2026 World Wide Technology Championship
(Sixth of Eight FedExCup Fall Events)

El Cardonal at Diamante
Los Cabos, Mexico

November 5-8, 2026
Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,452

FedExCup Points: 500 (winner)
Purse: $6 million ($1,080,000)

COMPLETED First-Round Notes – Friday, November 6, 2025

Weather: Thursday: Mostly sunny. High of 84. Wind WNW 10-15 mph. Friday: Mostly sunny. High of 84. Wind WNW 5-15 mph.

Suspension summary: The first round was suspended Thursday at 5:48 p.m. local time (MT) due to darkness with four players yet to complete the round. The first round resumed Friday at 7:20 a.m. and was completed at 7:31 a.m.

First-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	Total
1	Chris Kirk	63 (-9)
T2	Nick Dunlap	64 (-8)
T2	Zac Blair	64 (-8)
T4	*Five players tied*	65 (-7)

Chris Kirk (1st/-9)

- Opens with a bogey-free 9-under 63, one-stroke shy of matching his career-low round on Tour (low: 62, three times, most recently at 2023 Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches/R2)
- 63 matches his low round of the season (Bank of Utah Championship/R2/finished T21)
- Secures his ninth 18-hole lead/co-lead on Tour in his 399th career start; 0-for-8 converting to victory
    - Marks first 18-hole lead/co-lead on Tour since the 2024 FedEx St. Jude Championship (finished T50)
    - Held the 18-hole lead at the 2016 World Wide Technology Championship at El Camaleón Golf Course at Mayakoba
- Making eighth start at World Wide Technology Championship (best: T7/2016) and second at El Cardonal at Diamante (MC/2023)
- Has three top-10 finishes in 22 starts this season, including two in his last three (T10/Biltmore Championship Asheville, T6/Butterfield Bermuda Championship)
- Six-time PGA Tour winner's most recent victory came at the 2024 Sentry
- Entered the week No. 110 in the FedExCup Fall standings

First-Round Notes

- A year after matching the World Wide Technology Championship 18-hole scoring record with a first-round 61, **Nick Dunlap** (T2/-8) opens with an 8-under 64; the 2024 PGA Tour Rookie of the Year sits No. 165 in FedExCup Fall standings after just 10 made cuts in 22 starts, highlighted by a T17 at the Zurich Classic of New Orleans with teammate Gordon Sargent
- **Zac Blair** (T2/-8) cards a bogey-free 64, including four birdies across his final five holes (Nos. 14-15, 17-18); No. 121 in the FedExCup Fall standings, owns six top-25 finishes in 17 starts this season, including two in the FedExCup Fall (T21/Bank of Utah Championship, T25/Butterfield Bermuda Championship)
- Making his second start at the event after finishing T31 last year, France's **Matthieu Pavon** (T4/-7) opens with a first-round 65 for the second straight week on Tour (VidantaWorld Mexico Open/finished T11); seeks his first top-10 finish of the season in his 25th start this year (best: T11, two times; Valspar Championship, VidantaWorld Mexico Open)
- PGA Tour rookie **Kensei Hirata** (T4/-7) opens with a 65, his third consecutive start with a first-round score of 65 or better (63/VidantaWorld Mexico Open/finished T11, 65/Butterfield Bermuda Championship/finished T34)
- Sponsor exemption **Taylor Montgomery** (T4/-7) hit 14-of-14 fairways and leads the field in Strokes Gained: Putting (4.980), en route to his best 18-hole score on Tour since the 2025 Sanderson Farms Championship (63/R2)
- **Ryan Gerard** (T9/-6), the highest-ranked player in the field at No. 23 in the Official World Golf Ranking, opens with a 6-under 66; making his third appearance in the World Wide Technology Championship (T14/2024, MC/2023)
- World Wide Technology Championship ambassador **Ben Griffin** (T70/-2) seeks to become the second player with multiple wins at the event (Viktor Hovland: 2020, 2021) and first at El Cardonal at Diamante
- First-round scores from the three players from Mexico in the field:
    - Guadalajara, Mexico native and 2027 PGA Tour rookie **Alvaro Ortiz** (T46/-3)
    - Puebla, Mexico native **Alejandro Madariaga** (T46/-3)
    - Puebla, Mexico native **Jorge Villar** (120th/+15)