



2026 ONEflight Myrtle Beach Classic
(19th of 34 FedExCup Regular Season events)

Myrtle Beach, South Carolina
Dunes Golf and Beach Club

May 7-10, 2026
Par/Yards: 35-36—71/7,347

FedExCup Points: 300 (winner)
Purse: \$4 million/\$720,000

First-Round Notes – Thursday, May 7, 2026

Weather: Mostly cloudy with occasional rain. High of 72. Wind SW 14-18 mph, gusting to 30 mph. Preferred lies were in effect. Due to inclement weather, the first round was suspended at 3:24 p.m. ET and resumed at 4:12 p.m., a delay of 48 minutes.

First-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	R1
1	Martin Laird	64 (-7)
T2	Aaron Rai	65 (-6)
T2	Keita Nakajima	65 (-6)
T4	Mark Hubbard	66 (-5)
T4	John VanDerLaan	66 (-5)
T4	Paul Peterson	66 (-5)

Martin Laird (1st/-7)

- Making his 420th start on TOUR and second this season (T57/Puerto Rico Open), 43-year-old from Scotland equals his most birdies or better in a round on TOUR (9)
- 64 marks his 10th best round on TOUR; owns nine rounds of 63 or better in his PGA TOUR career (1,308 rounds)
- Made eight putts over 10 feet, his most in any round on TOUR; nine putts over 10 feet in a single round is the most by any player on TOUR on record, with three players having achieved this feat: Kris Blanks (2011 John Deere Classic/R1), Nathan Green (2011 Procore Championship/R2), Callum Tarren (2023 Shriners Children’s Open/R3)
- Seventh career 18-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR; 0-for-6 converting to victory (T2 at 2012 PLAYERS Championship marks best result after holding first-round lead/co-lead)
- Made two cuts in six Korn Ferry Tour starts this season (T66/The Panama Championship, T53 Astara Golf Championship presented by Mastercard)
- PGA TOUR wins (4): 2009 Shriners Children’s Open, 2011 Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard, 2013 Valero Texas Open, 2020 Shriners Children’s Open

Miscellaneous Notes

- In his tournament debut, England’s **Aaron Rai** (T2/-6) makes nine birdies en route to a 7-under 64, tying his most birdies in a single round on TOUR (twice previously: most recent: 2023 RBC Canadian Open/R1); highest-ranked player in the field at No. 42 in the Official World Golf Ranking
- Five-time Japan Golf Tour winner and PGA TOUR rookie **Keita Nakajima** (T2/-6) posts bogey-free 65, one of seven players with a bogey-free round; made two cuts in six starts this season (64th/Farmers Insurance Open, 71st/WM Phoenix Open); best finish in 23 starts on TOUR: T12/2022 Baycurrent Classic; won the 2024 Hero Indian Open on the DP World Tour before finishing in the Top 10 of the 2025 DP World Tour Eligibility Ranking to earn PGA TOUR status for this season
- **Mark Hubbard** (T4/-5), who finished T7 at this event in 2025, seeks his first TOUR victory in his 274th start
- **John VanDerLaan** (T4/-5) posts the fourth bogey-free round of his TOUR career (42 rounds) and first since the 2023 Puerto Rico Open (R4)
- Left-hander **Paul Peterson** (T4/-5) missed the cut at this event last year: best finish this season: T5/Puerto Rico Open
- **Ryan Ruffels** (T7/-4), the winner of The Q at Myrtle Beach, a high-stakes YouTube showdown where YouTube golf content creators competed for a sponsor exemption into the field this week, mixes six birdies and two bogeys for a 4-under 67; six birdies is one shy of his most birdies in a single round on TOUR; 67 is one shy of his career best score on TOUR
- **Brooks Koepka** (T17/-3) opens with a round in the 60s for the first time in eight individual stroke-play events this season
- **Adrien Saddier** withdrew with a back injury ahead of the first round and was replaced by **Noah Goodwin** (T84/+1)