



**2026 WM Phoenix Open**  
(4<sup>th</sup> of 34 FedExCup Regular Season events)

Scottsdale, Arizona  
TPC Scottsdale (Stadium Course)

February 5-8, 2026  
Par/Yards: 35-36—71/7,261

FedExCup points: 500 (winner)  
Purse: \$9.6 million (\$1,728,000/winner)

**COMPLETED First-Round Notes – Friday, February 6, 2026**

**Weather:** *Thursday:* Mostly cloudy. High of 80. Wind SE 2-12 mph. *Friday:* Mostly sunny. High of 81. Wind SSE 4-10 mph.

**Suspension Summary:** The first round was suspended due to darkness at 6:06 p.m. MT. Play resumed Friday morning at 8:15 a.m., with nine players yet to complete their round, and was completed at 8:43 a.m. The second round began as scheduled at 7:20 a.m.

**COMPLETED First-Round Leaderboard**

Pos.	Player	Total
1	Chris Gotterup	63 (-8)
2	Matt Fitzpatrick	65 (-6)
T3	Michael Thorbjornsen	66 (-5)
	Nicolai Højgaard	66 (-5)
	Pierceson Coody	66 (-5)
	Sam Stevens	66 (-5)

**Chris Gotterup (1<sup>st</sup>/-8)**

- Cards a bogey-free 63, tying his second-lowest round on TOUR (best: 61/R2/2025 Scottish Genesis Open/Won)
- Marks his first 18-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR in his 71<sup>st</sup> career start
- Leads the field in Strokes Gained: Approach the Green (3.479) and ranks third in Strokes Gained: Putting (2.788)
- Making his third career appearance in the WM Phoenix Open after missing the cut in both 2024 and 2025
- Three-time PGA TOUR winner sits atop 2026 FedExCup standings through the first three events of the season
- In two starts this season, won the Sony Open in Hawaii and finished T18 at the Farmers Insurance Open
- **PGA TOUR wins (3):** 2024 ONEflight Myrtle Beach Classic, 2025 Genesis Scottish Open, 2026 Sony Open in Hawaii
- Currently No. 16 in the Official World Golf Ranking, the highest ranking of his career

**Miscellaneous Notes**

- **Matt Fitzpatrick** (2<sup>nd</sup>/-6) opens the first round with a 7-under 29 on Nos. 10-18, tying the back-nine scoring record at TPC Scottsdale; seven players previously recorded a 29 on the back nine, most recently Scottie Scheffler in 2022 (R3) who went on to win the event; played his first 16 holes bogey free before bogeying Nos. 8 and 9
- **Michael Thorbjornsen** (T3/-5) sits inside the top five after 18 holes for the fifth time in his career and first time since the 2025 Sanderson Farms Championship (finished T29); in 39 starts on TOUR as a professional, the 24-year-old owns eight top-10 finishes, highlighted by a pair of T2s (2024 John Deere Classic, 2025 Corales Puntacana Championship)
- Making his second appearance in the WM Phoenix Open after finishing T36 in 2025, Denmark's **Nicolai Højgaard** (T3/-5) opens with a bogey-free 66 and sits inside the top five after 18 holes for the second consecutive year at TPC Scottsdale
- In his WM Phoenix Open debut, **Pierceson Coody** (T3/-5) cards a first-round 66; Coody, who finished T2 at last week's Farmers Insurance Open, is one of three players to finish inside the top 25 in each of the first three events of the 2026 season (others: Ryan Gerard, Si Woo Kim)
- **Sam Stevens** (T3/-5) records a bogey-free 66 with three birdies and an eagle on the par-5 13<sup>th</sup>; finished a career-best 38<sup>th</sup> in the FedExCup standings last season after recording 10 top-25s in 31 starts, including two runner-up finishes
- Scottsdale resident **Jake Knapp** (T7/-4) cards a first-round 67 for the second consecutive year at the WM Phoenix Open; sits No. 14 in the FedExCup standings after recording top-15 finishes in each of his two starts this season (T11/Sony Open in Hawaii, T5/Farmers Insurance Open)
- Opening-round scores of past champions in the field: 2016 and 2017 winner **Hideki Matsuyama** (T14/-3), 2018 winner **Gary Woodland** (T26/-2), 2024 winner **Nick Taylor** (T54/E), 2019 winner **Rickie Fowler** (T54/E), 2020 winner **Webb Simpson** (T76/+1), 2022 and 2023 winner **Scottie Scheffler** (T89/+2), 2015 and 2021 winner **Brooks Koepka** (T115/+4)