



2026 Zurich Classic of New Orleans
(16th of 34 FedExCup Regular Season events)

Avondale, Louisiana
TPC Louisiana

April 23-26, 2026
Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,425

FedExCup Points: 400 to each winner
Purse: \$9.5 million/\$1,372,750 to each winner

Second-Round Notes – Friday, April 24, 2026

Weather: Partly Cloudy. High of 84. Wind S 8-14 mph. Due to forecasted severe storms early Saturday morning, third-round tee times will run from 9:58 – 11:50 a.m. local time off split tees, with scheduled finish time of 5 p.m. remaining the same.

36-hole cut: 35 teams at 10-under 134 or better from a field of 74 teams

Second-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Team	R1	R2	Total
1	Alex Smalley/Hayden Springer	58	70	128 (-16)
T2	Matt Fitzpatrick/Alex Fitzpatrick	64	65	129 (-15)
T2	Davis Thompson/Austin Eckroat	59	70	129 (-15)
T2	Billy Horschel/Tom Hoge	61	68	129 (-15)

36-hole lead notes

- Since becoming a team event in 2017, four second-round leaders/co-leaders converted for the win at the Zurich Classic of New Orleans (most recent: Rory McIlroy/Shane Lowry/2024)

Alex Smalley/Hayden Springer (1st/-16)

- 128 falls one shy of the 36-hole Zurich Classic of New Orleans record (Patrick Cantlay/Xander Schauffele/2022, Isaiah Salinda/Kevin Velo/2025)
- Marks the first time either player has held the 36-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR (Smalley/138th start, Springer/55th start)
- First-time pairing for Smalley and Springer at the Zurich Classic of New Orleans; Smalley is making his fourth tournament appearance (MC/2022, MC/2024, MC/2025), while Springer is making his third (MC/2024, T18/2025)
- Smalley is making his 11th start on TOUR this season, highlighted by four top-25 finishes (best: T14/Valero Texas Open); earned exempt status through 2026 by finishing in the top 100 in the 2025 FedExCup Fall Standings (No. 74)
- Springer is making his second start of the season (T26/Puerto Rico Open)
- Both players are in search of their first PGA TOUR title; players to win their first career PGA TOUR title at the event since 2017: Cameron Smith (2017 with Jonas Blixt), Nick Hardy/Davis Riley (2023), Andrew Novak/Ben Griffin (2025)

Additional Team Notes

- Zurich ambassador **Billy Horschel** and teammate **Tom Hoge** (T2/-15) birdie five of their last six holes (Nos. 13-14, 16-18) en route to a 4-under 68; Horschel, the only player to win the Zurich Classic of New Orleans in both the individual and team format (2013, 2018), is teeing it up with Hoge for the first time; the two were going to be teammates in 2025 before Horschel withdrew on the Wednesday before the tournament due to injury
- Coming off his victory last week at the RBC Heritage, World No. 3 **Matt Fitzpatrick** and teammate/brother **Alex Fitzpatrick** (T2/-15) trail by one following a 7-under 65 (the round of the day at TPC Louisiana); making their fourth consecutive tournament appearance as a team (T19/2023, T11/2024, MC/2025)
- **Davis Thompson** and **Austin Eckroat** (T2/-15) are both making their 10th start on TOUR this season, with Thompson's best finish coming at the Puerto Rico Open (4th) and Eckroat's at the Valero Texas Open (T10); Thompson seeks second TOUR title (2024 John Deere Classic) and Eckroat is in search of his third TOUR victory (2024 Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches, 2024 World Wide Technology Championship)
- Zurich ambassador **Ben Griffin** and teammate **Andrew Novak** (T26/-10) birdie the last hole to make the cut on the number; trail by six in bid to become the first team to successfully defend their title
- Zurich golf ambassadors first-round results: **Billy Horschel**/Tom Hoge (T2/-15), **Sahith Theegala**/Aaron Rai (15th/-12), **Ben Griffin**/Andrew Novak (T26/-10), **Shane Lowry**/Brooks Koepka (MC/-9)
- All five sponsor exemptions made the cut, including 18-year-old **Blades Brown** (teammate Luke Clanton; T26); the others: **Alex Fitzpatrick** (teammate Matt Fitzpatrick; T2), **Casey Jarvis** (teammate A.J. Ewart; T16), **Martin Couvra** (teammate Matthieu Pavon; T16), **Jacob Skov Olesen** (teammate Rasmus Neergaard-Petersen; T26)

Format

- This is the ninth year the Zurich Classic of New Orleans will be played in a two-man team format, which was introduced in 2017 (canceled in 2020 due to COVID-19)
- Teams play Four-Ball in the first and third rounds, and Foursomes (alternate shot) in the second and final rounds
- Each player on the winning team will receive 400 FedExCup points, \$1,372,750 and a two-year exemption on the PGA TOUR (through 2028)