

2026 Biltmore Championship Asheville ShotLink Broadcast Window Notes



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Jackson Koivun is the first player since Jordan Spieth in 2013 to be 21 years old or younger to be competing for Team USA in the Presidents Cup.

Jacob Bridgeman is one of two players in the field this week representing Team USA in the Presidents Cup (J. Koivun).

Webb Simpson named one of the four assistant captains for Team USA at the 2026 Presidents Cup.

J.T. Poston has earned five Top 25 finishes in his last 11 starts on the PGA TOUR including a win at the 2026 Memorial Tournament.

Tony Finau is seeking his first Top 5 finish on the PGA Tour this season, trying to keep his streak of 10 consecutive seasons with a Top 5 finish alive.

Ben James is making his first start since recording a solo-3rd finish at the 2026 Wyndham Championship, his best finish in his PGA Tour career.

Nico Echavarria has moved inside the Aon Next 10 (51-60) in back to back FedExCup Fall seasons (2024 & 2025).

Corey Connors one of two Canadian's on the International Presidents Cup Team in the field this week.

Ryo Hisatsune is making his sixth PGA Tour start in North Carolina with a best finish of T3 at the 2024 Wyndham Championship.

Nick Taylor one of two Canadian's on the International Presidents Cup Team in the field this week.

Billy Horschel is making his 385th PGA Tour career start, one of seven players in the field making their 385th or greater start on Tour.

Blades Brown is making his 20th career start on the PGA Tour and is one of three players with multiple Top 10 finishes on both the Korn Ferry Tour and PGA Tour this season (Z. Blair & B. Kohles).

FedExCup Fall

The Biltmore Championship Asheville marks the first 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 Biltmore Championship Asheville

	Rank	Pts
Keith Mitchell	51 st	837.635
Jordan Spieth	52 nd	818.421
Max Homa	53 rd	811.387
Harris English	54 th	797.673
Pierceson Coody	55 th	795.421
Harry Hall	56 th	776.768
Samuel Stevens	57 th	759.583
Sudarshan Yellamaraju	58 th	751.840
Corey Connors	59 th	729.780
Daniels Berger	60 th	709.158

Top 100 Bubble
Entering This Week

		+/- pts
96	Ben Kohles	+23.34
97	Christiaan Bezuidenhout	+18.85
98	Tony Finau	+13.08
99	Rasmus Neergaard-Petersen	+0.79
100	Billy Horschel	-
101	Lucas Glover	-4.67
102	Taylor Moore	-23.68
103	Max Greyserman	-24.57
104	Kristoffer Ventura	-29.68
105	A.J. Ewart	-30.10

- 32** Average age of the current Aon Next 10, with three players under the age of 30
(Pierceson Coody/26, Harry Hall/29, Sudarshan Yellamaraju/25)
- 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

**Playing Their Way Into Aon Next 10
 Entering FedExCup Fall Outside**

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

**Finishing Inside Final Fall Aon Next 10
 FedExCup Fall Winners**

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

Broadcast Window Notes

Presidents Cup Team Members in the Field This Week

United States	International
Jacob Bridgeman	Nico Echavarria
Jackson Koivun	Ryo Hisatsune
	Corey Connors
	Nick Taylor
	Christiaan Bezuidenhout

Jackson Koivun is the second youngest player to qualify for the United States Presidents Cup Team & the first player since Jordan Spieth in 2013 to be 21 years old or younger competing for Team USA in the Presidents Cup. Since becoming a professional Koivun's Scoring Average has improved from 70.60 as an amateur to 68.50 as a professional with 66.77% of his professional rounds being in the 60's, compared to only 30% as an amateur.

Youngest Presidents Cup Participants United States Team

	Age	Year
Jordan Spieth	20 Years, 2 Months, 9 Days	2013
Jackson Koivun	21 Years, 4 Months, 4 Days	2026
Jordan Spieth	22 Years, 2 Months, 14 Days	2015
Tiger Woods	22 Years, 11 Months, 13 Days	1998

**ages as of final day of that year's Presidents Cup*

Opening Rd Comparison PGA Tour Amateur v Professional Career

	Amateur	Professional
Scoring Avg	70.60	68.50
PCT of Rds in 60's	30.00	66.67
Avg Rd Position	50	50
Driving Accuracy PCT	62.14	64.29
Greens in Reg. PCT	65.56	70.37

Jacob Bridgeman has 62 Rounds Under Par this season, the second most Rounds Under Par on the PGA Tour this season. Over the last three seasons Bridgeman has a Strokes Gained: Putting average of +0.55, the fourth highest average of any player on the PGA Tour in that span. Bridgeman is the only player ranked inside the Top 10 in Strokes Gained: Putting, Average Putts Per Round, One Putt Percentage, Putting from -> 10 Feet and Putting From -> 25 Feet on the PGA Tour this season.

Most Rds Under Par PGA Tour This Season

	Total
Si Woo Kim	66
Jacob Bridgeman	62
Scottie Scheffler	61
Ryan Gerard	59

Best Avg SG: Putting PGA Tour Last 3 Seasons

	Avg
Taylor Montgomery	+0.82
Sam Burns	+0.73
Denny McCarthy	+0.64
Jacob Bridgeman	+0.55
Harry Hall	+0.54

**min 100 rds played*

Putting Rank Comparison PGA Tour Last Season v This Season

	2025	2026*
Strokes Gained	21 st	1st
Putts Per Round	T35	5th
One Putt PCT	29 th	7th
Putting > 10'	17 th	6th
Putting > 25'	T111	T10

**only player ranked inside Top 10 in every statistic*

Webb Simpson is making his 395th PGA Tour Career start and 11th this season with a best finish of T18 at the Valspar Championship. Simpson has made 35 starts in the state of North Carolina with a win back in 2011 at the Wyndham Championship. Since his last win at the 2020 RBC Heritage, Simpson has made 104 starts making the cut in 62.50% of starts with 30 Top 25 Finishes and 12 Top 10 finishes.

Best Finish in North Carolina PGA Tour Career

	Finish
2011 Wyndham Championship	WON
2019 Wyndham Championship	2 nd
2018 Wyndham Championship	T2
2015 Truist Championship	T2
2017 Wyndham Championship	3 rd
2020 Wyndham Championship	T3

PGA Tour Career Since Last Win (2020 RBC Heritage)

	Value
Total Starts	104
Cut Made %	62.50
Top 25s	30
Top 10s	12
Top 5s	3

J.T. Poston is one of two Signature Event winners in the field this week (Jacob Bridgeman). Poston ranks 16th in Par 3 Birdie or Better PCT entering this week, he is one of two players on the PGA Tour to improve their rank in this statistic in each of the last four seasons. In his last 11 starts he has recorded five Top 25 finishes, compared to one in his first 10 starts on the PGA Tour this season.

Par 3 Birdie or Better PCT Rank
PGA Tour Last 5 Seasons

	Rank
2026	16th
2025	39 th
2024	73 rd
2022 - 23	97 th
2021 - 22	109 th

**one of two players to improve each of last 4 seasons*

First 10 v Last 11 Starts
PGA Tour This Season

	First 10	Last 11
Made Cut PCT	70.00	72.73
Wins	0	1*
Top 5's	0	2
Top 25's	1	5
Scoring Avg	70.59	69.71

**2026 the Memorial Tournament*

Players to Earn Win in North Carolina
in the Field This Week

	Event
Lucas Glover	2023 Wyndham Championship
Kevin Kisner	2021 Wyndham Championship
J.T. Poston	2019 Wyndham Championship
Camilo Villegas	2014 Wyndham Championship
Webb Simpson	2011 Wyndham Championship
Lucas Glover	2011 Truist Championship

Tony Finau has a Top 5 finish in each the last 10 seasons played (seeking first Top 5 Finish in 2026), tied for the fifth longest active streak of Seasons with a Top 5 Finish. Last season Finau ranked T157 in Par 5 Scoring Average, compared to ranking T16 this season, an improvement of 141 positions from last season to this season. The largest rank improvement in Par 5 Scoring Average from last season to this season.

Largest Par 5 Scoring Avg Rank Improvement
PGA Tour Last Season v This Season

	2025	2026	Improv.
Tony Finau	T157	T16	+141
Shane Lowry	T169	T31	+138
Max Homa	T157	T24	+133
Mackenzie Hughes	T157	T24	+133
Sahith Theegala	T169	T40	+129

Putting Distance Breakdown
PGA Tour This Season

	PCT	Rank
Putting Inside 5'	95.63	141 st
Putting Inside 10'	86.73	T136
Putting > 10'	16.31	55th
Putting > 20'	10.89	3rd
Putting > 25'	7.69	T10

Longest Active Streak
PGA Tour Seasons With Top 5 Finish

	Streak
Matt Kuchar*	19
Rory McIlroy	18
Hideki Matsuyama	13
Justin Thomas	12
Tony Finau*	10
Tommy Fleetwood	10
Patrick Cantlay	10
Xander Schauffele	10

**Seeking first Top 5 this season to extend streak*

Ben James is making his first start since his best finish on the PGA Tour, 3rd at the 2026 Wyndham Championship. In his eight PGA Tour starts as a professional James has recorded two Top 5 finishes with a scoring average of 68.43, compared to zero and a Scoring Average of 71.82 in his amateur career on the PGA Tour.

Best Finish
PGA Tour Career

	Finish
2026 Wyndham Championship*	3rd
2026 Corales Puntacana Championship	T4
2026 ISCO Championship	T15
2026 U.S. Open	T23
2025 Valero Texas Open	T33

**making first start since 26th Wyndham Championship*

PGA Tour Career Breakdown
Amateur v Professional

	Amateur	Professional
Starts	9	8
Made Cut PCT	22.22	87.50
Top 5's	0	2
Top 25's	0	4
Scoring Avg	71.82	68.43

Nico Echavarria is one of five players to play their way into the Aon Next 10 in the FedExCup Fall last season (Moved from 62nd to 55th). Echavarria has finished 9 rounds inside the Top 10 in the Third and Final Round this season, compared to only spending 3 rounds inside the Top 10 in the First and Second Round. Echavarria finished 54.39% of rounds under par on the weekend compared to only 41.67% in the opening rounds.

Scoring Comparison
PGA Tour This Season

	Round 1 & 2	Round 3 & Final
Score to Par	-1	-11
Times Inside Top 10	3	9
PCT of Rds Under Par	41.67	54.39
Avg Birdies or Better	4.00	3.49

Players to Play Their Way into Aon Next 10
2025 FedExCup Fall

	Entering	Final
Sami Valimaki	87 th	51 st
Garrick Higgo	99 th	53 rd
Rico Hoey	106 th	54 th
Nico Echavarria	62nd	55th
Max McGreevy	97 th	60 th

Corey Conners has a Made Cut PCT of 77.16%, the highest of any Canadian player on the PGA Tour Since 1983. In North Carolina Conners has made 12 previous starts recording two Top 10 finishes, his best finish coming at the 2023 Truist Championship where he finished T8.

Highest Made Cut PCT by a Canadian
PGA Tour Since 1983

	PCT
Corey Conners	77.16
Adam Hadwin	70.10
Taylor Pendrith	69.40

PGA Tour Career
in North Carolina

	Value
Starts	12
Top 10's	2*
Top 25's	6
Scoring Avg	69.68
PCT of Rds Under Par	59.09%

*Best Finish: T8 '23 Truist Champ.

Ryo Hisatsune ranks 9th in Greens in Regulation Percentage on the PGA Tour this season, on pace to be his best in a season in his PGA Tour career. He has a Made Cut PCT of 92.00% in 2026, tied for the fourth best of any Japanese player in a season on the PGA Tour since 1983. Hisatsune has recorded 144 Rounds in the 60's on the PGA Tour in the last three seasons, fifth most of any player in that span.

Approach-the-Green Rank Comparison
PGA Tour Last Season v This Season

	2025	2026
Strokes Gained	71 st	44 th
Greens in Regulation PCT	T40	9 th *
Proximity to Hole	T91	T37

*on pace to be his best GIR rank in a season

Highest Made Cut PCT in a Season by a Japanese Player
PGA Tour Since 1983

	PCT
2026 Hideki Matsuyama	100.00
2024 Hideki Matsuyama	95.00
1984 Tommy Nakajima	92.86
2026 Ryo Hisatsune	92.00
2015 Hideki Matsuyama	92.00

*min 12 starts

Most Rds in the 60's
PGA Tour Last 3 Seasons

	Total
Ben Griffin	162
Scottie Scheffler	157
Jacob Bridgeman	147
Si Woo Kim	146
Ryo Hisatsune	144

Nick Taylor is one of two players to be ranked inside the Top 20 in several Around the Green categories (Strokes Gained, Proximity to Hole, Scrambling < 10 yds, Sand Save PCT & Proximity to Hole from the Sand). Gaining an average of 0.29 strokes around the green this season, on track for his highest in a season in his PGA Tour career.

Around the Green
PGA Tour This Season

	Value	Rank
Strokes Gained (avg)	+0.29	18 th
Prox. to Hole	6' 9	T11
Scrambling from < 10 yards	97.85	1 st
Sand Save Percentage	58.74	20 th
Prox. to Hole from Sand	8' 0	T16

**One of two players ranked inside top 20 in every category*

Highest Strokes Gained: Around-the-Green Average
PGA TOUR Career

Season	Avg	Rank
2026	+0.29	18th
2023	+0.18	48 th
2017	+0.12	T58
2025	+0.10	62 nd

Billy Horschel leads the PGA Tour in Fairway Advantage on average playing 0.52 strokes better from the fairways than the rough. Has made 18 previous starts in North Carolina in his PGA Tour career with his best finish being a runner-up at the 2020 Wyndham Championship.

Fairway Advantage Leaders
PGA Tour This Season

	Avg
Billy Horschel	-0.52
Michael Thorbjornsen	-0.48
Luke Clanton	-0.46
Kevin Yu	-0.46
David Lipsky	-0.45

PGA Tour Career
in North Carolina

	Total
Starts	18
Cuts Made	17
Runner-Ups	1
Top 5's	3
Top 10's	5

Blades Brown is one of three players with multiple Top 10 finishes on both the Korn Ferry Tour and PGA Tour this season (Z. Blair & B. Kohles). Brown has 2 Top 10 finishes on the PGA Tour this season, tied for the most of any player 21 or younger at the time the event ended.

Players With Multiple Top 10 Finishes
Korn Ferry Tour & PGA Tour This Season

	Korn Ferry Tour	PGA Tour
Zac Blair	2	3
Blades Brown	5	2
Ben Kohles	3	2

Most Top 10 Finishes 21 Years Old & Younger
PGA Tour This Season

	Total
Blades Brown	2
Jackson Koivun	2
Aldrich Potgieter	2

**age at event end*