



**2026 Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches**  
(7<sup>th</sup> of 34 FedExCup Regular Season events)

Palm Beach Gardens, Florida  
PGA National Resort (The Champion Course)

February 26 – March 1, 2026  
Par/Yards: 35-36—71/7,223

FedExCup points: 500 (winner)  
Purse: \$9.6 million (\$1,728,000/winner)

**Final-Round Notes – Sunday, March 1, 2026**

**Weather:** Mostly cloudy. High of 77. Wind NE 12-15 mph, gusting to 20 mph. Preferred lies were utilized for the final round.

**Final Leaderboard**

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Nico Echavarria	63	72	66	66	267 (-17)
T2	Taylor Moore	67	67	67	68	269 (-15)
T2	Shane Lowry	70	67	63	69	269 (-15)
T2	Austin Smotherman	62	69	69	69	269 (-15)
5	Ricky Castillo	69	70	64	68	271 (-13)

**Nico Echavarria (Won/-17)**

- Wins third PGA TOUR event in his 94<sup>th</sup> start at 31 years, 6 months, 25 days; first player in his 30s to win through seven events on TOUR this season
- PGA TOUR wins: (2023 Puerto Rico Open, 2024 Baycurrent Classic, 2026 Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches)
- Moves up 40 spots to No. 6 in the FedExCup standings
- With the win, becomes exempt through 2028 with starts in THE PLAYERS, Masters Tournament, PGA Championship and all Signature Events this season
- Makes fewest number of bogeys for the week (3), all coming in the second round
- Becomes second player from Colombia (Camilo Villegas/2010) and 16<sup>th</sup> different international player to win this event
- Led the field in Strokes Gained: Tee To Green (9.760)
- Notched four missed cuts and two top-10s (T8/AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, Won/2026 Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches) in six starts this season
- Fourth appearance at The Cognizant Classic (MC/2023, T21/2024, MC/2025, Won/2026)

**Miscellaneous**

- **Taylor Moore** (T2/-15) was one of two players to post four rounds in the 60s this week (Austin Smotherman); earns a spot in next week's Signature Event, the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard, via his No. 3 finish on the Aon Swing 5
- **Shane Lowry** (T2/-15) held a three-stroke lead at 19-under with three holes to play before finishing double bogey, double bogey, par; cards back-to-back double bogeys for the first time since the 2016 WGC-HSBC Champions (R4); was bogey-free on the front nine (-12) for the entire week, marking the first time in his 194 stroke-play starts on TOUR that he has achieved this feat; now a cumulative 44-under in nine appearances at this event (15-over in first four starts, 59-under in last five starts)
- **Austin Smotherman** (T2/-15) posts his best finish in 82 starts on TOUR (previous: T5/2023 VidantaWorld Mexico Open); earns a spot in the field at next week's Signature Event, the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard, via his No. 8 finish in the Aon Next 10; led the field in birdies this week (23)
- University of Florida alum **Ricky Castillo** (5<sup>th</sup>/-13) records his third top-10 result in his 34<sup>th</sup> TOUR start (T5/2025 CJ CUP Byron Nelson, 3<sup>rd</sup>/2025 RSM Classic, 5<sup>th</sup>/2026 Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches)
- **Nicolai Højgaard** (T6/-11) earns a spot in next week's Signature Event, the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard, via his No. 1 finish on the Aon Swing 5; notched his eighth top-10 on TOUR and second consecutive (T3/WM Phoenix Open in his last start)
- **Brooks Koepka** (T9/-10) posts final-round 65 en route to his best finish in three starts this season since re-joining the PGA TOUR through the Returning Member Program (T56/Farmers Insurance Open, MC/WM Phoenix Open)

- **Max McGreevy** (T40/-4) records an albatross on the par-5 third, holing out from 246 yards; marks the first albatross at PGA National Resort (Champion Course) since it began hosting the Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches in 2007 and the first on TOUR since the 2025 Wyndham Championship (Gary Woodland/No. 5/R2)

**Aon Swing 5 and Aon Next 10**

- The top five players, not otherwise exempt, who earn the most FedExCup points during the Sony Open in Hawaii, The American Express, Farmers Insurance Open, WM Phoenix Open and Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches have qualified for the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard

**Aon Swing 5 standings (after the Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches):**

Rank	Player	Position	Points
1	Nicolai Højgaard	T6	253.967
2	Patrick Rodgers	-	234.492
3	Taylor Moore	T2	221.033
4	Andrew Putnam	MC	183.75
5	Keith Mitchell	T6	174.887

- **Aon Next 10:** The Aon Next 10 for the Arnold Palmer Invitational are determined by top ten FedExCup points earners, not already exempt, through the Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches

**Aon Next 10 standings (after the Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches):**

Rank	Player	Position	Points
1	Jake Knapp	-	680
2	Nico Echavarria	Won	647.5
3	Min Woo Lee	-	522
4	Pierceson Coody	-	458.563
5	Ryo Hisatsune	-	450.75
6	Adam Scott	-	395.625
7	Aldrich Potgieter	-	307.875
8	Austin Smotherman	T2	283.333
9	Matt McCarty	-	282.5
10	Sahith Theegala	-	280.208