***FedEx St. Jude Championship***
***(First of three FedExCup Playoffs Events)***

**Memphis, Tennessee** | **August 13-16, 2026** | **FedExCup points: 750 (winner)**
**TPC Southwind** | **Par/Yards: 35-35—70/7,288 yards** | **Purse: $20 million/$3.6 million**

**First-Round Notes – Thursday, August 13, 2026**

**Weather:** Partly cloudy. High of 97 with a heat index peaking at 110. Wind SW 10-15 mph, gusts up to 20 mph.

**First-Round Leaderboard**

| Pos. | Player | R1 |
|---|---|---|
| T1 | Michael Thorbjornsen | 65 (-5) |
| T1 | Jordan Spieth | 65 (-5) |
| T1 | Kurt Kitayama | 65 (-5) |
| T1 | Jake Knapp | 65 (-5) |
| T1 | Michael Kim | 65 (-5) |
| *T6* | *Seven players* | *66 (-4)* |

**First-round co-leaders**

- Five marks the most 18-hole co-leaders in a FedExCup Playoff event (previous: 4, most recent: 2020 FedEx St. Jude Championship)

**Number of times holding the first-round lead/co-lead**

- **Michael Thorbjornsen** – second time (other: 2024 RSM Classic/finished T8)
- **Jordan Spieth** – 14th time, first since 2023 FedEx St. Jude Championship; 3-for-13 to date (2015 Masters Tournament, 2017 Travelers Championship, 2017 Open Championship)
- **Kurt Kitayama** – third time, first since 2022 VidantaWorld Mexico Open; 0-for-2 to date
- **Jake Knapp** – third time, first since 2025 Genesis Scottish Open; 0-for-2 to date
- **Michael Kim** – second time (other: 2022 Puerto Rico Open/finished T16)

**Wins and starts by the first-round leaders**

- **Michael Thorbjornsen** – one win in 65 starts (2026 Rocket Classic)
- **Jordan Spieth** – 13 wins in 321 starts (most recent: 2022 RBC Heritage)
- **Kurt Kitayama** – two wins in 132 starts (most recent: 2025 3M Open)
- **Jake Knapp** – one win in 65 starts (2024 VidantaWorld Mexico Open)
- **Michael Kim** – one win in 277 starts (2018 John Deere Classic)

**Jordan Spieth**

- Only player in the field bogey-free through 18-holes at TPC Southwind
- 2015 FedExCup Champion enters the week at No. 54 and seeks his first BMW Championship appearance since 2023
- Has four top-15 finishes this season, highlighted by a pair of T11 finishes (Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard, Valspar Championship)
- Qualified for the FedExCup playoffs without a top-10 finish, marking the first player to do so since Seamus Power in 2024

**Additional notes:**

- Reigning FedExCup Champion **Tommy Fleetwood** (T6/-4) seeks to become first back-to-back winner of the FedExCup; making seventh start at the FedEx St. Jude Championship, highlighted by a pair of T3 finishes (2023, 2025)
- 2013 FedEx St. Jude Championship winner **Adam Scott** (T6/-4) cards a 66, his 108th sub-70 round in the FedExCup Playoffs, the most of any player in the since 2007 (next: 102/Rory McIlroy)
- Additional opening-round scores:
  - 2024 FedEx St. Jude Championship winner **Hideki Matsuyama** (T6/-4)
  - World No. 1 **Scottie Scheffler** (T17/-2)
  - 21-year-old **Jackson Koivun** (T43/+1)
  - Defending champion **Justin Rose** (T60/+3)
  - Winner of last week's Wyndham Championship **Michael Brennan** (T60/+3)
  - 30-time PGA TOUR winner **Rory McIlroy** (68th/+4)
- Following this week's FedEx St. Jude Championship, the top 50 players will advance to next week's BMW Championship (Bellerive Country Club in St. Louis, Missouri) and also qualify for all 2027 Signature Events
  - In 2025, five players moved into the top 50 with their performance at the FedEx St. Jude Championship