



2026 Bank of Utah Championship
(2nd of 8 FedExCup Fall events)

Black Desert Resort
Ivins, Utah

October 1-4, 2026
Par/Yards: 36-35—71/7,421

FedExCup Points: 500 (winner)
Purse: \$6 million (\$1,080,000)

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, October 3, 2026

Weather: Mostly sunny. High of 93. Wind light and variable.

Third-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	Total
1	Austin Smotherman	63	62	65	190 (-23)
2	Doug Ghim	65	62	64	191 (-22)
T3	Trace Crowe	66	65	64	195 (-18)
T3	Ben James	65	66	64	195 (-18)
T3	Kevin Streelman	63	64	68	195 (-18)

- The 54-hole leader/co-leader has gone on to win 14 of 37 individual stroke-play events on Tour this season, most recently BMW Championship winner Wyndham Clark
- The 54-hole leader/co-leader at the Bank of Utah Championship has gone on to win in every year since its inception (Matt McCarty/2024, Michael Brennan/2025)

Austin Smotherman (1st/-23)

- 36-hole leader records eight birdies against two bogeys (Nos. 3 and 10) for a 6-under 65
- Holds second career 54-hole lead/co-lead on Tour; 0-for-1 to date (2026 Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches/T2)
- At 23-under 190, sets the Bank of Utah Championship 54-hole record (previous entering the week: 194 – Matt McCarty/2024)
- Tops his previous-best 54-hole score by nine strokes: 199 (2026 The American Express /T8)
- 190 matches the season's best opening 54-hole score: Viktor Hovland/Travelers Championship
- Seeks his first Tour win in his 100th start (best finish on Tour: T2/2026 Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches)
- Entered the week No. 79 in the FedExCup Fall standings and is projected to move to No. 51; Nos. 51-60 in the final FedExCup Fall standings earn spots in the 2027 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am and 2027 Genesis Invitational
- Has 14 made cuts in 23 starts this season, with two top-10 finishes (T2/Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches, T8/The American Express)

Miscellaneous notes

- **Doug Ghim** (2nd/-22) posted a back-nine 29 en route to a third-round 64; enters the final round one back and is in search of his first Tour win in his 192nd start (best finish on Tour: 2nd/2024 Shriners Children's Open)
- At 18-under 195, two players tied for third both set their personal-best opening 54-hole scores: **Trace Crowe** (previous: 201, three times; most recent: 2024 Wyndham Championship/T7), **Ben James** (previous: 199/2026 Biltmore Championship Asheville/2nd)
- **Trace Crowe** (T3/-18) leads the field in Strokes Gained: Approach the Green (7.064); seeks his first career win on Tour in his 46th start
- Coming off a solo third-place finish at the Wyndham Championship and a runner-up finish at the Biltmore Championship Asheville, **Ben James** (T3/-18) enters the final round five shots back as he seeks his first win on Tour in his 19th start
 - Seeking to become the third straight former No. 1 from PGA Tour Pathways to win the Bank of Utah Championship (Matt McCarty/2024 Korn Ferry Tour, Michael Brennan/2025 PGA Tour Americas); James was the No. 1 player from the 2026 PGA Tour University Ranking
- **Kevin Streelman** (T3/-18) birdied two of his last three holes to post a third-round 68; 47-year-old is in search of his third win in his 489th Tour start (2013 Valspar Championship, 2014 Travelers Championship) and would become the oldest winner on Tour this season (Justin Rose/45 years, 6 months, 2 days//Farmers Insurance Open); hit the opening tee shot at the inaugural Bank of Utah Championship in 2024
- **Johnny Keefer** (T6/-17) posts bogey-free 9-under 62, matching his career low score (R3/2026 Biltmore Championship Asheville/T7) and low 54-hole score (196/2025 RSM Classic/T7); 2025 Korn Ferry Tour No. 1 seeks his first victory on the PGA Tour in his 32nd career start
- Defending champion **Michael Brennan** (T26/-12) enters the final round eleven shots behind Smotherman in bid to become the first player to successfully defend at the Bank of Utah Championship
- Third round scores of the three Utah players who made the cut: **Kihei Akina** (T16/-14), **Zac Blair** (T26/-12), **Patrick Fishburn** (T45/-10)