



2026 American Express
(2nd of 34 FedExCup Regular Season events)

La Quinta, California
PGA West Pete Dye Stadium Course
PGA West Nicklaus Tournament Course
La Quinta Country Club

January 22-25, 2026
Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,210
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FedExCup points: 500 (winner)
Purse: \$9,200,000/\$1,656,000

Second-Round Notes – 2026 The American Express

Weather: Mostly cloudy. High of 72. Wind SE 3-8 mph.

Second-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	Total
T1	Scottie Scheffler	63 LQ	64 NT	127 (-17)
	Blades Brown	67 LQ	60 NT	127 (-17)
3	Si Woo Kim	63 NT	65 SC	128 (-16)
T4	S.H. Kim	63 LQ	66 NT	129 (-15)
	Matt McCarty	63 LQ	66 NT	129 (-15)

Scottie Scheffler (T1/-17)

- World No. 1 posts a second-round bogey-free 68-under 64 at the Nicklaus Tournament Course; marks his 11th consecutive round in the 60s at The American Express
- Holds 20th career 36-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR
- Converted four of his last five 36-hole leads/co-leads into wins (2025 Open Championship, 2025 CJ CUP Byron Nelson, 2024 TOUR Championship, 2024 Memorial Tournament presented by Workday)
- Held a share of the 36- and 54-hole leads at the 2020 American Express and went on to finish solo-third
- Making his first start of the season and sixth career start in The American Express (best finish: 3rd/2020)
- Won six times in 2025, his second consecutive season with at least six wins (2024/7), joining Tiger Woods (1999/8, 2000/9, 2005/6, 2006/8, 2007/7, 2009/6) as the only two players since 1983 to record 6+ wins in multiple seasons
- Finished last season inside the top 25 in all 20 starts, with a season-high 17 top-10 finishes (including 15 straight)
- Ranked first in scoring average in Round 1 (67.45), Round 2 (68.00), Round 3 (68.40) and Round 4 (68.10) in 2025, becoming the first player since Tiger Woods (2000) to lead the TOUR in all four categories in a single season
- 19-time PGA TOUR winner seeks to become first player since Tiger Woods to earn 20 PGA TOUR wins under the age of 30

Blades Brown (T1/-17)

- Playing on a sponsor exemption in his 10th PGA TOUR start, posts a career-low 60 (previous best: 64/R2/2025 American Express/MC)
- At 18 years, 8 months, 2 days, becomes youngest player in PGA TOUR history to record a round of 60 or better (previous: Patrick Cantlay/19 years, 3 months, 7 days)
- Sets tournament 18-hole scoring record at the Nicklaus Tournament Course (previous best: 61, 7 times)
- Also recorded a 60 last year on the Korn Ferry Tour at the 2025 Compliance Solutions Championship (finished T43)
- Recorded a back-nine 28 that included seven consecutive scores under par on Nos. 10-16, highlighted by an eagle on No.11
- 18-year-old turned professional in 2024 and earned special temporary membership on the Korn Ferry Tour in 2025; finished No. 68 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, including four top-25s in 14 starts, to secure 2026 status
- Best finish in a PGA TOUR-sanctioned start is T2 (2025 Veritex Championship on Korn Ferry Tour); best finish in nine career PGA TOUR starts is T26 (2024 ONEflight Myrtle Beach Classic)

- Marks first career lead/co-lead after any round in a PGA TOUR-sanctioned event (26 total starts; 10 on PGA TOUR, 16 Korn Ferry Tour)
- Becomes the youngest player to hold a lead/co-lead after any round on the PGA TOUR since Ty Tryon (17) was a first-round co-leader at the 2001 B.C. Open (finished T37)

Youngest 36-Hole Lead/Co-Leaders in PGA TOUR Stroke Play Events Since 1983

Player	Tournament	Age
Blades Brown	2026 The American Express	18 years, 8 months, 2 Days
Patrick Cantlay	2011 Travelers Championship	19 Years, 3 Months, 7 Days
Joaquin Niemann	2018 the Memorial Tournament presented by Workday	19 Years, 6 Months, 25 Days
Jordan Spieth	2013 Quicken Loans National	19 Years, 11 Months, 1 Day
Norman Xiong	2018 Sanderson Farms Championship	19 Years, 11 Months, 17 Days

Additional player notes

- 2021 American Express winner **Si Woo Kim** (3rd/-16) cards a bogey-free 65 at the Pete Dye Stadium Course; owns three finishes of T11 or better in eight career starts in The American Express (T9/2016, Won/2021, T11/2022)
- For the first time in 71 career stroke-play events played on the PGA TOUR, **S. H. Kim** (T4/-15) is bogey free thru 36-holes; Kim is seeking his first career victory on TOUR (best finish: 2nd/2023 Procore Championship)
- **Matt McCarty** (T4/-15) sets career-low 36-hole score (129; previous best: 130/2024 Black Desert Championship); the last time McCarty was T4 thru 36-holes he went on to win (2024 Black Desert Championship)
- **Wyndham Clark** (T6/-14) cards a bogey-free 64 on the Stadium Course, his lowest 18-hole score in his last 29 rounds on TOUR; best finish in seven career starts in The American Express is 13th (2022)
- **Andrew Putnam** (T18/-12) sets career-low 18-hole score with a 12-under 60 at La Quinta Country Club (previous best: 61/R1/2025 The RSM Classic)
- **Luke Clanton** withdrew (illness) before the second round, **Rico Hoey** withdrew (illness) during the second round and **Nick Dunlap** withdrew (injury) after the second round
- Second-round scoring average by course: Stadium Course (70.20), Nicklaus Course (67.45), La Quinta CC (67.96)