



2026 Rocket Classic
(33rd of 34 FedExCup Regular Season events)

Detroit, Michigan
Detroit Golf Club

July 30 – August 2, 2026
Par/Yards: 35-35—70/7,328

FedExCup Points: 500 (winner)
Purse: \$10 million / \$1,800,000

First-Round Notes – Thursday, July 30, 2026

Weather: Mostly sunny. High of 87. Wind N 4-12 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	R1
1	Peter Malnati	61 (-9)
T2	Rickie Fowler	63 (-7)
T2	Ryan Gerard	63 (-7)
T4	Patrick Fishburn	64 (-6)
T4	Patrick Cantlay	64 (-6)

Peter Malnati (1st/-9)

- Opened with a 7-under 28 on the front nine and added two birdies on the back (Nos. 11, 13) en route a 9-under 61
- Marks his lowest 18-hole score in 908 career rounds on TOUR (previous: 62, 2020 Shriners Children's Open/R2, 2021 Sony Open in Hawaii/R1)
- Ties the tournament course record, matching Jake Knapp's 61 from the second round of the 2025 Rocket Classic.
- Lowest first-round score by any player on TOUR this season; nine players recorded first-round 62s this season, with only one player converting the early lead into victory (Justin Rose/Farmers Insurance Open)
- Earns his third career 18-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR in his 321st start; solo leader at 2020 Butterfield Bermuda Championship (finished T21), co-leader at 2021 Sony Open in Hawaii (finished T14)
- Sits No. 171 in the FedExCup standings with one top-25 finish in 17 starts this season (T19/THE CJ CUP Byron Nelson)
- PGA TOUR wins (2): 2016 Sanderson Farms Championship, 2024 Valspar Championship
- Last top-10 finish on TOUR was his win at the 2024 Valspar Championship (61 starts since then)
- In 320 career PGA TOUR starts, the 39-year-old has totaled 44 top-25 finishes and 13 top-10s

Additional notes

- 2023 Rocket Classic winner **Rickie Fowler** (T2/-7) recorded his lowest score in 25 career rounds at Detroit Golf Club; one of six players to compete in all eight playings of the Rocket Classic; marks his fourth round of 63 or better this season and the 14th of his PGA TOUR career (1,331 career rounds)
- **Ryan Gerard** (T2/-7) ties his PGA TOUR career low with a bogey-free 63, highlighted by a back-nine 29 with five birdies on his final six holes; entered the week coming off a T9 finish in his last start at The Open Championship; No. 18 in the FedExCup standings owns five top-10s in 21 starts this season, including three runner-up finishes (2nd/the Memorial Tournament presented by Workday, 2nd/Sony Open in Hawaii, T2/The American Express)
- **Patrick Fishburn** (T4/-6) cards his low round of the season with a 64, his best 18-hole score on TOUR since a career-low 62 at the 2025 RSM Classic (R2); sits T4, tied for his best 18-hole position on TOUR in his 74th career start; led the field in Strokes Gained: Around the Green (2.407)
- **Patrick Cantlay** (T4/-6) is making his third appearance in the Rocket Classic where he owns one runner-up finish (2022); eight-time PGA TOUR winner seeks his first title since the 2022 BMW Championship
- **Michael Brennan** (T6/-5) recorded eight consecutive birdies on Nos. 5-12, the longest birdie streak on TOUR this season and one shy of tying the all-time PGA TOUR record (9: Mark Calcavecchia/2009 RBC Canadian Open, Kevin Chappell/2019 A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier); played 6-under on par 3s and par 4s, while 1-over on par 5s
- Additional scores by players with notable ties:
 - Sponsor exemption and University of Alabama junior **William Jennings** (T27/-3)
 - 2021 and 2024 Rocket Classic winner **Cam Davis** (T47/-2)
 - 21-year-old and newest PGA TOUR winner **Jackson Koivun** (T69/-1)
 - Detroit native and sponsor exemption **Joe Hooks** (T140/+6)
 - Defending champion **Aldrich Potgieter** (T140/+6)
 - Sponsor exemption Brad Dalke (146th+/11)
- Patrick Rodgers WD after the first round (back injury)