



**2026 Valspar Championship**  
**(11<sup>th</sup> 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)**

**Third-Round Notes – Saturday, March 21, 2026**

**Weather:** Sunny and warm. High of 73. Wind NW 6-15 mph.

**Third-Round Leaderboard**

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	Total
1	Sungjae Im	64	69	69	202 (-11)
T2	Brandt Snedeker	65	72	67	204 (-9)
T2	David Lipsky	69	65	70	204 (-9)
T4	Marco Penge	69	68	68	205 (-8)
T4	Matt Fitzpatrick	68	69	68	205 (-8)

**Sungjae Im (1<sup>st</sup>/-11)**

- Cards a third-round 69 to hold a two-stroke lead over Brandt Snedeker and David Lipsky
- Holds 54-hole lead/co-lead for the second time on TOUR (2022 Wyndham Championship/finished T2); 0-for-1 in converting to victory
- 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 Valspar Championship appearance (T4/2019, T29/2021, MC/2024)
- Most recent top-10 finish on TOUR: T5/2025 Masters Tournament
- Seeks third TOUR title in 211 career starts at the age of 27 years, 11 months, 22 days (2020 Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches, 2021 Shriners Children's Open)
- Looks to join K.J. Choi (2002, 2006) as the second South Korean player to win the Valspar Championship
- Looks to become the second wire-to-wire winner on TOUR this season (Justin Rose/Farmers Insurance Open) and to join K.J. Choi (2002) as the only wire-to-wire winners of the Valspar Championship
- No player who has held a 54-hole lead/co-lead during the Florida Swing this season has gone onto win

2026 Florida Swing 54-Hole Lead/Co-Leaders Tournament Finish			
Player	Event	Strokes Ahead	Finish
Sungjae Im	Valspar Championship	2	TBD
Ludvig Åberg	THE PLAYERS Championship	3	T5
Daniel Berger	Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard	1	2
Shane Lowry	Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches	0	T2
Austin Smotherman	Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches	0	T2

**Brandt Snedeker (T2/-9)**

- Cards bogey-free 4-under 67, tied for the low round of the day with Adrien Dumont de Chassart and S.H. Kim
- Seeks his 10<sup>th</sup> PGA TOUR victory in 468<sup>th</sup> start at 45 years, 3 months, 14 days
- With a win, would move to T109 in the all-time PGA TOUR wins list; the only other active players with 10 wins is Xander Schauffele
- Last top-10 on TOUR: T9/2025 Bank of Utah Championship
- Making 14<sup>th</sup> Valspar Championship appearance, highlighted by two top-10 finishes (T8/2008, 4<sup>th</sup>/2011)
- Made his first cut in five starts this season at the Valspar Championship

**David Lipsky (T2/-9)**

- Cards 1-under 70 in the third round to sit two shots behind Im
- Seeks first PGA TOUR title in 145<sup>th</sup> career starts at the age of 37 years, 8 months, 8 days
- Making his fifth start on TOUR this season (T44/The American Express, T18/Farmers Insurance Open, MC/Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches, T37/Puerto Rico Open)
- Best finish on TOUR: 2<sup>nd</sup>/2024 Procore Championship
- Making fifth Valspar Championship appearance (T68/2022, T36/2023, MC/2024, T57/2025)
- Seeks to become seventh player to earn their first victory at the Valspar Championship and first since Taylor Moore (2023)

### Miscellaneous Notes

- **Matt Fitzpatrick** and PGA TOUR rookie **Marco Penge** both sit at 8-under (T4); they seek to join Luke Donald (2012) and Paul Casey (2018, 2019) as players from England to win the Valspar Championship
  - Fitzpatrick seeks third TOUR title in his 183<sup>rd</sup> start, while Penge looks to secure his first TOUR title in 13<sup>th</sup> start and become the first rookie to win on TOUR since Michael Brennan (2025 Bank of Utah Championship)
- After posting a front nine 3-under 33, **Brooks Koepka** (T16/-3) cards a bogey and double bogey on the back nine for a third-round 71; best finish on TOUR this season: T9/Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches; seeks 10<sup>th</sup> TOUR victory in his 191<sup>st</sup> start
- 123 hole outs have occurred through 54 holes at the Copperhead Course at Innisbrook, the most hole outs on any course on TOUR this season; most hole outs at Copperhead Course in 72-holes since 2003: 139/2024

### Aon Swing 5 and Aon Next 10

- The Valspar Championship is the second of a four-tournament stretch for players to earn FedExCup points towards the Aon Swing 5 with entry into the next Signature Event at the RBC Heritage
- The top five players, not otherwise exempt, who earn the most FedExCup points during the Puerto Rico Open, Valspar Championship, Texas Children's Houston Open and Valero Texas Open will qualify for the RBC Heritage

#### Aon Swing 5 standings thru 54-holes of the Valspar Championship (bold = in the field):

Rank	Player	Points
1	<b>David Lipsky</b>	<b>255.578</b>
2	<b>Chandler Blanchet</b>	<b>245.000</b>
3	<b>Brandt Snedeker</b>	<b>245.000</b>
4	<b>Marco Penge</b>	<b>122.500</b>
5	<b>Adrien Dumont de Chassart</b>	<b>111.574</b>

- **Aon Next 10:** The Aon Next 10 for the RBC Heritage will be determined by top 10 FedExCup points earners, not already exempt, through the Masters Tournament:

#### Aon Next 10 standings thru 54-holes of the Valspar Championship (bold = in the field):

Rank	Player	Points
1	Jake Knapp	680.000
2	Nico Echavarria	671.000
3	<b>Ryo Hisatsune</b>	<b>583.337</b>
4	<b>Sahith Theegala</b>	<b>539.641</b>
5	Adam Scott	531.375
6	<b>Patrick Rodgers</b>	<b>479.223</b>
7	<b>Ricky Castillo</b>	<b>464.125</b>
8	<b>Pierceson Coody</b>	<b>462.863</b>
9	Sudarshan Yellamaraju	397.095
10	<b>Austin Smotherman</b>	<b>363.889</b>