



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)

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, July 18, 2026

Weather: Partly cloudy. High of 69. Wind WNW 10-15 mph, gusts up to 18 mph.

Third-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	Total
1	Sam Burns	73	62	65	200 (-10)
T2	Ryan Fox	72	68	62	202 (-8)
T2	Si Woo Kim	68	67	67	202 (-8)
T4	Ryan Gerard	67	67	69	203 (-7)
T4	Lucas Herbert	70	62	71	203 (-7)

Sam Burns (1st/-10)

- Seeks his sixth PGA TOUR title and first major championship in his 199th start on TOUR
- Win would come in 26th major championship start; has top-10 finishes in four of his last nine (T9/2024 U.S. Open, T7/2025 U.S. Open, T7/2026 Masters, 2nd/2026 U.S. Open); had one top-25 finish in his first 16 major starts (2022 PGA Championship/T20)
- Win would come in his sixth Open Championship appearance (best: T31/2024)
- Would become the 13th consecutive first-time winner of the event, currently the longest streak of first-time winners at The Open (starting with Phil Mickelson in 2013)
- 200 marks personal-best 54-hole score in a major championship (previous 206: 2025 U.S. Open, 2026 Masters Tournament)
- Sixth 54-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR; 1-for-5 converting to victory (2021 Valspar Championship)
- Second 54-hole lead/co-lead in a major (2025 U.S. Open/finished T7)
- Seeks to become the second player to win The Open after being outside the top 50 following the first round (Mark O'Meara/1998); was T106 following an opening-round 73 before tying the all-time major 18-hole scoring record with a 62 in the second round
- Last player to sit outside the top 100 after round one on TOUR and go on to win: Sepp Straka/2023 John Deere Classic/T133
- Last player to open with 73 or worse at The Open and go on to win: Pdraig Harrington/2008/Royal Birkdale/74
- Last player to open with 73 or worse at a major and go on to win: Brooks Koepka/2018 U.S. Open/75
- Would mark the fourth consecutive American winner of The Open Championship (Brian Harman/2023, Xander Schauffele/2024, Scottie Scheffler/2025) and first streak of four American winners since 2003-06
- PGA TOUR wins (5): 2021 Valspar Championship, 2021 Sanderson Farms Championship, 2022 Valspar Championship, 2022 Charles Schwab Challenge, 2023 World Golf Championships-Dell Technologies Match Play

18-hole scoring record in major championships

- With a third-round 8-under 62, **Ryan Fox** matches the lowest 18-hole score in major championship history, becoming the fourth player and third this week to shoot 62 at The Open Championship; seven players (eight instances) have recorded a round of 62 in a major championship, with Xander Schauffele (2024 PGA Championship) the only to go on to win

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
Ryan Fox	2026 Open Championship	Royal Birkdale Golf Club	3	TBD

Miscellaneous Notes

- **Ryan Fox** (T2/-8) seeks to become the second player from New Zealand to win The Open Championship, joining Bob Charles (1963/Royal Lytham & St Annes); at No. 56 in the Official World Golf Ranking, would become the lowest-ranked winner of the event since Darren Clarke in 2011 (No. 111)
- Seoul, South Korea native, **Si Woo Kim** (T2/-8) seeks to become the first player from Asia to win The Open Championship; making his eighth start at the event (best: T15/2022) and a win would come in 38th major championship appearance (best: T8/2025 PGA Championship)

- **Ryan Gerard** (T4/-7) trails by three strokes in bid to become the 11th player to win The Open in their debut (most recent: Collin Morikawa/2021/Royal St. George's); won the 2025 Barracuda Championship, his lone win in 73 PGA TOUR starts
- A day after matching the all-time major 18-hole scoring record with a 62, **Lucas Herbert** (T4/-7) records a third-round 71; seeks to become the third Australian winner at Royal Birkdale (Peter Thomson/1954, 1965, Ian Baker-Finch/1991)
- First-round leader **Jackson Suber** (T6/-6) seeks to become the first 18-hole leader/co-leader to win The Open since Jordan Spieth (2017); making third major championship appearance (73rd/2024 U.S. Open, MC/2026 U.S. Open)
- Making his 12th Open Championship appearance, Southport, England native and reigning FedExCup champion **Tommy Fleetwood** (T9/-5) seeks to become the first English winner of The Open Championship since Sir Nick Faldo in 1992
- 2024 winner **Xander Schauffele** (T11/-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** (T11/-4) trails by six in bid to become the first player to successfully defend at The Open since Pádraig Harrington (2008)