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Ryan Gerard has opened his 2026 season with two runner-up finishes in his first five starts (Sony Open in Hawaii 2nd & The American Express T2), Gerard has not finished outside the top-25 in his first two starts at this event.

Max Homa has made birdie or better from the rough 31.82% of the time on the PGA TOUR this season, the third best of any player.

Michael Brennan is making his fifth start on the PGA TOUR this season, Brennan leads the PGA TOUR in Percentage of Drives 320+ yards (57.14%) this season.

Daniel Berger has recorded 3 top-5 finishes at the Cognizant Classic in the Palm Beaches the most of any event and the most at an event without a win in his PGA TOUR career (Best Finish: 2nd 2015).

Brooks Koepka is making his 8th career start at this event, the third most starts without a win at an event in his PGA TOUR career and the most of any non-major.

Will Zalatoris is making his event debut at the Cognizant Classic in the Palm Beaches this week, is looking to become the first player since Padraig Harrington in 2005 to win this event in their debut.

Rasmus Højgaard has an Average Driving Distance – All Drives of 313.10 in his first 3 starts, his highest average in a season in his PGA TOUR career.

Tom Kim is making his 100th career PGA TOUR start this week, is looking to be the first player to win in their 100th start since Andrew Novak (2025 Zurich Classic of New Orleans).

Michael Thorbjornsen is making his 50th career PGA TOUR start this week, is looking to become the third player to win the Cognizant Classic in the Palm Beaches in their 50th PGA TOUR start (2024 Austin Eckroat & 2020 Sungjae Im).

Shane Lowry is seeking his 9th consecutive made cut at this event, with a made cut would be tied for the 5th most consecutive cuts made at this event all-time (active streak).

Billy Horschel is +14 over par on the Bear Trap in 44 career rounds played, compared to -11 under par on the rest of the course.

Aaron Rai in 6 career rounds played at PGA National (The Champion) Rai is +12 over par, the third most over par of any course in his PGA TOUR career.

Karl Villips improved 158 positions from 166th to 8th in Strokes Gained: Putting from the 2025 to 2026 PGA TOUR season.

Garrick Higgo in his previous 9 career starts in Florida has recorded his best two finishes at the Cognizant Classic in the Palm Beaches (2024 T16 & 2023 T29).

Davis Riley has never missed at cut in 4 career starts at this event, one of 19 players to never miss a cut at this event all-time (min 4 events played).

Joe Highsmith the 2025 Cognizant Classic in the Palm Beaches Champion is looking to join Jack Nicklaus (1977 & '78) as the only other player to defend their title at this event.

Keith Mitchell recorded his only PGA TOUR career win at the 2019 Cognizant Classic in the Palm Beaches, has had 10 top-5 finishes on the PGA TOUR since.

Chris Kirk the 2023 Cognizant Classic in the Palm Beaches Champion recorded a total score of 268 en route to victory, the defending champion Joe Highsmith is the only winner to record a better total score at this event since 2007 (265).

Defending Champion ShotLink Keys to Victory

Joe Highsmith earned his first career PGA TOUR win and 500 FedExCup Points. Highsmith moved from 123rd to 10th in the FedExCup with his win, the first time inside the top-10 of the FedExCup after any week in his TOUR career.

- 100%** Highsmith became the 5th winner to hit the 17th green in all four rounds at the Cognizant Classic in the Palm Beaches since 2007 (*played the hole in two under for the week*).
- +6.50** On the weekend, Joe outperformed the field by 6.5 strokes on the greens, Highsmith made 232' 7" of putts including nine putts made over 10 feet in the final two rounds
- 128** Highsmith recorded the lowest combined third and final round scores at PGA National Resort (The Champion) since 2007
- 135'10"** Highsmith made 135'10" of putts in the third round, the most feet of putts made by a winner in a round at the Cognizant Classic in the Palm Beaches since 2007



Joe Highsmith
Cognizant Classic
in the Palm Beaches

Joe Highsmith is the first player at the Cognizant Classic in the Palm beaches to go bogey free and win in the final round at PGA National Resort (The Champion Course).

Last 5 Winners to go Bogey Free in Final Round

Event	
William Mouw	2025 ISCO Championship
Ryan Fox	2025 RBC Canadian Open
Ryan Fox	2025 ONEflight Myrtle Beach Classic
Justin Thomas	2025 RBC Heritage
Joe Highsmith	2025 Cognizant Classic in the Palm Beaches

Winning After Making Cut on the Number PGA TOUR Since 2003

Event	
Joe Highsmith	2025 Cognizant Classic in the Palm Beaches
Brandt Snedeker	2016 Farmers Insurance Open
Carl Pettersson	2010 RBC Canadian Open
Rory McIlroy	2010 Truist Championship
Chris Couch	2006 Zurich Classic in New Orleans
Brad Faxon	2005 Travelers Championship

Joe Highsmith became the Sixth player to win an event after making the cut on the number on TOUR since 2003. Highsmith was T48 after 36 holes and came from eight shots back marking the **largest 36-hole comeback** at the Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches since 2007.

Weekend Putting Performance 2025 Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches

	Highsmith	Field
Stroke Gained	+6.50 (1 st)	--
Distance of Putts Made	232' 7" (1 st)	150' 2"
Putts Made Over 10'	9 (1 st)	3

Lowest Final 36-Hole Score The Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches Since 2007

	Score
2025 Joe Highsmith	128
2025 Jacob Bridgeman	131
2025 Max McGreevy	131
2012 Tiger Woods	131
2010 Justin Rose	131

Most Feet of Putts Made in a Round by Winners at the Cognizant Classic at The Palm Beaches Since 2007

	Rd	Rd Putt Distance
2025 Joe Highsmith	3	135' 10"
2022 Sepp Straka	2	134' 4"

FedExCup Storylines & Notes

Thru 2026 The Genesis Invitational (25 weeks left)

30.2 Average of the current FedExCup TOP 10, with 6 players under the age of 30 (Ryan Gerard/26, Chris Gotterup/26, Jacob Bridgeman/26, Min Woo Lee/27, Scottie Scheffler/29, Collin Morikawa/29)

+13 Jacob Bridgeman has the biggest movement of any player moving inside the Top 10

**FedExCup TOUR TOP 10
Movement Last Week**

	Prev	Rank	Movement
Jacob Bridgeman	14 th	1st	+13
Chris Gotterup	1 st	2nd	-1
Scottie Scheffler	2 nd	3rd	-1
Collin Morikawa	3 rd	4th	-1
Jake Knapp	11 th	5th	+6
Hideki Matsuyama	4 th	6th	-2
Ryan Gerard	5 th	7th	-2
Si Woo Kim	7 th	8th	-1
Min Woo Lee	10 th	9th	+1
Justin Rose	6 th	10th	-4

**Average Age
Comcast Business TOUR TOP 10 this Season**

	Avg
thru Sony Open in Hawaii	29.3
thru The American Express	30.2
thru Farmers Insurance Open	30.04
thru WM Phoenix Open	29.7
thru The Genesis Invitational	30.2

Career Weeks Inside FedExCup Top 10

	Total
Jacob Bridgeman	3
Chris Gotterup	7
Scottie Scheffler	123
Collin Morikawa	63
Jake Knapp	5
Hideki Matsuyama	167
Ryan Gerard	6
Si Woo Kim	20
Min Woo Lee	2
Justin Rose	107

Aon Next 10/Swing 5 Breakdown

The Aon Next 10 and Aon Swing 5 are eligibility pathways for players, not already qualified, to play their way into Signature Events via the FedExCup standings.

- Aon Next 10: Top 10 available players, not otherwise exempt, from FedExCup standings
- Aon Swing 5: Top five available players, not otherwise exempt, who have earned the most FedExCup points from the swings leading up to each Signature Event

Below are the current Aon Next 10 and Swing 5 entering the Cognizant Classic in the Palm Beaches.

The top five FedExCup points earners in the Sony Open in Hawaii, The American Express, Farmers Insurance Open, WM Phoenix Open & Cognizant Classic will earn spots in the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard via the Aon Swing 5. (As part of the Returning Member Program, should Brooks Koepka finish in the top five of the Aon Swing 5 standings, the No. 6 player will also gain access into the next Signature Event).

The top ten FedExCup points earners through the Cognizant Classic will earn spots in the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard via the Aon Next 10.

**Aon Next 10
Cognizant Classic in the Palm Beaches**

	Total
Jake Knapp	680.00
Min Woo Lee	522.00
Pierceson Coody	458.56
Ryo Hisatsune	450.75
Adam Scott	395.63
Aldrich Potgieter	307.88
Matt McCarty	282.50
Sahith Theegala	280.21
Patrick Rodgers	271.16
Andrew Putnam	183.75

**Aon Swing 5
Cognizant Classic in the Palm Beaches**

	Total
Michael Thorbjornsen	171.00
Nicolai Hojgaard	162.30
Hoatong Li	139.21
Stephan Jaeger	131.50
Kevin Roy	111.50

Course Statistics

Shortest Driving Distance (All Drives) PGA TOUR Last Season

Pebble Beach Golf Links	278.2
Innisbrook Resort (Copperhead Course)	278.7
Harbour Town Golf Links	282.1
Spyglass Hill Golf Course	284.6
PGA National Resort (The Champion Course)	284.7

Lowest PCT. of Drives Over 300 Yards PGA TOUR Last Season

	PCT
Harbour Town Golf Links	21.78
Pebble Beach Golf Links	25.36
Innisbrook Resort (Copperhead Course)	26.77
PGA National Resort (The Champion Course)	27.71
Muirfield Village Golf Club	28.93

Closest Proximity to Hole Inside 100 Yards (Fwy) PGA TOUR Last Season

	Avg
TPC Craig Ranch	13' 6
PGA National Resort (The Champion Course)	14' 10
Sea Island Golf Club (Seaside Course)	14' 11
Plantation Course at Kapalua	14' 8
East Lake Golf Club	15' 2

Highest Birdie or Better PCT. From Fairway PGA TOUR Last Season

	PCT
Plantation Course at Kapalua	34.81
TPC Twin Cities	28.64
Pebble Beach Golf Links	28.01
East Lake Golf Club	27.61
PGA National Resort (The Champion Course)	27.56

Highest Going for the Green Percentage PGA TOUR Last Season

	PCT
East Lake Golf Club	82.00
Waialae Country Club	80.62
Sedgefield Country Club	80.22
PGA National Resort (The Champion Course)	75.24
TPC Southwind	74.28

Shortest Avg Going for It Shot PGA TOUR Last Season

	Yards
Sedgefield Country Club	217.2
Waialae Country Club	220.1
Pebble Beach Golf Links	231.7
TPC Southwind	233.5
PGA National Resort (The Champion Course)	236.4

Easiest Greenside Bunkers PGA TOUR Last Season

	PCT
Harbour Town Golf Links	67.44
Sea Island Golf Club (Plantation Course)	66.67
TPC Southwind	66.67
PGA National Resort (The Champion Course)	65.03
Nicklaus Tournament Course	64.16

Highest Putting PCT. Inside 10' PGA TOUR Last Season

	PCT
TPC Southwind	91.05
East Lake Golf Club	90.32
Harbour Town Golf Links	90.02
Sea Island Golf Club (Seaside Course)	89.79
PGA National Resort (The Champion Course)	89.68

Most Total Balls in the Water PGA TOUR Last Season

	# of Balls
TPC Sawgrass (THE PLAYERS Stadium Course)	261
TPC Twin Cities	247
PGA National Resort (The Champion Course)	226
TPC Scottsdale (Stadium Course)	220
Vidanta Vallarta	211

Winner Analysis

Youngest Winners

Cognizant Classic in the Palm Beaches Since 1983

Age	
2020 Sungjae Im	21 Years, 11 Months, 1 Days
2012 Rory McIlroy	22 Years, 10 Months, 0 Days
2002 Matt Kuchar	23 Years, 8 Months, 17 Days
2018 Justin Thomas	24 Years, 9 Months, 27 Days
2025 Joe Highsmith	24 Years, 10 Months, 11 Days

Oldest Winners

Cognizant Classic in the Palm Beaches Since 1983

Age	
2015 Pdraig Harrington	43 Years, 6 Months, 1 Days
2021 Matt Jones	40 Years, 11 Months, 2 Days
2004 Todd Hamilton	38 Years, 4 Months, 25 Days
2008 Ernie Els	38 Years, 4 Months, 14 Days
1995 Mark O'Meara	38 Years, 1 Months, 27 Days

Lowest Score to Par by Winner

Cognizant Classic in Palm Beaches Since 1983

Total	
2003 Justin Leonard	-24
1989 Blaine McCallister	-22
2025 Joe Highsmith	-19
2002 Matt Kuchar	-19
2000 Dudley Hart	-19

Most Birdies or Better by Winner

Cognizant Classic in Palm Beaches Since 1983

Total	
2003 Justin Leonard	29
2025 Joe Highsmith	26
1989 Blaine McCallister	25
2002 Matt Kuchar	24
2024 Austin Eckroat	23
1996 Tim Herron	23

Highest Driving Accuracy % by Winner

Cognizant Classic in the Palm Beaches Since 1983

Pct	
1994 Nick Price	91.07
1989 Blaine McCallister	89.29
2022 Sepp Straka	83.93
1995 Mark O'Meara	83.93

Highest Greens in Regulation % by Winner

Cognizant Classic in the Palm Beaches Since 1983

Pct	
2024 Austin Eckroat	81.94
1992 Corey Pavin	81.94
1998 Mark Calcavecchia	80.56
1994 Nick Price	79.17
1985 Curtis Strange	79.17
1984 Bruce Lietzke	79.17

Largest 36-Hole Comebacks

Cognizant Classic in the Palm Beaches Since 1983

Trailed By	
2005 Pdraig Harrington	10
1999 Vijay Singh	9
1989 Blaine McCallister	9
2025 Joe Highsmith	8
1983 Johnny Miller	7

Largest 54-Hole Comebacks

Cognizant Classic in the Palm Beaches Since 1983

Trailed By	
2005 Pdraig Harrington	7
2022 Sepp Straka	5
1999 Vijay Singh	5
2025 Joe Highsmith	4
2000 Dudley Hart	4
1984 Bruce Lietzke	4

Largest Margin of Victory

Cognizant Classic in the Palm Beaches Since 1983

Won By	
2010 Camilo Villegas	5
2021 Matt Jones	5
1989 Blaine McCallister	4
1996 Tim Herron	4
2017 Rickie Fowler	4

Broadcast Window Notes (featured groups)

Ryan Gerard has 3 top 10's so far this season, compared to 2 Last Season. Gerard has a Par 5 birdie or better percentage thru 5 starts, his highest in a season in his PGA TOUR Career (*min 50 attempts*). Gerard has earned 590.05 points in his first 5 starts this season, 446.92 more points than last season (143.13)

First 5 Starts Last Season vs This Season

	2025	2026
Made Cut %	100.00	100.00
Top 3's	0	2
Top 20's	2	3
Scoring Average	69.05	68.15

Highest Par 5 Birdie or Better % in a Season PGA TOUR Career

	Pct
2026	58.82
2023	48.57
2025	42.52

**Min 50 attempts*

FedExCup Points Earned First 5 Starts Last Season vs This Season

	Total
This Season	590.05
2025	143.13

Max Homa has the third highest birdie or better percentage from the rough on the PGA TOUR This Season. He has played the Bear Trap at two over par and has a driving accuracy of 83.33, while hitting the green 61.11% of the time. Homa is one of four players to have a lower scoring average in the rough (4.00) than fairway (4.14) on the PGA TOUR this season.

Highest Birdie or Better Percentage - Rough PGA TOUR This Season

	Pct
Rory McIlroy	45.16
Jacob Bridgeman	36.84
Max Homa	31.82
Will Zalatoris	30.00

PGA TOUR Career on The Bear Trap

Score to Par	+2
Birdie or Better %	16.67
Bogey or Worse %	16.67
Driving Acc. %	83.33
GIR %	61.11

**6 rounds played*

Players to Have Lower Scoring Average in Rough than Fairway PGA TOUR This Season

	Rough	Fairway
Rory McIlroy	3.69	3.96
Max Homa	4.00	4.14
Lanto Griffin	4.17	4.28
Matt McCarty	4.08	4.11

Michael Brennan has a top 3 percentage of 10% in his PGA TOUR Career, the third highest out of players in the field this week. Brennan has the highest driving PCT 320+ (All- Drives) (57.14%) and the shortest average approach shot distance on the PGA TOUR This Season (151.20 yds).

Highest PGA TOUR Career Top 3 Finish %

	Pct
Brooks Koepka	14.36
Rasmus Neergaard-Petersen	14.29
Michael Brennan	10.00
Adrien Saddier	10.00
Michael Thorbjornsen	8.16

**Players in Field This Week*

Highest Driving Pct. 320+ (All Drives) PGA TOUR This Season

	Pct
Michael Brennan	57.14
Nicolai Højgaard	42.86
Christo Lamprecht	41.96
Rasmus Højgaard	41.27
Gary Woodland	40.48

Shortest Average Approach Shot Distance PGA TOUR This Season

	Avg
Michael Brennan	151.20
Will Zalatoris	156.70
Doug Ghim	158.10
Lucas Glover	158.20

**2026 Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches
Broadcast Window & Pre-Tournament Notes**



Daniel Berger has three top 5's at Cognizant Classic in the Palm Beaches, the most in an event in his PGA TOUR Career. Berger has the fifth highest Par 5 Going for the Green % on the PGA TOUR This Season (84.00), he had the 4th highest at this course Last Season. He has played the Bear Trap 30 rounds and at two under par with a birdie or better percentage of 18.89.

**Most Top 10's in Event
PGA TOUR Career**

	Total
WM Phoenix Open	4
Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches	3
AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am	3

**3 top 5's at Cognizant Classic
(Most in Event in PGA TOUR Career)*

**Highest Par 5 Going for the Green %
PGA TOUR This Season**

	Pct
Rory McIlroy	96.43
Tommy Fleetwood	85.71
Scottie Scheffler	85.42
Robert MacIntyre	84.09
Daniel Berger	84.00

**PGA National (Champion Course)
had 4th Highest GFG % Last Season*

**PGA TOUR Career on
The Bear Trap**

Score to Par	-2
Birdie or Better %	18.89
Bogey or Worse %	13.33

**30 rounds played*

Brooks Koepka is making his 8th career start at the Cognizant Classic in the Palm Beaches, the third most Starts Without a Win at an event in his PGA TOUR career and the most of any non-major. He has the second highest PGA TOUR Career made cut percentage out of players in the field this week (78.19). Koepka has played 24 rounds at The Bear Trap at 9 over par compared to 6 over par for the rest of the course.

**Most Starts Without a Win
PGA TOUR Career**

	Total
The Open Championship	11
Masters Tournament	10
Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches	7

**5 events at 6*

**Highest PGA TOUR Career
Made Cut Percentage**

	Pct
John Parry	81.82
Brooks Koepka	78.19
Tom Kim	76.77
Christiaan Bezuidenhout	76.38
Shane Lowry	75.85

**Players in Field This Week*

**The Bear Trap vs Rest of Course
PGA TOUR Career**

	Bear Trap	Rest of Course
Score to Par	+9	+6
Birdie or Better %	12.50	17.78
Bogey or Worse %	20.83	16.11

**PGA National Resort (The Champion Course) 24 rds played*

Will Zalatoris is making his event debut this week, his best finish in an event debut (non-majors) is T8(2020 Corales Puntacana Championship & 2021 World Golf Championships-FedEx St. Jude Invitational). Zalatoris has earned 458 FedExCup Points in the state of Florida, his second most in a state in his PGA TOUR Career.

**Best Finishes Event Debut (Non-Majors)
PGA TOUR Career**

	Finish
2020 Corales Puntacana Championship	T8
2021 World Golf Championships-FedEx St. Jude Invitational	T8
2021 Procore Championship	T11
2024 FedEx St. Jude Championship	T12
2024 BMW Championship	T13

**making event debut this week*

**Most FedExCup Points Earned By State
PGA TOUR Career**

	Total
California	1,245
Florida	458
Oklahoma	330
Georgia	285

**2026 Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches
Broadcast Window & Pre-Tournament Notes**



Rasmus Højgaard has the highest driving percentage of 300+ (all drives) this season, is his highest in his PGA TOUR Career (76.19). Højgaard has the highest GIR Percentage – 200 + yards on the PGA TOUR This Season (81.25). He has an average Driving Distance of 313.10 yards, his longest out of any season in his PGA TOUR Career.

**Highest Driving Pct. 300+ (All Drives) in a Season
PGA TOUR Career**

	Pct
2026	76.19
2025	64.11
2022	58.43
2024	56.62
2023	48.15

**Longest Driving Distance - All Drives
in a Season PGA TOUR Career**

	Avg
2026	313.10
2025	306.30
2023	303.80
2022	301.70
2024	300.00

**Highest GIR Percentage - 200+ yards
PGA TOUR This Season**

	Pct
Rasmus Højgaard	81.25
Kensei Hirata	73.33
Chandler Blanchet	69.23
Zach Bauchou	67.86

Tom Kim is making his 100th career start this week; there have been 6 players to win in their 100th start since 2000, the most recent being Andrew Novak in the 2025 Zurich Classic of New Orleans. Kim has improved in both Driving Accuracy (102nd to T9) and Birdie or Better % from Fairway (156th To 89th) from Last Season to This Season.

**Players to Win PGA TOUR Event on 100th Career
Start Since 2000**

	Event
Andrew Novak	2025 Zurich Classic of New Orleans
Sungjae Im	2021 Shriners Children's Open
Richy Werenski	2020 Barracuda Championship
Brooks Koepka	2018 PGA Championship
Hideki Matsuyama	2017 WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invit.
Tiger Woods	2000 WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invit.

**T.Kim is making 100th start this week*

**Off-the-Tee Improvements
Last Season vs This Season**

	2025		2026	
	Pct	Rank	Pct	Rank
Driving Acc. %	60.00	102 nd	68.57	T9
Birdie or Better % - Fairway	21.60	156 th	24.26	89 th

Michael Thorbjornsen is making his 50th career start this week; Austin Eckroat was the last player to win in his 50th start at this event. Thorbjornsen has improved 2.04 strokes in the first round from last season (69.04) to this season (67.00).

**First Round Improvements
Last Season vs This Season**

	2025	2026
Scoring Avg	69.04	67.00
Birdie or Better %	24.54	31.94
Driving Acc. %	68.26	64.29
GIR %	72.69	73.61

**Last Five Players to Win
First Event on 50th Career Start**

	Event
Austin Eckroat	2024 Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches
Kurt Kitayama	2023 Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard
Sungjae Im	2020 Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches
Daniel Berger	2016 FedEx St. Jude Classic
Walter Burkemo	1953 PGA Championship

**2026 Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches
Broadcast Window & Pre-Tournament Notes**



Shane Lowry has made 8 consecutive cuts at the Cognizant Classic in the Palm Beaches tied for the most consecutive cuts made at an event in his PGA TOUR career. With a cut made this week Lowry would have 9 consecutive cuts made, tied for the fifth most at this event all time (active streaks). Has played The Bear Trap 32 total rounds, at ten over par and has a birdie or better percentage of 14.58%. Lowry has 1,070 FedExCup points earned in the state of Florida, the fourth most of any player in the last 3 Seasons.

**Most Consecutive Cuts Made at Event
PGA TOUR Career**

	Streak
Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches	8
PGA Championship	8
Masters Tournament	6
WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational	6
RBC Canadian Open	6

**stroke play*

**PGA TOUR Career on
The Bear Trap**

Score to Par	+10
Birdie or Better %	14.58
Bogey or Worse %	20.83
Driving Acc.	84.38
GIR %	62.50

**Most FedExCup Points Earned
in Florida Last 3 Seasons**

	Total
Scottie Scheffler	2,327
Rory McIlroy	1,302
Russell Henley	1,204
Shane Lowry	1,070
Corey Connors	977

Billy Horschel has 13 starts at this event, his second most in his PGA TOUR Career (*best finish T4 2017*). He has played The Bear Trap 44 total rounds at (+14) 25 shots worse than the rest of the course (-11). With a higher Birdie or Better % at the rest of the course (20.30%).

**Most Starts at an Event
PGA TOUR Career**

	Total
WM Phoenix Open	14
Farmers Insurance Open	14
Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches*	13

**Best Finish: T4 2017*

**The Bear Trap vs Rest of Course
PGA TOUR Career**

	Bear Trap	Rest of Course
Score to Par	+14	-11
Birdie or Better %	18.18%	20.30%
Bogey or Worse %	24.24%	16.97%

**44 rounds played*

Aaron Rai currently ranks T4 in Sand Save PCT this season, the best rank in his PGA TOUR Career. He is one of 4 players to improve in each of the last 3 seasons. Rai has played 6 rounds at PGA National Resort (The Champion) at 12 over par, the third worst score to par on a course in his PGA TOUR Career.

**Sand Save PCT Rank Comparison
PGA TOUR Last 4 Seasons**

	Rank
2026	T4
2025	45 th
2024	T147
2022-23	188 th

**one of 4 players to improve in each of the last 3 seasons*

**Worst Score to Par on a Course
PGA TOUR Career**

	Total	Rounds Played
Muirfield Village Golf Club	+17	8
Royal Troon	+15	4
PGA National Resort (The Champion)	+12	6
Ocean Course at Kiawah Island	+12	2
Torrey Pines Golf Course (South Course)	+11	14

**2026 Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches
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Karl Vilips has the second highest scrambling from the rough percentage on the PGA TOUR This Season (80.00%). Vilips has gained 1.18 strokes on the greens this season, he currently ranks 8th in Strokes Gained Putting. He has improved in three putting statistics from last season to this season. (SG, Putting - > 10', Putting from - > 25')

**Putting Improvements
Last Season vs This Season**

	2025		2026	
	Value	Rank	Value	Rank
Strokes Gained	-0.41	166 th	+1.18	8 th
Putting from - > 10'	14.21%	139 th	20.55%	T14
Putting from - > 25'	4.44%	142 nd	11.76%	T11

**Scrambling from the Rough Leaders
PGA TOUR This Season**

	Pct
Jake Knapp	82.93
Karl Vilips	80.00
Taylor Moore	78.95
Will Zalatoris	78.95
Zach Johnson	76.92

Garrick Higgo has his two best finishes in Florida at the Cognizant Classic in the Palm Beaches (T16 2024 & 2023 T29). Higgo had the most top 5's in the 2025 FedExCup Fall, his best finish being runner up at the Sanderson Farms Championship.

**Best Finishes in Florida
PGA TOUR Career**

	Finish
2024 Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches	T16
2023 Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches	T29
2023 THE PLAYERS Championship	T44
2023 Valspar Championship	T58

**2025 FedExCup Fall
Career Breakdown**

Starts	4
Top 5	3
Top 25	4
Best Finish	2 nd *

*Sanderson Farms Championship

Davis Riley has never missed the cut at this event; one of five events he has never missed the cut in his PGA TOUR Career (*min event played 4 times*). Riley has the fifth highest score to par at The Bear Trap Since 2020 (+14), he has played the rest of the course -23 in his PGA TOUR Career (16 rounds played).

**Events Never Missing Cut
PGA TOUR Career**

	Cuts Made
Baycurrent Classic	4
Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches	4
Texas Children's Houston Open	4
Travelers Championship	4
Zurich Classic of New Orleans	4

*Min event played 4 times

**Most Over Par on
The Bear Trap Since 2020**

	Total
J.T. Poston	+22
Sung Kang	+16
Luke Donald	+15
Martin Trainer	+15
Ryan Palmer	+14
Davis Riley	+14

*Holes 15-17

**The Bear Trap vs Rest of Course
PGA TOUR Career**

	Bear Trap	Rest of Course
Score to Par	+14	-23
Driving Acc. %	62.50%	56.25%
GIR %	56.25%	73.33%

*PGA National Resort (The Champion Course)

**2026 Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches
Broadcast Window & Pre-Tournament Notes**



Joe Highsmith the 2025 Cognizant Classic in the Palm Beaches Champion, is looking to become the second player to defend their title at this event all time (Jack Nicklaus 1977 & 1978). Highsmith had the fewest starts out of the Last 5 First Time Winners at this event (34th). He played The Bear Trap 6 total rounds at one over par, has 5 birdies or better and 4 bogeys or worse.

**Multiple Time Winners
Cognizant Classic in the Palm Beaches**

Years	
Jack Nicklaus	1977 & 1978
Johnny Miller	1980 & 1983
Mark Calcavecchia	1987 & 1998
Padraig Harrington	2005 & 2015
Joe Highsmith	2025 & ??

**Last Five First Time Winners
Cognizant Classic in the Palm Beaches**

Start #	
2025 Joe Highsmith	34 th
2024 Austin Eckroat	50 th
2022 Sepp Straka	95 th
2020 Sungjae Im	50 th
2019 Keith Mitchell	40 th

**PGA TOUR Career on
The Bear Trap**

Score to Par	+1
Birdies or Better	5
Bogeys or Worse	4
Driving Acc. %	66.67
GIR %	55.56

**6 rounds played*

Keith Mitchell has 3 top 10's at the Cognizant Classic in the Palm Beaches, ties his most top 10's in an event. Mitchell has played the Bear Trap 24 total rounds, his lowest in a season being in 2019 two under par, he was also one over par last season tied for his second best. He has the fifth highest percentage of yardage covered by tee shots on the PGA TOUR This Season (66.40%).

**Most Top 10's in an Event
PGA TOUR Career**

Total	
Truist Championship	3
Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches	3

**Six events at 2*

**Score to Par on
The Bear Trap by Season**

Total	
2025	+1
2024	EVEN
2022	+7
2021	+1
2020	+1
2019	-2
2018	+4

**24 rounds played*

**Highest Percentage of Yardage covered
by Tee Shots PGA TOUR This Season**

Pct	
Michael Brennan	69.30
Christo Lamprecht	67.25
Gary Woodland	67.05
Johnny Keefer	66.40
Keith Mitchell	66.40

Chris Kirk has 164 birdies at this event, the third most birdies at Cognizant Classic in the Palm Beaches since 2007. Kirk won this event in 2023; he has the second lowest score by a winner since 2007 (266). He has played The Bear Trap 48 total rounds, at 22 over par and has carded 20 birdies or better at this stretch.

Most Birdies

Cognizant Classic in the Palm Beaches Since 2007

Total	
Rickie Fowler	191
Camilo Villegas	173
Chris Kirk	164
Billy Horschel	155
Ryan Palmer	155

Lowest Score By a Winner

Cognizant Classic in the Palm Beaches Since 2007

Total	
2025 Joe Highsmith	265
2023 Chris Kirk	266
2024 Austin Eckroat	267
2010 Camilo Villegas	267

**PGA TOUR Career on
The Bear Trap**

Score to Par	+22
Birdies Or Better	20
Bogeys or Worse	29
Driving Acc. %	66.67
GIR %	59.03

**48 rounds played*