



2026 Open Championship
(30th of 34 events in the FedExCup Regular Season)

Southport, England
Royal Birkdale Golf Club

July 16-19, 2026
Par/Yards: 34-36—70/7,223

FedExCup points: 750 (winner)
Purse: \$17.75 million (\$3.2 winner)

Second-Round Notes – Friday, July 17, 2026

Weather: Mostly sunny. High of 73. Wind NNW 10-15 mph, gusts up to 18 mph.

Cut: 78 professionals at 1-over 141 from a field of 146 professionals and 10 amateurs.

Second-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	Total
1	Lucas Herbert	70	62	132 (-8)
T2	Jackson Suber	65	69	134 (-6)
T2	Cameron Young	67	67	134 (-6)
T2	Ryan Gerard	67	67	134 (-6)
T5	Sam Burns	73	62	135 (-5)
T5	Bryson DeChambeau	67	68	135 (-5)
T5	Si Woo Kim	68	67	135 (-5)

18-hole scoring record in major championships

- With matching 8-under 62s, **Lucas Herbert** (1st/-8) and **Sam Burns** (T5/-5) equal the lowest score in major championship history
- Six players (seven instances) have recorded a round of 62 in a major championship
- Join Branden Grace as players that have shot 62 at The Open Championship (R3/2017/Royal Birkdale)
- Marks the 15th and 16th scores of 63 or better in the history of The Open Championship and first since Jon Rahm's 63 in 2023 (R3/Royal Liverpool)

Players to record a 62 at a major championship

Player	Tournament	Course	Rd	Finish
Branden Grace	2017 Open Championship	Royal Birkdale Golf Club	3	T6
Rickie Fowler	2023 U.S. Open	Los Angeles Country Club	1	T5
Xander Schauffele	2023 U.S. Open	Los Angeles Country Club	1	T10
Xander Schauffele	2024 PGA Championship	Valhalla Golf Club	1	Won
Shane Lowry	2024 PGA Championship	Valhalla Golf Club	3	T6
Lucas Herbert	2026 Open Championship	Royal Birkdale Golf Club	2	TBD
Sam Burns	2026 Open Championship	Royal Birkdale Golf Club	2	TBD

Lucas Herbert (1st/-8)

- Records a second-round 9-under 62 to match the all-time major 18-hole scoring record
- Previous career-low score in a major: 67 (2022 The Open Championship/R4, 2024 PGA Championship/R2)
- 28 (-6) on the front nine ties the lowest nine-hole score in Open Championship history (Denis Durnian/R2/Royal Birkdale/1983)
- Holds first lead after any round in a major (previous best 36-hole position in a major: T12/2022 Open Championship)
- Seeks to become the sixth Australian to win The Open and first since Cameron Smith (2022/St Andrews)
- Seeks to become the third Australian winner at Royal Birkdale: Peter Thomson (1954,1965), Ian Baker-Finch (1991)
- Making 18th major championship appearance (best: T13/2022 PGA Championship) and second this season (MC/U.S. Open)
- Making his sixth start at The Open Championship (best: T15/2022)
- Enters the week No. 70 in the Official World Golf Ranking

Miscellaneous Notes

- First-round leader **Jackson Suber** (T2/-6) is one of 44 players in the field making their Open Championship debut and is making his third major championship appearance (73rd/2024 U.S. Open, MC/2026 U.S. Open); second-year TOUR member's career-best finishes on TOUR in 45 starts: 4th/2026 THE CJ CUP Byron Nelson, T4/2026 RBC Canadian Open
- World No. 4 **Cameron Young** (T2/-6) posts a second-consecutive 67; finished solo-second in his Open Championship debut in 2022, his best finish in four prior starts at the event
- **Ryan Gerard** (T2/-6) makes his Open Championship debut a year after winning the 2025 Barracuda Championship, his lone win in 73 PGA TOUR starts
- Following a 73, **Sam Burns** (T5/-5) ties the all-time major 18-hole scoring record with a 62, his fifth round of 62 or better on TOUR (best: 61/2024 American Express/R2)

- Two-time major champion (2020, 2024 U.S. Open) **Bryson DeChambeau** (T5/-5) has two top-10 finishes in eight Open Championship starts (T8/2022, T10/2025); following his round, assessed a two-stroke penalty on the fifth hole under Rule 8.1 for inadvertently improving the area of his intended swing
- Of the nine players tied at 4-under (T8), three are from England, including Southport, England native **Tommy Fleetwood**, **Matt Wallace** and PGA TOUR rookie **Alex Fitzpatrick**; the last English winner of The Open Championship was Sir Nick Faldo in 1992
- 2018 winner at Carnoustie **Francesco Molinari** (T8/-4) seeks to become the 28th multiple winner of The Open Championship and first since Ernie Els in 2012
- World No. 1 and 20-time PGA TOUR winner **Scottie Scheffler** (T8/-4) trails by four in bid to become the first player to successfully defend at The Open since Pádraig Harrington (2008)
- 30-time PGA TOUR winner and six-time major champion **Rory McIlroy** (T38/-1) sits seven-back; World No. 2 holds the most wins (6), top-three (13) and top-10 finishes (33) in majors since 2010
- **James Nicholas** (injury) withdrew prior to his second round

Cut Notes:

- A week following Scottie Scheffler missing the cut at the Genesis Scottish Open for the first time since the 2022 FedEx St. Jude Championship (span of 78 made cuts), **Matt Fitzpatrick's** (MC/+4) streak of 28 consecutive made cuts comes to an end (last missed cut prior to this week: 2025 Zurich Classic of New Orleans)
- **Hideki Matsuyama** (T38/-1), with 28 consecutive made cuts now owns the longest active streak on TOUR
- 14 players made the cut in all four majors this season: **Ludvig Åberg**, **Michael Brennan**, **Sam Burns**, **Corey Conners**, **Chris Gotterup**, **Ben Griffin**, **Kurt Kitayama**, **Hideki Matsuyama**, **Rory McIlroy**, **Collin Morikawa**, **Xander Schauffele**, **Scottie Scheffler**, **Justin Thomas**, **Cameron Young**
- Of the 10 amateurs in the field, none made the cut
- Both past champions at Royal Birkdale missed the cut: **Pádraig Harrington** (2008), **Jordan Speith** (2017)