

THE PLAYERS  
Broadcast Window & Pre-Tournament Notes



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**Scottie Scheffler** seeking to become the only other player since Jack Nicklaus (1974, '76, & '78) to win THE PLAYERS Championship 3 times, he is one of eight players to win this event multiple times

**Ludvig Åberg** seeking to become the first Swedish winner of THE PLAYERS Championship since Henrik Stenson in 2009

**Tommy Fleetwood** is -51 under on the par 5's at TPC Sawgrass in 8 career appearances, his best par 5 performance at a course in his PGA TOUR career

**Justin Rose** recorded 3 Top 10 finishes in 20 career starts at THE PLAYERS, seeking to become the first English player to win this event

**Chris Gotterup** seeking to be the first player since Rory McIlroy in 2025 to earn 3 PGA TOUR win in his first seven starts of a season.

**Min Woo Lee** can join five Australian (6 times) to win THE PLAYERS, the most by an international country

**Si Woo Kim** the 2017 PLAYERS Champion is seeking his first event with multiple wins in his PGA TOUR career and to become the ninth player to win this event multiple times

**Jordan Spieth** is making his 12<sup>th</sup> career start at THE PLAYERS Championship, his best finish coming in his first career start at this event in 2014 (T4)

**Adam Scott** has 23 consecutive seasons with a start at THE PLAYERS Championship, the most consecutive of any player (active), Scott is making his 24<sup>th</sup> career start this week

**Rory McIlroy** is seeking to join Jack Nicklaus as the only other player to win THE PLAYERS three times and to become the second player to successfully defend the title (Scottie Scheffler, 2023–24)

**Xander Schauffele** is one of nine players with multiple runner-up finishes ('18 & '24) without a win at THE PLAYERS all-time

**Hideki Matsuyama** can become the first player from Japan to win THE PLAYERS all-time

**Collin Morikawa** has 13 consecutive rounds under par, the longest active streak on the PGA TOUR

**Justin Thomas** tied the course record (62) at last year's PLAYERS Championship in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round

**Rickie Fowler** has the lowest score to par (-8) on the 17<sup>th</sup> hole of any player in the ShotLink era

**Shane Lowry** has made 5 consecutive cuts at this event, tied for the fourth best active streak of any player (made start at the 2025 PLAYERS Championship)

**Viktor Hovland** has made 17 consecutive cuts entering this week, his third longest made cut streak in his PGA TOUR career

**Robert MacIntyre** is seeking to become the first Scottish player to win THE PLAYERS Championship since Sandy Lyle in 1987

**Brooks Koepka** recorded a Final Round 63 at the 2018 PLAYERS Championship, his lowest Final Round in his PGA TOUR career

**Sahith Theegala** has three Top 10 finishes this season, tied for the second-most on the PGA TOUR

**Akshay Bhatia** is coming off a win at the Arnold Palmer Invitational, can become the sixth player to win the API & PLAYERS in same season

**Defending Champion ShotLink Keys to Victory**

Rory McIlroy earned his 28<sup>th</sup> PGA TOUR career win, becoming the eighth multiple winner at THE PLAYERS.



**15<sup>th</sup>** win when trailing entering the final round, third most of any player on TOUR since 1995

**100%** greens in regulation percentage on the 18<sup>th</sup> green, one of five players to not miss the green in all four rounds

**+4.08** Strokes better than the field on the 18<sup>th</sup> hole in regulation, the second most of any player at THE PLAYERS since 2004

**Rory McIlroy  
THE PLAYERS Championship**

When missing the fairway (in regulation), no player was better than Rory McIlroy. McIlroy was five under when missing the fairway en route to victory, over nine strokes better than the field.

**Scoring When Missing Fairway  
2025 THE PLAYERS**

	Total
Rory McIlroy	-5
Field Average	+4.78

**Performance When Missing the Fairway  
2025 THE PLAYERS**

	Total	PCT
Missed Fairways	29	
Birdies	9	31%
Pars	16	55%
Bogeys	4	14%

**Winning Multiple  
PLAYERS & Multiple Major Championships**

	PLAYERS	Majors
Jack Nicklaus	3	18
<b>Rory McIlroy</b>	<b>2*</b>	<b>5</b>
Scottie Scheffler	2	4
Tiger Woods	2	15

\*2019 & 2025

**Most Wins When Trailing Entering Final Round  
PGA TOUR Since 1995**

	Total
Tiger Woods	23
Phil Mickelson	16
<b>Rory McIlroy</b>	<b>15</b>

(Stroke Play)

**18th Hole Performance  
2025 THE PLAYERS Championship**

	Total	Rank
Score to Par	-3	1st
Birdies	3	1st
SG: Total	+4.08	1st
GIR %	100%	T-1

\*One of Five players to not miss 18th green

**Most SG: Total  
18<sup>th</sup> Hole at THE PLAYERS Since 2004**

	Total
2014 Rory McIlroy	+4.62
<b>2025 Rory McIlroy</b>	<b>+4.08</b>
2004 Frank Lickliter II	+4.07
2004 Rory Sabbatini	+4.07

**Best 2<sup>nd</sup> Hole Performance by a Winner  
THE PLAYERS Championship since 1982**

	Total
2001 Tiger Woods	-5
2013 Tiger Woods	-5
<b>2025 Rory McIlroy</b>	<b>-5</b>

Rory McIlroy tied Tiger Woods for the lowest score to par in a week by a winner on the 2<sup>nd</sup> hole at THE PLAYERS Championship since 1982.

### FedExCup Storylines & Notes

Thru 2026 Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard (23 weeks left)

#### FedExCup TOUR TOP 10 Movement Last Week

	Prev	Rank	Movement
Collin Morikawa	4 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	+3
Akshay Bhatia	16 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	+14
Jacob Bridgeman	1 <sup>st</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	-2
Chris Gotterup	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	-2
Scottie Scheffler	3 <sup>rd</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	-2
Min Woo Lee	10 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	+4
Jake Knapp	5 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	-2
Nico Echavarria	6 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	-2
Si Woo Kim	9 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	-
Ryan Gerard	7 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	-3

#### Average Age Comcast Business TOUR TOP 10 this Season

	Avg
thru Sony Open in Hawaii	29.3
thru The American Express	30.2
thru Farmers Insurance Open	30.04
thru WM Phoenix Open	29.7
thru The Genesis Invitational	30.2
thru The Cognizant Classic	28.9
thru Arnold Palmer Invitational	27.9

#### Career Weeks Inside FedExCup Top 10

	Total
Collin Morikawa	65
Akshay Bhatia	1
Jacob Bridgeman	5
Chris Gotterup	9
Scottie Scheffler	125
Min Woo Lee	4
Jake Knapp	7
Nico Echavarria	5
Si Woo Kim	22
Ryan Gerard	8

### Winner Analysis

	Average Value	Average Rank	Ranked Inside Top 10	Best Performance	Worst Performance
<b>Off the Tee</b>					
SG: Off-the-Tee ShotLink era	+0.61	21.6	8	+1.62 (1 <sup>st</sup> ) 2024 Scottie Scheffler	-1.29 (68 <sup>th</sup> ) 2022 Cameron Smith
Driving Distance (All-Drives) ShotLink era	282.6	26.4	7	<b>297.6 (10<sup>th</sup>)</b> <b>2025 Rory McIlroy</b>	256.8 (80 <sup>th</sup> ) 2005 Fred Frunk
Driving Accuracy	70.11%	28.5	13	87.50% (T1) 1994 Greg Norman	42.86% (70 <sup>th</sup> ) 2022 Cameron Smith
SG: Tee-to-Green ShotLink era	+2.69	7.0	17	+4.29 (1 <sup>st</sup> ) 2023 Scottie Scheffler	+0.72 (35 <sup>th</sup> ) 2022 Cameron Smith
<b>Approach the Green</b>					
SG: Approach-the-Green ShotLink era	+1.52	10.1	16	+2.62 (1 <sup>st</sup> ) 2006 Stephen Ames	-0.72 (62 <sup>nd</sup> ) 2018 Webb Simpson
Greens in Regulation	72.35%	12.6	26	88.89% (1 <sup>st</sup> ) 1991 Steve Elkington	55.56% (T49) 1995 Lee Janzen
Proximity to the Hole ShotLink era	35' 6"	24.5	5	27'4" (1 <sup>st</sup> ) 2006 Stephen Ames	43'11" (69 <sup>th</sup> ) 2018 Webb Simpson
Fairway Proximity ShotLink era	32' 1"	28.3	8	25'9" (2 <sup>nd</sup> ) 2004 Adam Scott	44'0" (71 <sup>st</sup> ) 2018 Webb Simpson
<b>Rough Proximity</b>					
ShotLink era					
Going for the Green PCT ShotLink era	66.97%	22.9	8	94.44% (T1) 2023 Scottie Scheffler	31.25% (65 <sup>th</sup> ) 2005 Fred Funk
SG: Around-the-Green ShotLink era	+0.56	20.8	6	+1.25 (3 <sup>rd</sup> ) 2018 Webb Simpson	<b>-0.19 (51<sup>st</sup>)</b> <b>2025 Rory McIlroy</b>
<b>Putting</b>					
SG: Putting Since 2004	+1.10	20.2	8	+2.88 (1 <sup>st</sup> ) 2022 Cameron Smith	+0.03 (48 <sup>th</sup> ) 2023 Scottie Scheffler
Putting Average Since 2003	+1.66	17.4	9	1.56 (1 <sup>st</sup> ) 2022 Cameron Smith	1.83 (60 <sup>th</sup> ) 2005 Fred Funk
One-Putt Percentage Since 2003	44.00%	25.4	8	58.33% (1 <sup>st</sup> ) 2022 Cameron Smith	31.94% (68 <sup>th</sup> ) 2008 Sergio Garcia
3-Putts Since 2003	1.32	15.2	10	0 7 times	4 (T52) 2005 Fred Funk
Putting inside 10' Since 2003	89.55%	26.5	6	94.83% (1 <sup>st</sup> ) 2018 Webb Simpson	82.28% (T65) 2017 Si Woo Kim
<b>Scoring</b>					
SG: Total (SL era)	+3.79	--	--	+5.38 / '06 Ames	+3.00 / '15 Fowler
Birdie Average	4.93	5.9	36	6.25 (2 <sup>nd</sup> ) / '94 Norman	3.25 (T31) / '89 Kite
Front 9 Scoring Average	34.5	6.8	34	33.25 (3 times)	36 (3 times)
Back 9 Scoring Average	34.29	5.2	35	32.75 (1 <sup>st</sup> ) / '94 Norman	36 (2 times)
Par 3 Scoring Average	2.95	18.6	20	2.69 (3 times)	3.44 (T61) / '08 Garcia
Par 4 Scoring Average	3.89	4.3	38	3.68 (1 <sup>st</sup> ) / '94 Norman	4.05 (3 times)
Par 5 Scoring Average	4.52	12.7	25	4.13 (1 <sup>st</sup> ) / '21 Thomas	4.88 (T49) / '87 Lyle
Bounce Back	35.22%	16.5	21	75% (1 <sup>st</sup> ) / '24 Scheffler	0% (3 times)

**Broadcast Window Notes** (featured groups)

**Scottie Scheffler** two-time PLAYERS champion ('23 & '24) is set to make his sixth start at THE PLAYERS. Since 2022, 62.50% of Scheffler's Rounds at TPC Sawgrass were in the 60's, the highest percentage of rounds in the 60's at TPC Sawgrass since 2022.

**Highest Percentage of Rounds in the 60's  
TPC Sawgrass Since 2022**

	Pct
<b>Scottie Scheffler</b>	<b>62.50</b>
Dylan Wu	62.50
Hideki Matsuyama	60.00
Wyndham Clark	45.45

**Holes 1-3 vs 16-18  
TPC Sawgrass Career**

	1st-3rd	16th-18th
Score to Par	-13	-1
Birdie or Better %	31.48	25.93
Bogey or Worse %	9.26	20.37
Fairway %	55.56	58.33
GIR %	75.93	66.67

**First Five Starts  
Last Season vs This Season**

	2025	2026
Scoring Avg	69.75	67.85
Birdie or Better %	22.78	32.22
Bogey or Worse %	11.11	10.83
Strokes Gained (Avg)	+1.71	+1.91

**Round One vs Rest of Week  
PGA TOUR This Season**

	Rd 1	Rest of Week
Scoring Avg	70.40	67.00
Birdie or Better %	25.56	34.44
Bogey or Worse %	16.67	8.89
Strokes Gained (Avg)	-1.79	+2.97

**Ludvig Åberg** is making his third career start at THE PLAYERS Championship, with a missed cut in 2025 and T8 in 2024. This season, Åberg has managed to make birdie or better on from the fairway 32.76% of the time, the highest percentage of any player on the PGA TOUR this season.

**Highest Birdie or Better Percentage - Fairway  
PGA TOUR This Season**

	Pct
<b>Ludvig Åberg</b>	<b>32.76</b>
Scottie Scheffler	31.72
Zecheng Dou	31.58
Beau Hossler	30.69
Sepp Straka	30.32

**Par 3 Improvements  
Last Season vs This Season**

	2025		2026	
	Value	Rank	Value	Rank
Scoring Avg	3.08	T131	2.97	T22
Score to Par	+22	T127	-2	T26
Birdie or Better %	14.13	T82	23.44	1 <sup>st</sup>

**Tommy Fleetwood** is making his 9<sup>th</sup> career start at THE PLAYERS Championship. In his previous eight starts, Fleetwood plays the par 5's 61 strokes better than the rest of the course (-51), while making a birdie or better 46.67% of the time on par 5's compared to 19.76% on the rest of the course. Fleetwood's combined score to par on Par 5's at TPC Sawgrass (-51) is the lowest score to par on par 5's at any course in his PGA TOUR career.

**Par 5's vs Rest of Course  
TPC Sawgrass Career**

	Par 5's	Rest of Course
Score to Par	-51	+10
Birdie or Better %	46.67	19.76
Bogey or Worse %	6.67	18.57

**Best Par 5 Performance  
PGA TOUR Career**

	Total
<b>TPC Sawgrass</b>	<b>-51</b>
Bay Hill Club & Lodge	-50
Augusta National Golf Club	-43
The Riviera Country Club	-40
Harbour Town Golf Links	-32

**Career on 17th Hole  
TPC Sawgrass**

	Value
Rounds Played	30
Score to Par	+7
Scoring Avg	3.23
GIR %	76.67%
Birdie or Better %	16.67%
Water Balls	6

\*+0.23 over/under par avg, worst of any hole at TPC Sawgrass in career

**Justin Rose** has 7 top 5s in the state of Florida, ties the second most of any player since 2012. Rose has the fourth most birdies on the 17<sup>th</sup> Hole at TPC Sawgrass (Stadium) since 2003 (13). Rose has the largest greens in regulation percentage improvement on the PGA TOUR This Season (T6) compared to Last Season (161<sup>st</sup>). He is currently ranked 16<sup>th</sup> in the FedExCup, the highest of any English player on the PGA TOUR This Season.

**Most Top 5s in Florida  
PGA TOUR Since 2012**

	Total
Rory McIlroy	10
<b>Justin Rose</b>	<b>7</b>
Henrik Stenson	7
Tiger Woods	7

**Largest Greens In Regulation PCT Improvement  
PGA TOUR This Season vs Last Season**

	2025	2026	Improvement
<b>Justin Rose</b>	<b>161<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>T6</b>	<b>+155</b>
Rickie Fowler	138 <sup>th</sup>	34 <sup>th</sup>	+104
Cameron Young	159 <sup>th</sup>	55 <sup>th</sup>	+104
Jacob Bridgeman	141 <sup>st</sup>	T40	+101
Ryan Gerard	T128	28 <sup>th</sup>	+100

**Best FedExCup Rank - English Players  
PGA TOUR This Season**

	Rank
<b>Justin Rose</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup></b>
Tommy Fleetwood	18 <sup>th</sup>
Harry Hall	28 <sup>th</sup>
Matt Fitzpatrick	43 <sup>rd</sup>

**Chris Gotterup** has hit 63.60% of drives over 300 yards, the highest percentage on the PGA TOUR Since 2024 (*min 40 events played*). Gotterup is one of five players to rank inside the Top 10 in both SG: Off-The-Tee (10<sup>th</sup>) & Driving Distance (All-Drives) (7<sup>th</sup>).

**Highest PCT of Drives 300+  
PGA TOUR Since 2024**

	Pct
<b>Chris Gotterup</b>	<b>63.60</b>
Keith Mitchell	62.65
Min Woo Lee	61.80
Byeong Hun An	61.33
Cameron Champ	61.17

*\*min 40 events played*

**Players to Rank Inside the Top 10 in Both SG: Off-The-Tee &  
Driving Distance (All- Drives) PGA TOUR This Season**

	Off-the-Tee	Driving Distance
<b>Chris Gotterup</b>	<b>T10</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>
Johnny Keefe	7 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Marco Penge	3 <sup>rd</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
Keith Mitchell	T10	9 <sup>th</sup>
Michael Brennan	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>

**Min Woo Lee** is currently 3<sup>rd</sup> in Birdie or Better PCT on Par 5s This Season, he has made birdie or better 68.06% of the time. Lee has played the first two rounds at THE PLAYERS at -18 under par, 22 shots better than the weekend rounds. He is currently ranked 6<sup>th</sup> in the FedExCup This Season, his best finish in his PGA TOUR Career is 59<sup>th</sup> Last Season.

**Par 5 Performance  
PGA TOUR This Season**

	Stat	Rank
Scoring AVG	4.32	4 <sup>th</sup>
Birdie or Better	68.06	3 <sup>rd</sup>
GFG %	76.00	T26

**First 2 Rounds Vs Weekend Performance  
THE PLAYERS PGA TOUR Career**

	First 2	Weekend
Scoring AVG	<b>69.00</b>	72.67
Score to Par	<b>-18</b>	+4
PCT of Under Par RDs	<b>83.33</b>	33.33
Best RD Finish	<b>T1</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup>

*\*12 rounds played*

**Best FedExCup Rank  
PGA TOUR Career**

	Rank
2025	59 <sup>th</sup>
2024	65 <sup>th</sup>

*\*currently 6<sup>th</sup> PGA TOUR This Season*

**Si Woo Kim** was just 21 years old when securing his 2<sup>nd</sup> career PGA TOUR win at THE PLAYERS Championship, the youngest winner of this event all-time and the 9<sup>th</sup> player to earn their second career PGA TOUR win at this event. Si Woo Kim has made 5 top-15 finishes on the PGA TOUR this season, tied for the most of any player (Jake Knapp) and has played 23 rounds under par, the most thru his opening 7 starts of a season in his PGA TOUR career.

**Performance First 7 Starts  
PGA TOUR 2025 v 2026**

	2025	This Season
Made Cut PCT	71.43	100.00
Top 5	0	2*
Top 15	1	5
Scoring Avg	69.71	68.46

\*Best Finish: T2 26' Farmers Insurance Open

**Most Rounds Under Par thru  
First 7 Starts of Season PGA TOUR Career**

	Total
<b>2026</b>	<b>23</b>
2024	21
2018-19	21
2021-22	21

**Youngest Winners  
THE PLAYERS All-Time**

Detailed Age	
<b>2017 Si Woo Kim</b>	<b>21 Years, 10 Months, 16 Days</b>
2004 Adam Scott	23 Years, 8 Months, 12 Days
1984 Fred Couples	24 Years, 5 Months, 29 Days
1983 Hal Sutton	24 Years, 10 Months, 28 Days
2001 Tiger Woods	25 Years, 2 Months, 26 Days

\*32, avg age THE PLAYERS winners

**Jordan Spieth** in 32 career rounds played at TPC Sawgrass, Spieth has played the 17<sup>th</sup> hole even par, hitting the green 84.38% of the time, and a total of 2 balls in the water. Spieth ranks 17<sup>th</sup> in Strokes Gained: Putting and is on track for his fourth best Strokes Gained: Putting rank in his PGA TOUR career.

**Career on 17th Hole  
TPC Sawgrass**

	Value
Rounds Played	32
Score to Par	E
Scoring Avg	3.00
GIR %	84.38%
Birdie or Better %	18.75%
Water Balls	2

**Strokes Gained: Putting Comparison  
PGA TOUR Last 3 Seasons**

	Value	Rank
<b>This Season</b>	<b>+0.79</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup></b>
2025	+0.15	65 <sup>th</sup>
2024	-0.01	T101

\*on track for fourth best rank in PGA TOUR career

**Adam Scott** is making his 24<sup>th</sup> consecutive start at this event, the most consecutive seasons with a start (active streak). Scott has made birdie or better on the 17<sup>th</sup> Hole 26.83% of the time, the third highest Birdie or Better PCT on a Par 3 in his PGA TOUR career (min 25 attempts).

**Most Consecutive Seasons with a Start  
THE PLAYERS (Active)**

	Total
<b>Adam Scott</b>	<b>23</b>
Matt Kuchar	17
Chris Kirk	14
Keegan Bradley	14
Brian Harman	13
Rory McIlroy	13

\*entering the week

**Highest Par 3 Birdie or Better PCT  
PGA TOUR Career**

	Hole	PCT
Waiialae Country Club	7 <sup>th</sup>	31.58
The Riviera Country Club	6 <sup>th</sup>	31.25
<b>TPC Sawgrass - THE PLAYERS Stadium Course</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>26.83</b>
East Lake Golf Club	6 <sup>th</sup>	22.22
Muirfield Village Golf Club	12 <sup>th</sup>	20.97

\*min 25 attempts

**Career on 17th Hole  
TPC Sawgrass Since 2003**

	Value
Rounds Played	80
Score to Par	-6
Scoring Avg	2.93
GIR %	83.75
Balls in the Water	7

**Rory McIlroy** has gained more strokes Off-the-Tee than any player since joining the PGA TOUR in 2009, totaling more than 678 strokes and holding a margin of over 44 on the next closest player. More than half of his career strokes gained (53.7%) comes from his Off-the-Tee performance. After winning THE PLAYERS in 2019, he missed the cut in his title defense but now with another chance he looks to join Scottie Scheffler (2023-24) as the only players to win THE PLAYERS back-to-back.

**Strokes Gained Breakdown  
PGA TOUR Career**

	AVG	PCT
<b>Off-the-Tee</b>	<b>+0.87</b>	<b>53.7</b>
Approach-the-Green	+0.48	29.6
Around-the-Green	+0.17	10.5
Putting	+0.10	6.2
Total	+1.62	-

**Results in Title Defense  
PGA TOUR Career**

	Result
Attempts	22
Cuts Made	17
Top 25s	15
Top 10s	12
Top 5s	7
Wins	2*

\*2022 RBC Canadian Open &  
2023 THE CJ CUP in South Carolina

**Most FedExCup Points Earned by Event  
PGA TOUR Career**

	Total
Truist Championship	3,127
PGA Championship	2,025
Masters Tournament	1,886
<b>THE PLAYERS</b>	<b>1,804</b>
The Open Championship	1,767

**Lowest Score to Par Holes 16-18  
THE PLAYERS Championship All-Time**

	Total
Fred Couples	-36
Tom Lehman	-32
Ian Poulter	-28
<b>Rory McIlroy</b>	<b>-27</b>
Luke Donald	-21

\*McIlroy -27 is Best of Any Player Since 2009

**Last Five Players to Reach 30 PGA TOUR Wins**

	Event
Phil Mickelson	2007 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am
Vijay Singh	2007 The Sentry
Tiger Woods	2002 Arnold Palmer Invitational
Tom Watson	1982 RBC Heritage
Jack Nicklaus	1969 Kaiser International Open Invitational

\*16 Players Have Reached 30 Wins All-Time

**Xander Schauffele** has gained an average of 0.66 strokes Around-the-Green at THE PLAYERS since 2018, tied for second-best. Despite finishing T138 in Par 4 Scoring last season, he still owns the third-lowest Par 4 Scoring Average (3.97) since 2019 and has ranked in the Top 10 in five of the last seven seasons, tied for the most. However, TPC Sawgrass ranks as his third-highest Par 4 Scoring Average on the PGA TOUR.

**Strokes Gained Breakdown  
Xander Schauffele at THE PLAYERS Since 2018**

	AVG	Rank
Off-the-Tee	-0.27	135 <sup>th</sup>
Approach	+0.42	49 <sup>th</sup>
Around-the-Green	+0.66	T2
Putting	-0.11	109 <sup>th</sup>
Total	+0.70	49 <sup>th</sup>

\*Min 8 Rounds Played for Rankings

**Lowest Par 4 Scoring Average  
PGA TOUR Since 2019**

	AVG
Scottie Scheffler	3.93
Patrick Cantlay	3.96
<b>Xander Schauffele</b>	<b>3.97</b>
Rory McIlroy	3.97
Russell Henley	3.97

\*Min 110 Events Played

**Highest Par 4 Scoring Average by  
Course PGA TOUR Career**

	AVG
Augusta National Golf Club	4.11
Bay Hill Club & Lodge	4.09
<b>TPC Sawgrass</b>	<b>4.07</b>
Muirfield Village Golf Club	4.07
Quail Hollow Club	4.07

\*Min 3 Starts

**Hideki Matsuyama** has four Top 10 finishes at THE PLAYERS since 2016, the most in that span and tied for his most at any event without a win in his career (*U.S. Open & TOUR Championship*). Matsuyama ranks 5<sup>th</sup> in SG: Around-the-Green and 1<sup>st</sup> in both Scrambling and Sand Save Percentage, the only player in the Top 5 in all three categories and all career-best marks in a season.

**Most Top 10 Finishes  
THE PLAYERS Since 2016**

	Total
<b>Hideki Matsuyama</b>	<b>4</b>
Brian Harman	3
Jason Day	3
Si Woo Kim	3

**Best SG: Around-the-Green  
PGA TOUR Since 2020**

	AVG
<b>Hideki Matsuyama</b>	<b>+0.39</b>
Aaron Baddeley	+0.38
Justin Thomas	+0.36
Jonathan Byrd	+0.35
Harry Hall	+0.33

\*Min 70 Events Played (212 Players)

**Around-the-Green  
This Season (Matsuyama)**

	Value	Rank
Strokes Gained	+0.61	5 <sup>th</sup>
Sand Saves	79.07%	1 <sup>st</sup>
Scrambling	75.69%	1 <sup>st</sup>

**Collin Morikawa** is making his sixth career start at THE PLAYERS Championship with his best finish being T10 in 2025. Morikawa's last 13 rounds have been sub-par, the longest active streak of sub-par rounds on the PGA TOUR this season. Through five starts this season, Morikawa has earned 1,182 FedExCup points, the most through his first five starts of a season in his PGA TOUR career.

**Longest Active Sub-Par Rounds Streak  
PGA TOUR This Season**

	Total
<b>Collin Morikawa</b>	<b>13</b>
Ricky Castillo	9
Matti Schmid	9
David Ford	7

**Signature Events & Majors & THE PLAYERS vs  
Regular Events Since 2024**

	Sig/Maj./PLAYERS	Regular
Win %	3.45	0.00
Top 5 %	27.59	17.65
Top 10 %	37.93	23.53
Top 25 %	79.31	47.06
Cut Made %	93.10	82.35

*\*Stroke Play Only*

**Most FedExCup Points Earned Thru First 5 Starts of a Season  
PGA TOUR Career**

	Total
<b>2026</b>	<b>1,182</b>
2025	1,081
2021-22	730
2022-23	591

**Justin Thomas** the past champion is making his 11<sup>th</sup> career start at THE PLAYERS Championship. Since 2003, Thomas is a combined 27-under par on the weekend, the second lowest score to par on the weekend at THE PLAYERS Championship since 2003.

**Lowest Score to Par on the Weekend  
THE PLAYERS Championship Since 2003**

	Total
Hideki Matsuyama	-37
<b>Justin Thomas</b>	<b>-27</b>
Rory McIlroy	-26
Shane Lowry	-26
Si Woo Kim	-22

**Career on 17th Hole  
TPC Sawgrass**

	Value
Rounds Played	37
Score to Par	+9
Scoring Avg	3.24
GIR %	78.38
Birdie or Better %	16.22

**Rickie Fowler** has the third most birdies on the 17<sup>th</sup> Hole at TPC Sawgrass (Stadium Course) since 2003. Fowler ties the sixth lowest score to par on hole 17 all time at 8 under par.

**Highest Birdie or Better % - 17th Hole  
TPC Sawgrass Since 2003**

	Pct
Bernhard Langer	39.29
<b>Rickie Fowler</b>	<b>32.56</b>
Kevin Na	31.58
Martin Kaymer	30.95
Emiliano Grillo	28.57

**Lowest Score to Par - 17th Hole  
TPC Sawgrass Since 2003**

	Total
<b>Rickie Fowler</b>	<b>-8</b>
Martin Kaymer	-7
Johnson Wagner	-7
Adam Scott	-6

*\*Min 25 attempts*

**Par 5's vs Rest of Course  
TPC Sawgrass Career**

	Par 5's	Rest of Course
Score to Par	-53	+57
Birdie or Better %	39.53	18.60
Bogey or Worse %	8.72	21.76

**Shane Lowry** has made 5 consecutive cuts at THE PLAYERS, tied for fourth best active streak of any player (*made start at the 2025 PLAYERS*). Lowry in his last five starts at THE PLAYERS has four Top 20 finishes and a scoring average of 70.40, compared to his first five recording one Top 20 finish and a scoring average of 72.07. Ranks 9<sup>th</sup> on the PGA TOUR this season in Proximity to the Hole, one of five players to improve in this statistic each of the last three seasons.

**First 5 v Last 5 Starts**  
THE PLAYERS Championship

	First 5	Last 5
Made CUT PCT	40.00%	<b>100.00%</b>
Top 10	0	<b>1</b>
Top 20	1	<b>4</b>
Scoring Avg	72.07	<b>70.40</b>
Best Finish	T16 (2016)	<b>8th (2021)</b>

**Most Consecutive Cuts Made**  
THE PLAYERS (Active)

	Streak
Tom Hoge	7
Daniel Berger	7
Denny McCarthy	6
<b>Shane Lowry</b>	<b>5</b>
Sungjae Im	5

**Proximity to Hole Rank Comparison**  
PGA TOUR Since 2023

	Rank
<b>2026</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>
2025	T16
2024	T68
2022-23	75 <sup>th</sup>

*\*one of 5 players to improve each of the last 3 seasons*

*\*made start at 2025 THE PLAYERS*

**Viktor Hovland** has recorded 2 Top 10 finishes at THE PLAYERS Championship (2022 T9 & 2023 T3), tied for the most of any event without a win in his PGA TOUR career. Hovland has a Top 10 percentage of 38.89% in the state of Florida, the highest of any state in his PGA TOUR career. Hovland has made 17 consecutive cuts entering this week, his third Longest Made Cut Streak in his PGA TOUR career.

**Highest Top 10 PCT by State**  
PGA TOUR Career

	PCT
<b>Florida</b>	<b>38.89</b>
Illinois	33.33
North Carolina	33.33
Ohio	28.57

*\*min 3 starts*

**Most Seasons Ranked Inside Top-20**  
SG: Approach the Green Since 2020

	Total
<b>Viktor Hovland*</b>	<b>7</b>
Hideki Matsuyama	6
Collin Morikawa	6
Russell Henley	5
Xander Schauffele	5

*\*only player to do in each season since 2020*

**Longest Made Cut Streaks**  
PGA TOUR Career

Started	Last Made Cut	Total
2022 The Open Championship	2024 THE PLAYERS Championship	32
2020 Arnold Palmer Invitational	2021 Arnold Palmer Invitational	22
<b>2025 Valspar Championship</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>17</b>
2019 Arnold Palmer Invitational	2019 Baycurrent Classic	11
2022 The Genesis Invitational	2022 the Memorial Tournament	10

**Robert MacIntyre** ranks inside the Top 30 in SG: Putting (13<sup>th</sup>), One Putt PCT (1<sup>st</sup>), Putts Per Round (2<sup>nd</sup>), Putts Made Distance (T26), Putting from > 10' (5<sup>th</sup>), one of 9 players to rank inside the Top 30 in each statistic. MacIntyre improved 122 positions in One-Putt PCT from 2025 (123<sup>rd</sup>) to this season (1<sup>st</sup>), the fourth largest improvement of any player.

**Largest One-Putt PCT Rank Improvement**  
PGA TOUR Last Season v This Season

	2025	This Season	Improvement
Kris Ventura	143 <sup>rd</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	+137
Justin Lower	130 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	+127
Steven Fisk	173 <sup>rd</sup>	49 <sup>th</sup>	+124
<b>Robert MacIntyre</b>	<b>123<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>+122</b>
Karl Vilips	145 <sup>th</sup>	T26	+119

**Putting Rank Comparison**  
PGA TOUR 2025 v This Season

	2025	This Season
Strokes Gained	T39	<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>
One Putt PCT	123 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>
Putts Per Round	T109	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>
Putts Made Distance	T58	<b>T26</b>
Putting from > 10'	110 <sup>th</sup>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>

**Brooks Koepka** tied the lowest final round score (63) at TPC Sawgrass (Stadium) course in 2018 (2022 Dustin Johnson). He is making his 7<sup>th</sup> start at THE PLAYERS Championship this week, his best finish at this event is T11 (2018). Has played 20 total rounds on the 17<sup>th</sup> Hole with a scoring average of 4.00.

**Lowest Final Round Score  
PGA TOUR Career**

	Score
<b>2018 THE PLAYERS Championship</b>	<b>63</b>
2018 Charles Swab Challenge	63
2017 BMW Championship	63
2018 THE CJ CUP in South Carolina	64
2014 Wyndham Championship	64

**Career on 17th Hole  
TPC Sawgrass**

	Value
Rounds Played	20
Score to Par	+20
Scoring Avg	4.00
GIR %	55.00
Balls in the Water	10

**Sahith Theegala** is one of four players to have 7 cuts made without a missed cut on the PGA TOUR This Season. Theegala has earned 852 FedExCup Points in the state of Florida, his most in his PGA TOUR Career. He has 3 Top 10 finishes on the PGA TOUR This Season.

**Most Cuts Made  
PGA TOUR This Season**

	Total
Si Woo Kim	7
Sahith Theegala	7
Patrick Rodgers	7
Keith Mitchell	7

**Events Before THE PLAYERS Comparison  
This Season vs Last Season**

	Last Season	This Season
Events Played	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>
Scoring AVG	70.73	<b>68.82</b>
Top 10	0	<b>3</b>
Cuts Made	100%	<b>100%</b>
Best Finish	T17	<b>T6*</b>

*\*2026 Arnold Palmer Invitational*

**Most FedExCup Points By State  
PGA TOUR Career**

	Total
Florida	852*
California	838
South Carolina	517
Hawaii	494
Georgia	348

*\*233 points in FL This Season*

**Akshay Bhatia** won the Arnold Palmer Invitational last week, he would become the sixth player to win API & THE PLAYERS in the same season. Bhatia has played the front nine an average of 1.67 strokes better than the back nine at TPC Sawgrass (Stadium Course). He is the only player after the Arnold Palmer Invitational / Puerto Rico Open to move into the FedExCup Top 10.

**Players to Win Arnold Palmer Invitational &  
THE PLAYERS In the Same Season**

2024 Scottie Scheffler
2016 Jason Day
2013 Tiger Woods
2001 Tiger Woods
1989 Tom Kite

*\*Bhatia won 2026 Arnold Palmer Invitational*

**Front 9 vs Back 9 TPC Sawgrass  
(Stadium) PGA TOUR Career**

	Front 9	Back 9
Scoring AVG	34.33	36.00
Score to Par	-10	E
Birdies or Better	21	8

*\*6 rounds played*

**Best FedExCup Rank After a Win  
PGA TOUR Career**

	Rank After
2026 Arnold Palmer Invitational	2*
2024 Valero Texas Open	12 <sup>th</sup>
2023 Barracuda Championship	91 <sup>st</sup>

*\*best after any week PGA TOUR Career*