have entered the FedExCup Fall outside the Aon Next 10 and played their way in during the fall season *(2023: 5 players, 2024: 3 players, 2025: 5 players)*

6 FedExCup Fall winners have finished inside the Aon Next 10 at the end of the fall season

Average Age
Aon Next 10 this Season

	Avg
Entering Biltmore Champ. Asheville	32.0
Entering Bank of Utah Championship	31.0
Entering Baycurrent Classic	30.0
Entering Butterfield Bermuda Championship	31.0
Entering VidantaWorld Mexico Open	31.5
Entering World Wide Technology Champ.	31.3
Entering Austin Championship	28.6

Playing Their Way Into Aon Next 10
Entering FedExCup Fall Outside

	Season	Entering	Final
Ludvig Åberg	2023	134th	52nd
Ben Griffin	2023	62nd	53rd
Matt Kuchar	2023	65th	55th
J.J. Spaun	2023	61st	57th
Luke List	2023	118th	59th
Nico Echavarria	2024	108th	54th
Ben Griffin	2024	61st	57th
Kevin Yu	2024	89th	58th
Sami Valimaki	2025	87th	51st
Garrick Higgo	2025	99th	53rd
Rico Hoey	2025	106th	54th
Nico Echavarria	2025	62nd	55th
Max McGreevy	2025	97th	60th

Finishing Inside Final Fall Aon Next 10
FedExCup Fall Winners

	Season	Rank Before Win	Rank After Win	Final Fall Rank
Luke List	2023	118th	60th	59th
Ludvig Åberg	2023	95th	53rd	52nd
Kevin Yu	2024	96th	60th	58th
Nico Echavarria	2024	113th	65th	54th
Maverick McNealy	2024	52nd	51st	51st
Sami Valimaki	2025	74th	51st	51st

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Broadcast Window Notes

Jackson Koivun is set to make his 20th start on the PGA Tour this week, seeking to become the third player in the last two seasons to earn a win in their 20th start. Koivun has finished inside the Top 25 in 60.00% of his starts this season, the second highest of any rookie on the PGA Tour.

Last 5 Players to Win in 20th Career PGA Tour Start

	Event
William Mouw	2025 ISCO Championship
Aldrich Potgieter	2025 Rocket Classic
Lucas Herbert	2021 Butterfield Bermuda Championship
Phil Blackmar	1985 Travelers Championship
Corey Pavin	1984 Texas Children's Houston Open

Koivun making his 20th start this week

Highest Top 25 Finish PCT Rookies on PGA Tour This Season

	PCT
Ben James	61.54
Jackson Koivun	**60.00**
Alex Fitzpatrick	57.14
Zach Bauchou	46.15
Kristoffer Reitan	45.45

Austin Smotherman enters this week with two consecutive wins on the PGA Tour, trying to become the first player since Dustin Johnson in 2017 to have 3 or more consecutive starts with a win. He is tied for the second longest active streak of Rounds in the 60's on the PGA Tour this season with 11 & is one of five players to rank inside the Top 20 in SG: Approach-the-Green (T5), Greens in Regulation Pct (5th), & Proximity to the Hole (T19).

Longest Active Streak Rds in the 60's PGA Tour This Season

	Streak
Jacob Bridgeman	14
Austin Smotherman	**11**
Tom Kim	11
Kensei Hirata	8
Rory McIlroy	8

Players to Win in 3 or More Consecutive Starts PGA Tour Last 23 Years

	Year(s)	Streak
Tiger Woods	2006 - 2007	7
Tiger Woods	2007 - 2008	5
Dustin Johnson	2017	3
Rory McIlroy	2014	3
Vijay Singh	2004	3

Smotherman seeking 3rd consecutive win

Approach-the-Green Performance PGA Tour This Season

	Value	Rank
Strokes Gained	+0.67	T5
Greens in Reg.	71.92%	5th
Proximity to Hole	35' 1"	T19

one of five players to rank inside top 20 in all statistics

Tommy Morrison a 2026 Korn Ferry Tour graduate is making his first PGA Tour start since earning his status for 2027. Morrison is making his third career PGA Tour start and is looking to transfer his success from the Korn Ferry Tour over to the PGA Tour. He started his Korn Ferry Tour career with five consecutive Top 10 finishes the second most to start a Korn Ferry Tour career all-time and led the Korn Ferry Tour in Scoring Average (Actual) with an average of 67.31.

Best Scoring Average (Actual) Korn Ferry Tour This Season

	Avg
Tommy Morrison	**67.31**
William Sides	67.66
Sandy Scott	67.97
Cooper Dossey	68.10
Michael Johnson	68.27

**min 40 rds played*

Most Consecutive Top 10 Finishes to Open Korn Ferry Tour Career All Time

	Total
Adrien Dumont de Chassart	6
Tommy Morrison	**5**
Buddy Gardner	4
Ron Streck	4

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Brian Harman is seeking to continue his good performance in Texas, having recorded 6 Top 10 finishes in this state, the second most of any state in his PGA Tour career. In his last 11 starts Harman has recorded two Top 5 Finishes with a Scoring Average of 69.45, compared to none through his first 12 starts of the season. He has gained a 16.68 more strokes putting in the second round than in the first round on the PGA Tour this season.

Most Top 10 Finishes by State
PGA Tour Career

	Total
Connecticut	8
Texas	**6***
California	6
Florida	5

**WON 2025 Valero Texas Open*

Putting Performance Rd 1 v Rd 2
PGA Tour This Season

	Rd 1	Rd 2
Strokes Gained	-4.47	**+12.39**
One Putt PCT	36.71%	**43.48%**
Putts Per Rd	29.6	**28.0**
Avg Feet of Putts Made	69' 1"	**75' 4"**
Putting > 10'	12.84%	**16.34%**

First 12 v Last 11 Starts
PGA Tour This Season

	First 12	Last 11
Top 5's	0	**2**
Top 25's	3	**4**
Scoring Avg	70.82	**69.45**
PCT of Rds in 60's	44.44%	**52.63**
Rds Inside Top 10	5	**9**

Chris Kirk enters this week right outside the FedExCup Top 100 (102nd), his best rank on during the FedExCup Fall This Season. Kirk ranks 19th in Greens in Regulation Pct, on pace to be his best rank in his PGA Tour career.

Highest Greens in Regulation Rank
PGA Tour Career

	Rank	PCT
2026	**19th**	**70.20**
2020-21	T38	68.35
2012	T48	66.60
2017-18	55th	68.24
2011	T58	66.67

FedExCup Fall Movement
PGA Tour This Season

	Rank After	Mov
Tour Championship	128th	--
Biltmore Championship Asheville	118th	+10
Bank of Utah Championship	116th	+2
Baycurrent Classic	116th	--
Butterfield Bermuda Champ.	109th	+7
VidantaWorld Mexico Open	110th	-1
World Wide Technology Champ.	102nd	+8

Pierceson Coody is set to make his 15th start in the state of Texas and is seeking his best finish since the 2024 Charles Schwab Challenge where he finished T5. Coody has improved his Sand Save PCT Rank in each of the last two consecutive seasons. Coody is one of three players to be in the Aon Next 10 every week in the FedExCup Fall.

Texas Event Breakdown
PGA Tour Career

	Value
Total Starts	14
Scoring Avg	69.76
Cut Made PCT	64.29
Top 25s	5
Top 10s	1

Best Finish: T5 (2024 Charles Schwab Challenge)

Sand Save PCT Rank Improv.
PGA Tour Last 3 Seasons

	Rank
2026	48th
2025	92nd
2024	T130

Players Inside Aon Next 10 Every Week
FedExCup Fall This Season

Pierceson Coody
Harry Hall
Keith Mitchell

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Blades Brown became the fourth youngest winner on the PGA Tour last week capturing his first win in his PGA Tour career at the World Wide Technology Championship. Brown has played 75% of his rounds in the 60s this season, the most of any player (min of 40 rds played).

Highest PCT of Rds in the 60's
PGA Tour This Season

	PCT
Blades Brown	**75.00**
Doug Ghim	72.00
Ben James	70.83
Scottie Scheffler	69.23
Christiaan Bezuidenhout	65.56

**min 40 rds played*

Youngest Winners
PGA Tour History

	Event	Age at Event End
Charles Kocsis	1931 Michigan Open	18 Years, 6 months, 9 Days
Harry Cooper	1923 Galveston Open Champ.	19 Years, 0 Months, 4 Days
Ralph Guldahl	1931 Santa Monica Open	19 Years, 2 Months, 3 Days
Blades Brown	**2026 World Wide Technology Champ.**	**19 Years, 5 Months, 18 Days**
John McDermott	1911 U.S. Open	19 Years, 10 Months, 14 Days
Jordan Spieth	2013 John Deere Classic	19 Years, 11 Months, 17 Days

Andrew Novak is set to make his first start since earning his second win in his PGA Tour career, his only other start the week after winning was 2025 Truist Championship where he finished T17. Novak has excelled in the opening round this season playing 61.54% of his rounds under par in comparison to just 38.46% in the second round. Novak has improved in several categories around the green including Strokes Gained improving 60 positions from T113 last season to 53rd entering the week.

Round 1 v Round 2 Comparison
PGA Tour This Season

	RD 1	RD 2
Score to Par	**-30**	+4
Times Inside Top 10	**4**	1
PCT of RDs in 60s	**50.00**	23.08
PCT of RDs Under Par	**61.54**	38.46

stroke play events

Approach the Green Rank Improvement
PGA Tour Last 2 Seasons

	2025	2026
Approaches from 150-175 yards	T36	**T9**
SG: Approach the Green	T113	**53rd**
Proximity to Hole	T117	**T82**
Greens in Regulation Percentage	177th	**106th**

Max Homa is tied for the third lowest Cost of Rough by any player this season (+0.20) with a min of 50 rds played. Homa has been dominate on the greens in the final round this season gaining +11.96 strokes and leading the Tour in One-Putt Percentage in the final round. Homa is ranked 35th in Strokes Gained: Putting entering the week, on track for his third highest rank in this category in his PGA Tour career.

Lowest Avg Cost of Rough
PGA Tour This Season

	Avg
Christo Lamprecht	+0.16
Marco Penge	+0.19
Max Homa	**+0.20**
Jordan Spieth	+0.20
Shane Lowry	+0.20

**min 50 rds played*

Putting Comparison
PGA Tour This Season

	RD 1-3	Final
Total SG: Putting	+7.06	**+11.96**
Avg Rd Putt Distance	71' 1"	**86' 8"**
Avg of Round Putts	28.67	**27.17**
One-Putt PCT	40.89	**48.46***

**Ranks 1st on Tour in Final RD One-Putt PCT*

SG: Putting Rank Improv
PGA Tour Last 3 Seasons

	Rank
2026	**35th**
2025	81st
2024	106th

on track for third best rank in category in career

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Billy Horschel is set to make his 35th start in the state of Texas and is seeking to earn his first win here since the 2021 WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play event. Horschel has made 18.45% of putts from 20-25' this season on track for his second highest percentage in this category in his PGA Tour career. Horschel has spent most of the FedExCup Fall on the Top 100 bubble and enters the week 98th overall in the standings.

Texas Event Breakdown
PGA Tour Career

	Value
Total Starts	34
Cut Made PCT	70.59%
Wins	2*
Top 5s	6
Top 10s	9
Top 25s	14

**2017 THE CJ CUP Byron Nelson & 2021 WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play*

Highest PCT Putts Made from 20-25'
PGA Tour Career

	PCT
2018-19	19.17
2026	**18.45**
2019-20	17.24
2014	15.84
2012	15.19

FedExCup Fall Movement
PGA Tour This Season

	Rank After	Mov
Tour Championship	100th	--
Biltmore Championship Asheville	101st	-1
Bank of Utah Champ.	94th	+7
Baycurrent Classic	90th	+4
Butterfield Bermuda Champ.	94th	-4
VidantaWorld Mexico Open	97th	-3
World Wide Technology Champ.	98th	-1

Daniel Berger is set to make his first start on the PGA Tour this season since The Open Championship back in July. Berger is 13th in Strokes Gained: Approach-the-Green this season, on track to tie his second highest rank in this category in his PGA Tour career. In his last nine starts Berger has played 50% of his rounds under par in comparison to his first nine starts where he played 46.88% under par.

Highest SG: Approach-the-Green Rank
PGA Tour Career

	Rank	Avg
2020-21	5th	+0.83
2026	**13th**	**+0.56**
2016-17	13th	+0.57
2017-18	15th	+0.54

First 9 v Last 9 Starts
PGA Tour This Season

	First 9	Last 9
Scoring Avg	70.25	70.75
PCT of RDs Inside Top 10	21.88	3.57
PCT of RDs Under Par	46.88	50.00
Made Cut PCT	77.78	55.56
Best Finish	2nd*	T23

*Arnold Palmer Invitational

Doug Ghim has recorded six consecutive Top 20 finishes on the PGA Tour entering this week, the longest active streak on the PGA Tour this season. Ghim has stayed inside the Aon Next 10 Bubble for the last five events and enters 58th this week. He has a Par 4 Scoring Average of 3.93, on pace to be his best in a season in his PGA Tour career.

Best Par 4 Scoring Average
PGA Tour Career

	Avg	Rank
2026	**3.93**	**T3**
2024	3.96	T6
2020-21	3.97	T9
2025	3.99	T42

ranked seasons

Longest Active Streak of Top 20 Finishes
PGA Tour This Season

	Streak
Doug Ghim	**6**
Adam Scott	5
Sungjae Im	5
Scottie Scheffler	5

FedExCup Fall Movement
PGA Tour This Season

	Rank After	Mov
Tour Championship	93rd	--
Biltmore Championship Asheville	89th	+4
Bank of Utah Championship	58th	+31
Baycurrent Classic	55th	+3
Butterfield Bermuda Champ.	56th	-1
VidantaWorld Mexico Open	55th	+1
World Wide Technology Champ.	58th	-3