



2026 Charles Schwab Challenge
(22nd of 34 FedExCup Regular Season events)

Fort Worth, Texas
Colonial Country Club

May 28-31, 2026
Par/Yards: 35-35 – 70/7,289

FedExCup points: 500 (winner)
Purse: \$9.9 million (\$1,782,000)

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, May 30, 2026

Weather: Partly cloudy and hot. High of 92. Wind SSW 12-16 mph, with gusts to 25 mph.

Third-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	Total
1	Eric Cole	67	68	63	198 (-12)
2	Ryan Gerard	64	67	68	199 (-11)
T3	Mac Meissner	66	67	67	200 (-10)
T3	J.J. Spaun	64	68	68	200 (-10)
T5	Alex Smalley	65	67	69	201 (-9)
T5	Russell Henley	66	66	69	201 (-9)
T5	Hideki Matsuyama	66	65	70	201 (-9)

- The 54-hole leader(s)/co-leader(s) on TOUR have gone on to win eight of 21 events this season
- The 54-hole leader/co-leader has won the last two years at the Charles Schwab Challenge (Davis Riley/2024, Ben Griffin/2025), snapping a streak of four straight come-from-behind winners (Daniel Berger/2020, Jason Kokrak/2021, Sam Burns/2022, Emiliano Grillo/2023)

Eric Cole (1st/-12)

- Following a third-round 7-under 63, holds a one-stroke lead over Ryan Gerard
- Now has 19 straight par-or-better rounds on the PGA TOUR (stroke-play events only), with 15 of those occurring in Texas; Saturday's 63 marks his 13th straight under-par round in individual stroke-play events
- Previous-best 54-hole position heading into the final round is solo-second or T2:
 - 2023 Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches (2nd) – final round 3-under 67, finished 2nd
 - 2023 Baycurrent Classic (T2) – final-round even-par 70, finished T2
 - 2023 RSM Classic (2nd) – final-round 3-under 67, finished T3
 - 2024 John Deere Classic (T2) – final-round 2-under 69, finished T7
 - 2025 Sony Open in Hawaii (T2) – final-round 2-under 68, finished 5th
- Ranks second in Proximity to the hole (25'5") and fourth in Strokes Gained: Tee to Green (8.130)
- Making his fourth start at the Charles Schwab Challenge (MC/2023, MC/2024, T28/2025)
- In search of his first victory in his 120th PGA TOUR start; career-best runner-up finishes at the 2023 Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches (lost in a playoff to Chris Kirk) and the 2023 Baycurrent Classic
- Currently No. 81 in the FedExCup standings with two top-10 finishes (T6/Zurich Classic of New Orleans/with teammate Hank Lebioda, T6/ONEflight Myrtle Beach Classic); projected No. 31 in the FedExCup with a victory
- Would become the eighth player and first since Sergio Garcia (2001) to earn their first TOUR victory at the event

Additional Player Notes

- 2025 Barracuda Championship winner **Ryan Gerard** (2nd/-11) is one of five players with two or more runner-up finishes on TOUR this season (Sony Open in Hawaii, The American Express), joining Scottie Scheffler (3), Nicolai Højgaard (2), Alex Smalley (2) and Si Woo Kim (2); leads the field in Strokes Gained: Putting (7.639) and Proximity to the hole (24'1")
- Currently projected No. 3 in the Aon Swing 5 with the top-five earning a spot in next week's Memorial Tournament presented by Workday, Dallas, Texas native **Mac Meissner** (T3/-10) trails by two in bid for his second top-10 finish in his third start at the Charles Schwab Challenge (T5/2024, T28/2025) and first TOUR title in his 69th start
- 2025 U.S. Open champion **J.J. Spaun** (T3/-10) has three wins in 257 starts, including two in Texas (2022 & 2026 Valero Texas Open); lone top-10 finish in six prior Charles Schwab Challenge starts came last season (T6)
- 11-time PGA TOUR winner **Hideki Matsuyama** (T5/-9) trails by three in his 300th PGA TOUR start
- Making first start since finishing T2 at the PGA Championship, **Alex Smalley** (T5/-9) is in search for his seventh straight top-25 finish
- 36-hole leader **Jordan Smith** (T19/-6) posts a 4-over 74 and trails Cole by six strokes
- **Ben Griffin** (T19/-6) trails by six in bid to join Ben Hogan (1946-47, 1952-53) as the only back-to-back winners of the event

Aon Next 10 and Swing 5

- The Aon Swing 5 is made up of the five players, not otherwise exempt, who earn the most FedExCup points in the ONEflight Myrtle Beach Classic, THE CJ CUP Byron Nelson and the Charles Schwab Challenge to qualify for the Memorial Tournament presented by Workday; current projections (**bold = in the field**)

Aon Swing 5			
Rank	Player	Points	This week
1	Wyndham Clark	500	---
2	Brandt Snedeker	308.5	T46
3	Mac Meissner	227.429	T3
4	Mark Hubbard	191.029	T65
5	Jackson Suber	170.107	T46

- The top 10 players in the FedExCup standings, not otherwise exempt, following the Charles Schwab Challenge will qualify for the Memorial Tournament presented by Workday through the Aon Next 10; current projections (**bold = in the field**)

Aon Next 10			
Rank	Player	Points	This week
1	Alex Smalley	1,180.521	T5
2	Min Woo Lee	1,153.533	---
3	Kristoffer Reitan	1,109.225	---
4	Nicolai Højgaard	1,074.136	---
5	Adam Scott	950.875	---
6	Jake Knapp	928.250	---
7	Aaron Rai	916.764	---
8	Gary Woodland	893.487	T12
9	Alex Fitzpatrick	866.625	---
10	Eric Cole	793.302	1st