



2026 Valspar Championship
(11th of 34 FedExCup Regular Season events)

Palm Harbor, Florida
Innisbrook Resort (Copperhead Course)

March 19-22, 2026
Par/Yards: 36-35—71/7,352

FedExCup Points: 500 (winner)
Purse: \$9.14 million/\$1,638,000 (winner)

First-Round Notes – Thursday, March 19, 2026

Weather: Sunny and breezy. High of 73. Wind NNE 10-15 mph, with gusts up to 23 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	R1
1	Sungjae Im	64 (-7)
2	Brandt Snedeker	65 (-6)
3	Davis Thompson	66 (-5)
T4	Billy Horschel	67 (-4)
T4	Pierceson Coody	67 (-4)
T4	Andrew Putnam	67 (-4)

Sungjae Im (1st/-7)

- Opens with a 7-under 64, two shy of his career low-round score: 62, four times (most recent: 2025 The Sentry/R3/finished 3rd)
- Carded two eagles on Nos. 1 and 11 along with six birdies against three bogeys on Nos. 6, 8 and 16; joins Corey Connors as the only players in the field with two eagles in round one
- Holds fourth 18-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR (most recent: 2022 3M Open Championship/finished T2); 0-for-3 in converting to victory
- Leads the field in Strokes Gained: Approach the Green (3.847)
- Making his third start on TOUR this season after suffering from wrist injury in January (MC/Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard, MC/THE PLAYERS Championship)
- Making fourth tournament appearance (T4/2019, T29/2021, MC/2024)
- Owns two TOUR titles in 211 career starts (2020 Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches, 2021 Shriners Children's Open)
- Republic of Korea native enters the week at No. 82 in Official World Golf Ranking

Miscellaneous Notes

- Making his 14th tournament appearance, nine-time TOUR winner **Brandt Snedeker** (2nd/-6) opens with bogey-free 6-under 65, for his best opening-round score at the Valspar Championship by four strokes (previous: 69, five times); seeks first made cut in fifth start on TOUR this season (MC/The American Express, MC/Farmers Insurance Open, MC/Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches; MC/Puerto Rico Open)
- **Davis Thompson** (3rd/-5) posts a 66 in the first round, highlighted by an eagle on the par 5 11th; owns one top-5 finish in six starts on TOUR this season (4th/Puerto Rico Open)
- University of Florida product **Billy Horschel** (T4/-4) cards first round 67; has made six appearances at the Valspar Championship with best finish coming in his most recent start (T4/2025)
- 2015 Valspar Championship winner **Jordan Spieth** (T17/-2) made an eagle on his opening hole (No. 1) for the second time in his career on TOUR (other: 2025 Valspar Championship/finished T28)
- 18-year-old **Blades Brown** (T17/-2) posts first-round 69; earned a spot in the Valspar Championship after his top-10 finish at the Puerto Rico Open (3rd); has earned 149 non-member FedExCup points this season and is 105.028 points short of the threshold for Special Temporary Membership, which would allow him to accept unlimited sponsor exemptions for the remainder of the season (would become eligible for Special Temporary Membership this week with a solo-5th or better)
- **Corey Connors** (T17/-2) cards consecutive eagles on Nos. 18 and 1 to become the first player on record to make back-to-back eagles at Innisbrook Resort (Copperhead Course) and 70th player on TOUR (most recent: David Ford/2026 Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches/R1/Nos. 2 and 3)
- **Wyndham Clark** (T37/-1) records the longest drive of the season (446 yards/ No. 10) and the longest drive at the Valspar Championship since 2003 (previous: 411 yards/2013 Gary Woodland/R1/Hole 10)
- Opening-round scores for notable players in the field:
 - FedExCup leader **Jacob Bridgeman** (T7/-3)
 - No. 7 in the Official World Golf Ranking, the highest-ranked player in the field **Xander Schauffele** (T7/-3)
 - Defending champion of the Valspar Championship **Viktor Hovland** (T37/-1)
 - Five-time major championship winner **Brooks Koepka** (T47/E)