

Looking at the last six winners of the Charles Schwab Challenge we can help narrow down who has the best potential to win. We start with 132 players in the field and remove players that do not meet the criteria in order below:

**Age:** The last 6 winners have been from 25 years old to 36 years old

**42 players do not meet the criteria**

Mason Howell (18), Luke Clanton (22), Nick Dunlap (22), Albert Hansson (22), Ryo Hisatsune (23), Tom Kim (23), Akshay Bhatia (24), Michael Brennan (24), Michael Thorbjornsen (24), Karl Vilips (24), Sudarshan Yellamaraju (24), Eric Cole (37), Rickie Fowler (37), Lanto Griffin (37), Russell Henley (37), Tom Hoge (37), Mark Hubbard (37), Stephan Jaeger (37), David Lipsky (37), Paul Peterson (37), Andrew Putnam (37), Joel Dahmen (38), Ben Martin (38), Keegan Bradley (39), Brian Harman (39), Billy Horschel (39), John Parry (39), Seamus Power (39), Patton Kizzire (40), Webb Simpson (40), Chris Kirk (41), Brice Garnett (42), Kevin Kisner (42), Gary Woodland (42), David Skinns (44), Camilo Villegas (44), Brandt Snedeker (45), Lucas Glover (46), Matt Kuchar (47), Kevin Streelman (47), Charley Hoffman (49) & Ryan Palmer (49)

**PGA TOUR Wins:** The last 6 winners earned their 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> career wins

**55 players do not meet the criteria**

Zach Bauchou, Christiaan Bezuidenhout, Zac Blair, Chandler Blanchet, Dan Brown, Bud Cauley, Davis Chatfield, Pierceson Coody, Trace Crowe, Zecheng Dou, Adrien Dumont de Chassart, A.J. Ewart, Doug Ghim, Max Greyserman, Kensei Hirata, Rico Hoey, Rasmus Højgaard, Beau Hossler, Takumi Kanaya, Jeffrey Kang, Johnny Keefer, Ben Kohles, Christo Lamprecht, Hank Lebioda, Haotong Li, Max McGreevy, Mac Meissner, Keita Nakajima, Rasmus Neergaard-Petersen, Pontus Nyholm, Thorbjørn Olesen, Chandler Phillips, Patrick Rodgers, Kevin Roy, Marcelo Roza, Sam Ryder, Adrien Saddier, Neal Shipley, Alex Smalley, Jordan Smith, Austin Smotherman, Hayden Springer, Jimmy Stanger, Sam Stevens, Jackson Suber, Alejandro Tosti, John VanDerLaan, Kris Ventura, Danny Walker, Vince Whaley & Dylan Wu all have not won. Max Homa and Tony Finau have 6 prior wins, Hideki Matsuyama has 11 and Justin Thomas has 16.

**PGA TOUR Career Starts:** The last 6 winners won in their 90<sup>th</sup> to 249<sup>th</sup> start

**16 more players do not meet the criteria**

William Mouw (39<sup>th</sup>), Steven Fisk (42<sup>nd</sup>), Ricky Castillo (43<sup>rd</sup>), Matt McCarty (48<sup>th</sup>), Brian Campbell (63<sup>rd</sup>), Matthieu Pavon (67<sup>th</sup>), Ludvig Åberg (68<sup>th</sup>), Ryan Gerard (69<sup>th</sup>), Joe Highsmith (74<sup>th</sup>), Robert MacIntyre (89<sup>th</sup>), J.T. Poston (256<sup>th</sup>), Adam Schenk (260<sup>th</sup>), Mackenzie Hughes (261<sup>st</sup>), Michael Kim (268<sup>th</sup>) & Emiliano Grillo (284<sup>th</sup>)

**FedExCup Rank:** The last 6 winners have been ranked 151<sup>st</sup> or better entering the week

**4 players do not meet the criteria**

Garrick Higgo (152<sup>nd</sup>), Adam Svensson (161<sup>st</sup>), Nick Hardy (189<sup>th</sup>) & Cam Davis (197<sup>th</sup>)

**SG: Putting:** The last 6 winners have been ranked 134<sup>th</sup> or better entering the week

**3 players do not meet the criteria**

Andrew Novak (145<sup>th</sup>), Kevin Yu (156<sup>th</sup>) & Davis Thompson (159<sup>th</sup>)

**Driving Accuracy:** The last 6 winners have been ranked 135<sup>th</sup> or better entering the week

**2 players do not meet the criteria**

Taylor Moore (141<sup>st</sup>) & Davis Riley (158<sup>th</sup>)

**Greens in Regulation:** The last 6 winners have been ranked 119<sup>th</sup> or better entering the week

**3 players do not meet the criteria**

Nico Echavarria (123<sup>rd</sup>), Erik van Rooyen (135<sup>th</sup>) & Sungjae Im (151<sup>st</sup>)

**Birdie Average:** The last 6 winners have been ranked 80<sup>th</sup> or better entering the week

**3 players do not meet the criteria**

Chad Ramey (82<sup>nd</sup>), Sahith Theegala (84<sup>th</sup>) & Lee Hodges (102<sup>nd</sup>)

**Putting Inside 10':** The last 6 winners have been ranked 123<sup>rd</sup> or better entering the week

**1 player does not meet the criteria**

Austin Eckroat (144<sup>th</sup>)

**PGA TOUR Career Top 5s:** The last 6 winners had at least 5 previous top 5 finishes

**1 player does not meet the criteria**

Harry Hall (2)

**Defending Champion:** The last 71 editions of the Charles Schwab Challenge, the defending champion, did not successfully defend the longest active streak of any event on the PGA TOUR. The last successful title defense was Ben Hogan (1952-53)

**1 player does not meet the criteria**

Ben Griffin (2025 Charles Schwab Challenge Champion)

The only remaining player is....

	Criteria	Mitchell Rank	Players Eliminated	Players Left
Age	25 to 36	34	42	90
PGA TOUR Wins	2 <sup>nd</sup> to 4 <sup>th</sup>	1	55	35
PGA TOUR Career Starts	90 <sup>th</sup> to 249 <sup>th</sup>	229 <sup>th</sup>	16	19
FedExCup Rank	151 <sup>st</sup> or better	62 <sup>nd</sup>	4	15
SG: Putting	134 <sup>th</sup> or better	115 <sup>th</sup>	3	12
Driving Accuracy	135 <sup>th</sup> or better	116 <sup>th</sup>	2	10
Greens in Regulation	119 <sup>th</sup> or better	21 <sup>st</sup>	3	7
Birdie Average	80 <sup>th</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup>	3	4
Putting Inside 10'	123 <sup>rd</sup> or better	67 <sup>th</sup>	1	3
Career Top 5s	5 or more	14	1	2
Defending Champion	No	No	1	<b>Keith Mitchell</b>