



2026 Texas Children's Houston Open
(12th of 34 FedExCup Regular Season events)

Houston, Texas
Memorial Park Golf Course

March 26-29, 2026
Par/Yards: 35-35—70/7,475

FedExCup points: 500 (winner)
Purse: \$9,900,000 (\$1,782,000/winner)

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, March 28, 2026

Weather: Mostly sunny and cooler. High of 76. Wind NE 12-16 mph, with gusts to 22 mph.

Third-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	Total
1	Gary Woodland	64	63	65	192 (-18)
2	Nicolai Højgaard	68	62	63	193 (-17)
T3	Min Woo Lee	68	63	67	198 (-12)
T3	Michael Thorbjornsen	68	64	66	198 (-12)

Gary Woodland (1st/-18)

- After entering the day with a three-stroke lead, posts a 5-under 65 and currently leads by one over Nicolai Højgaard
- At 192, sets career-best 54-hole score on TOUR (previous: 195/2016 World Wide Technology Championship/2nd)
- Leads the field in Strokes Gained: Approach the Green (7.183)
- Holds 10th career 54-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR and first since the 2019 U.S. Open (a span of 2,478 days)
- 2-for-9 converting 54-hole lead/co-lead to victory on TOUR (2013 Reno-Tahoe Open, 2019 U.S. Open)
- Finished runner-up at the 2025 Texas Children's Houston Open, marking his 11th runner-up finish on TOUR and best finish on TOUR since most recent victory (2019 U.S. Open)
- Seeks to become the first player to finish runner-up and then win the same tournament the next season since Robert MacIntyre (2023, 2024 Genesis Scottish Open)
- Recipient of the 2025 PGA TOUR Courage Award; underwent surgery to remove a brain lesion in September 2023 and returned to competition at the 2024 Sony Open in Hawaii
- Two top-10s in 55 starts since surgery (T9/2024 Shriners Children's Open, T2/2025 Texas Children's Houston Open)
- Making fifth consecutive and ninth overall start at the event (MC/2021, T9/2022, T21/2024, T2/2025)
- Has one top-25 in seven starts this season (T14/Valspar Championship)
- PGA TOUR wins (4): 2011 Valspar Championship, 2013 Reno-Tahoe Open, 2018 WM Phoenix Open, 2019 U.S. Open

Nicolai Højgaard (2nd/-17)

- One day after tying the tournament 18-hole scoring record with a personal-best 8-under 62, posts a 7-under 63
- At 193, sets career-best 54-hole score on TOUR (previous: 200/2024 Genesis Scottish Open/T39)
- Seeking his first victory in his 63rd start; has a runner-up finish in each of the last three seasons (2023 Corales Puntacana Championship, 2024 Farmers Insurance Open, 2025 Zurich Classic of New Orleans with teammate/brother Rasmus)
- Would pick up the 23rd win by an international player at the Texas Children's Houston Open, including the third straight (Stephan Jaeger/Germany/2024, Min Woo Lee/Australia/2025)
- Would become the 21st player to post his first victory at the Texas Children's Houston Open, including the fourth since the event moved to Memorial Park Golf Course in 2020 (Carlos Ortiz/2020, Stephan Jaeger/2024, Min Woo Lee/2025)
- One of five players in the field who entered the week between Nos. 40-65 in the Official World Golf Ranking who have not qualified for the Masters Tournament; the top 50 players in the OWGR through the Texas Children's Houston Open will qualify for the Masters if not already exempt:
 - No. 42 **Jake Knapp** (T34/-5)
 - No. 47 **Nicolai Højgaard** (2nd/-17)
 - No. 56 **Michael Thorbjornsen** (T3/-12)
 - No. 61 **Rickie Fowler** (MC)
 - No. 65 **Jordan Smith** (T45/-4)

Miscellaneous Notes

- **Min Woo Lee** (T3/-12) trails by six in bid to become the second player to successfully defend a Texas Children's Houston Open title (Vijay Singh/2005/GC of Houston); Scottie Scheffler (2025 Memorial Tournament presented by Workday) is the last player to successfully defend on TOUR
- 24-year-old **Michael Thorbjornsen** (T3/-12) has played his last 50 holes without a bogey (No. 4/R1), the longest bogey-free streak of his career; in search of his first victory in his 53rd start (best finishes: T2 at the 2024 John Deere Classic and 2025 Corales Puntacana Championship)

- Fort Worth, Texas native **Sam Stevens** (T5/-11) is in search of his first PGA TOUR victory in his 107th start; has three runner-up finishes, including two in 2025 (Farmers Insurance Open, 3M Open)
- 13-time TOUR winner **Jason Day** (T5/-11) is one of three Australians currently ranked among the top 10, including past Texas Children's Houston Open champions Min Woo Lee (T3, 2025 champion) and **Adam Scott** (T10, 2007 champion)
- **Sudarshan Yellamaraju** (T7/-10) birdies four of his last five holes for a 5-under 65; with rounds of 69-66-65 this week, now has five straight rounds in the 60s dating to a T5 finish at THE PLAYERS Championship (R3/66, R4/68)
- First-round leader and 41-year-old **Paul Waring** (T7/-10) would become the third Englishman to win the event (Paul Casey/2009, Ian Poulter/2018); would join 45-year-old Justin Rose as the only players in their 40s to win this season
- All four past Texas Children's Houston Open champions in the field are currently inside the top 20: **Min Woo Lee** (T3), **Adam Scott** (T10), **Stephan Jaeger** (T12), **Tony Finau** (T18)