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)

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, November 7, 2026

Weather: Partly cloudy. High of 77. Wind NW 7-12 mph.

Third-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	Total
1	Ben James	65	64	66	195 (-21)
2	Ryan Gerard	66	68	65	199 (-17)
T3	Chris Kirk	63	72	65	200 (-16)
T3	Denny McCarthy	68	65	67	200 (-16)
T5	*Four players tied*	-	-	-	201 (-15)

Ben James (1st/-21)

- Seeks first PGA Tour victory in his 22nd career start on Tour (best: 2nd, 2026 Biltmore Championship Asheville)
- Looks to become the fifth rookie to win on Tour this season and first since Jackson Koivun at the 3M Open
- Would become the 10th first-time winner this season and fourth first-time winner of the event (first since 2017 Patton Kizzire)
- Earns his third ever lead/co-lead after any round on Tour
    - Held the outright 36-hole lead this week by one over Peter Malnati
    - Held the outright 36-hole lead at the 2026 RBC Canadian Open (finished T54)
- 54-hole score of 195 matches his best on the PGA Tour (previous: 195, 2026 Bank of Utah Championship, finished T5)
- One bogey thru 54 holes this week (par-4 eighth in third round)
- Recorded scores of 65 or better in 14 of 47 rounds on Tour this season and owns a scoring average of 67.67
- In 12 starts this season, owns seven top-25 finishes, including four top-10s, and sits No. 62 in the FedExCup Fall standings
- Turned professional in June after earning PGA Tour membership as the No. 1 player in the 2026 PGA Tour University Ranking
- Became the fourth player to earn Tour membership as the No. 1 player from PGA TOUR University, joining Ludvig Åberg (2023), Michael Thorbjornsen (2024), and David Ford (2025); seeks to join Åberg (2023 RSM Classic) as the only players to win on Tour in the same season that they joined the Tour through the program
- Played four seasons at the University of Virginia (2022-26), earning seven individual victories, tying Ben Kohles' school record for career wins; became the fifth collegiate golfer in history to earn four All-America First Team honors

Ryan Gerard (2nd/-17)

- One of four players bogey free in the third round with a 65: **Cam Davis** (T13/-13), **Jay Leng** (T18/-12), **Seamus Power** (T18/-12)
- Ranks sixth this week in SG: Tee to Green (9.264) and seventh in SG: Around the Green (3.033)
- Seeking his second PGA Tour title in his 81st start (2025 Barracuda Championship)
- In his third season on the PGA Tour, recorded 23 made cuts, 12 top-25 finishes and eight top-10s in 27 starts this year
- Owns three runner-up finishes this season (the Memorial Tournament presented by Workday/2nd, Sony Open in Hawaii/2nd, The American Express/T2)
- Qualified for the FedExCup Playoffs for the second straight season, advancing to the Tour Championship (3rd) for the first time
- Highest-ranked player in the field at No. 23 in the Official World Golf Ranking
- Owns top-25 finishes in six of his last seven Tour starts, including a T4 in his most recent start at the Baycurrent Classic

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- Guadalajara, Mexico native **Alvaro Ortiz** (T5/-15) cards his second consecutive 66 and enters the final round six back; best finish in 13 career starts on Tour is T13 at the 2024 VidantaWorld Mexico Open
- **Michael Kim** (T9/-14) cards the low round of the day with a 9-under 63; leads the field this week in SG: Putting (9.325)
- **Pierceson Coody** (T27/-10) aces the 178-yard par-3 ninth, his first hole-in-one on Tour in his 83rd career start; becomes the first player to ace No. 9 at El Cardonal at Diamante in World Wide Technology Championship history
- In the last three years of the event being played at El Cardonal at Diamante, the winner sat at least one stroke back entering the final round: 2025 Ben Griffin (two back, won by two), 2024 Austin Eckroat (one back, won by one), 2023 Erik van Rooyen (one back, won by two)

FedExCup Fall Notes

- The last four events on Tour were won by a player who held at least a share of the 54-hole lead: Andrew Novak (VidantaWorld Mexico Open, led by six), Austin Smotherman (Butterfield Bermuda Championship, co-leader), Michael Brennan (Baycurrent Classic, co-leader), Austin Smotherman (Bank of Utah Championship, led by one)
- The winner will receive a two-year PGA Tour exemption, including membership on the PGA Tour Championship Series in 2028, invitations to The Players Championship and PGA Championship next season and 500 FedExCup points
- The World Wide Technology Championship is the sixth event of the 2026 FedExCup Fall, a series of eight tournaments played after the Tour Championship that finalizes eligibility for the 2027 PGA Tour Season. Players look to secure their position inside the top 100 in the standings and become exempt on the PGA Tour for the 2027 season.
    - One player is currently projected to move inside the top 100 on the FedExCup Fall standings:
        - Moving IN: **Chris Kirk** (T3; 110th → 87th)
        - Moving OUT: **Jason Day** (DNP; 100th → 101st)