



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

La Quinta, California	January 22-25, 2026	FedExCup points: 500 (winner)
PGA West Pete Dye Stadium Course	Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,210	Purse: \$9,200,000/\$1,656,000
PGA West Nicklaus Tournament Course	Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,147	
La Quinta Country Club	Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,060	

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, January 24, 2026

Weather: Partly cloudy. High of 72. Wind NNW 10-15 mph.

54-hole cut: 73 professionals at 11-under 205 from a field of 156 professionals

Third-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	Total
1	Si Woo Kim	63 NT	65 SC	66 LQ	194 (-22)
T2	Blades Brown	67 LQ	60 NT	68 SC	195 (-21)
	Scottie Scheffler	63 LQ	64 NT	68 SC	195 (-21)
T4	Eric Cole	64 NT	66 SC	66 LQ	196 (-20)
	Wyndham Clark	66 NT	64 SC	66 LQ	196 (-20)

Si Woo Kim (1st/-22)

- Seeks fifth PGA TOUR title in his 302nd start at the age of 30 years, 6 months, 28 days
- PGA TOUR victories (4): 2016 Wyndham Championship, 2017 PLAYERS Championship, 2021 American Express, 2023 Sony Open in Hawaii
- 2021 American Express champion seeks to become the event's 11th multiple winner and first since Jon Rahm (2023)
- Would become the first South Korean winner on TOUR since Tom Kim at the 2023 Shriners Children's Open
- Holds seventh career 54-hole lead/co-lead and second at the event
 - 2-for-6 converting to victory (2016 Wyndham Championship, 2021 American Express)
 - Most of any player from South Korea on the PGA TOUR since 1983 (previous: 6/K.J. Choi)

Blades Brown (T2/-21)

- Playing on a sponsor exemption in his 10th career PGA TOUR start
- Enters the final round one stroke back, becoming the youngest player inside the top two on the leaderboard through 54 holes in a PGA TOUR event (excluding major championships) since 1970
- With a win Sunday, would become the second-youngest winner in PGA TOUR history (18 years, 8 months, 4 days) and the first teenager to win on TOUR since Jordan Spieth at the 2013 John Deere Classic

Youngest winners in PGA TOUR history

Player	Tournament	Age
Charles Kocsis	1931 Michigan Open	18 years, 6 months, 9 days
Harry Cooper	1923 Galveston Open Championship	19 years, 4 days
Ralph Guldahl	1931 Santa Monica Open	19 years, 2 months, 3 days
John McDermott	1911 U.S. Open	19 years, 10 months, 14 days
Jordan Spieth	2013 John Deere Classic	19 years, 11 months, 17 days

- Would become the first sponsor exemption to win on TOUR since Michael Brennan at the 2025 Bank of Utah Championship
- In Friday's second round, recorded a 12-under 60, becoming the youngest player in PGA TOUR history to record a round of 60 or better (previous: Patrick Cantlay/19 years, 3 months, 7 days/2011 Travelers Championship)
- 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 after recording 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)
- With a top-10 finish in The American Express, would earn a start in next week's Farmers Insurance Open

Scottie Scheffler (T2/-21)

- World No. 1 seeks his 20th win in his 151st start at the age of 29 years, 7 months, 4 days
- With a win, would become the 40th player to reach 20 wins on the PGA TOUR and move to T36 on the all-time wins list
- Would become first player to reach 20 wins since Rory McIlroy (earned 20th win at the 2021 CJ CUP in South Carolina)
 - Last American: Dustin Johnson (2019 WGC Workday Championship at The Concession)
- 29-year-old seeks to become first player since Tiger Woods to earn 20 PGA TOUR wins under the age of 30
 - Woods' 20th win came at the 2000 U.S. Open/24 years, 5 months, 19 days
- Would mark the second-fewest starts (151 starts) to reach 20 wins, only behind Tiger Woods (95 starts)
- Would mark his seventh win in his last 13 starts on TOUR
- Would mark his 14th PGA TOUR victory since the start of the 2024 season (next best: Rory McIlroy, 5 wins)
- Would be first career win when making season debut
- Would be his fifth consecutive season with a win (4/2022, 2/2023, 7/2024, 6/2025)
- Win would come in sixth career start in The American Express (best finish: 3rd/2020)

Miscellaneous Notes

- With rounds of 64-66-66, **Eric Cole** (T4/-20) is the only player in the field bogey-free through 54-holes and marks the first time bogey-free through 54-holes in his 108th PGA TOUR career start; owns two runner-up results, both in 2023 (P2/Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches, T2/Baycurrent Classic)
- Making his eighth start at the event (best: 13th/2022), **Wyndham Clark** (T4/-20) sits one-stroke shy of his 54-hole low score (low: 195/2020 Shriners Children's Open); seeks his fourth TOUR title and first since the 2024 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am
- **Ludvig Åberg** withdrew (illness) before the third round
- Third-round scoring average by course: Stadium Course (71.40), Nicklaus Course (68.80), La Quinta CC (68.42)
- The 54-hole cut of 11-under 205 is the second-lowest cut in tournament history since 2012, when the event became 72-holes (lowest: 13-under/2024)