



2026 Masters Tournament
(14th of 34 events in the FedExCup Regular Season)

Augusta, Georgia
Augusta National Golf Club

April 9-12, 2026
Par/Yards: 36-36 – 72/7,565

FedExCup points: 750 (winner)
Purse: TBD

First-Round Notes – Thursday, April 9, 2026

Weather: Mostly sunny. High of 72. Wind ENE 8-14 mph, gusting to 18 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	Total
T1	Sam Burns	67 (-5)
T1	Rory McIlroy	67 (-5)
T3	Kurt Kitayama	69 (-3)
T3	Jason Day	69 (-3)
T3	Patrick Reed	69 (-3)
T6	Four players	70 (-2)

Sam Burns (T1/-5)

- Opening-round 67 marks his low 18-hole score in 13 rounds at Augusta National; also marks his lowest opening-round in a major championship (23rd major championship appearance)
- Holds first-round lead/co-lead for the fourth time on the PGA TOUR (2022 Valspar Championship/Won, 2021 BMW Championship/8th, 2021 Genesis Invitational/3rd)
- Seeks first major championship title; owns two top-10 results in 22 prior major championship starts (T7/2025 U.S. Open, T9/2024 U.S. Open)
- Making his 190th PGA TOUR start, five-time PGA TOUR winner seeks first victory since 2023 WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play
- Best finish in seven PGA TOUR starts this season: T6/AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am
- Makes eagle at the second hole, his third career eagle at the Masters Tournament with each occurring at hole No. 2
- Third time among the top 10 at the completion of the first round of a major championship: 2026 Masters Tournament (T1), 2023 Masters Tournament (T6, finished T29), 2018 U.S. Open (T6, finished T41)

Rory McIlroy (T1/-5)

- Owns three career sub-70 scores in the opening round at Augusta National (65/2011/T15, 69/2018/T5, 67/2026/TBD)
- Holds 25th 18-hole lead/co-lead in an individual stroke-play event on TOUR and 3-for-24 converting the victory
- Becomes seventh Masters champion to hold the first-round lead/co-lead the year after victory; most recent: Jordan Spieth (2016)
- Making 18th start at the Masters Tournament following his win in 2025, one of eight top-10 results at Augusta National
- Looks to join Jack Nicklaus (1956, 1965), Nick Faldo (1989, 1990) and Tiger Woods (2001, 2002) as players to successfully defend their title at the Masters Tournament
- Best finish in four starts this season: T2/The Genesis Invitational

Miscellaneous Notes

- Of the 108 invitees, 91 players started the 2026 Masters Tournament, including 22 first-time competitors
- **Kurt Kitayama** (T3/-3) joins Sam Burns as the only two players at 2-under or better yet to win a major championship; lone finish inside the top 10 in 17 prior major championship starts: T4/2023 PGA Championship
- In his 50th round at the Masters Tournament, **Jason Day** (T3/-3) notches his 11th round in the 60s at Augusta National
- **Patrick Reed** (T3/-3) becomes the sixth player to start birdie-eagle in the first round at the Masters Tournament; most recent: Sam Burns and Sam Bennett, both in 2023
- Four major champions sit T6 at 2-under: **Shane Lowry**, **Xander Schauffele**, **Justin Rose** and **Scottie Scheffler**, who extends his streak of six opening-round scores of 70 or higher in his last six starts on TOUR
- **Jacob Bridgeman** (T10/-1) is the best of 22 first-time competitors following the first round, one stroke ahead of fellow first-time competitors **Kristoffer Reitan**, **Ryan Gerard**, **Sam Stevens**, **Michael Brennan**, **Ben Griffin** and **Chris Gotterup**, the only player with multiple victories on TOUR this season (Sony Open in Hawaii, WM Phoenix Open)
- In 18 of the last 20 Masters Tournaments, the eventual champion sat among the top 10 on the leaderboard following the completion of the first round; exceptions: Tiger Woods (T11/2019), Rory McIlroy (T27/2025)