



2026 Biltmore Championship Asheville
(1st of 8 FedExCup Fall Events)

The Cliffs at Walnut Cove
Asheville, North Carolina

September 17-20, 2026
Par/Yards: 35-36—71/7,249

FedExCup Points: 500 (winner)
Purse: \$5 million (\$900,000)

Second-Round Notes – Friday, September 18, 2026

Weather: Mostly sunny. High of 88. Wind NNW 4-10 mph.

36-hole cut: 75 professionals and one amateur (Tyler Watts) at 3-under 139 from a field of 129 professionals and three amateurs
Due to forecasted thunderstorms Saturday, third-round tee times will run from 7:33 – 9:45 a.m. ET in groups of three off Nos. 1 and 10.

Second-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	Total
1	Neal Shipley	65	62	127 (-15)
2	Ben Kohles	65	63	128 (-14)
T3	Ricky Castillo	69	62	131 (-11)
T3	Max Greyserman	64	67	131 (-11)
5	Eric Cole	64	68	132 (-10)

Neal Shipley (1st/-15)

- PGA Tour rookie earns his first career lead/co-lead after any round on Tour in his 33rd start (101 total rounds)
 - Previous best 36-hole position: T10, 2024 Rocket Classic (finished T20)
 - Previous best position after any round entering the week: T4 after three rounds at 2024 ISCO Championship
- Only player bogey free through 36 holes; prior to this week, recorded bogey-free cards in five of 99 rounds on Tour
- Followed first-round 65 with a career-low 62 that started in birdie-birdie-eagle fashion on Nos. 1-3
 - Previous best 18-hole score: 65 (two times: 2024 ISCO Championship/R2, 2026 Biltmore Championship Asheville/R1)
- Clinches a career-best 36-hole score of 127 (previous: 132, 2024 ISCO Championship)
- Leads the field in SG: Putting (6.844) and Scrambling (11/11); ranks fourth in SG: Off the Tee (2.674)
- No. 183 in the FedExCup Fall standings after just eight made cuts in 20 starts (best finish: T38, ONEflight Myrtle Beach Classic)
- Earned PGA Tour membership for the first time by finishing No. 4 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List
- Owens three career top-25 finishes on Tour, all coming in 2024 as a sponsor exemption at the ISCO Championship (T6), Procore Championship (T13) and Rocket Classic (T20)
- 25-year-old turned professional in 2024 after playing at James Madison University (2019-22) and Ohio State University (2022-24)

Ben Kohles (2nd/-14)

- Records an eagle-birdie finish on Nos. 17-18 to cap off a second-round 63
- In his 388th round on Tour, one stroke shy of tying his career-low 62 (2026 3M Open/R1, finished 9th)
- Marks career-best 36-hole score of 128 after rounds of 65 and 63 (previous best: 129, 2024 Bank of Utah Championship)
- No. 96 in the FedExCup standings, owns two top-10 finishes in 12 starts this season (T3/John Deere Classic, 9th/3M Open)
- Five-time Korn Ferry Tour winner seeking his first PGA Tour title in his 125th career start (best finish: 2nd/2024 CJ CUP Byron Nelson)

Additional notes

- Ricky Castillo** (T3/-11) matches Shipley for the low round of the day with a bogey-free 62, tying his career low on Tour (2025 RSM Classic/R4); second-year member entered the week No. 69 in the FedExCup standings with two top-10s this season, highlighted by his first PGA Tour title at the Puerto Rico Open
- Seeking his first PGA Tour win in his 79th career start, **Max Greyserman** (T3/-11) owns five runner-up finishes since joining the Tour in 2024, the most by any player without a victory during that span; No. 103 in the FedExCup standings, owns four top-25 finishes in 23 starts this season (best: T9, THE CJ CUP Byron Nelson)
- Clemson alum **Jacob Bridgeman** (T6/-9) sits inside the top six on the leaderboard entering the weekend for the fourth time this season and first since The Genesis Invitational in February, which he went on to win for his maiden PGA Tour title
- 18-year-old University of Tennessee freshman **Tyler Watts** (T46/-4) records his third made cut in his third PGA Tour start
- Leaderboard positions of Presidents Cup players in the field:
 - U.S. Team: **Jacob Bridgeman** (T6/-9), **Jackson Koivun** (T20/-7)
 - International Team: **Nick Taylor** (T38/-5), **Corey Connors** (T61/-3), **Christiaan Bezuidenhout** (MC/-2), **Ryo Hisatsune** (MC/E), **Nico Echavarria** (MC/+6)
- Lanto Griffin** WD (back) during the second round
- Due to heavy rainfall and high temperatures in Western North Carolina creating challenging agronomic conditions during the final phases of tournament preparation, preferred lies are in effect all four rounds at the Biltmore Championship Asheville