



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

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, April 25, 2026

Weather: Mostly Cloudy. High of 84. Wind S 6-12 mph. Third-round tee times were delayed 15 minutes due to severe storms early Saturday morning. Preferred lies were in effect for the third round.

Third-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Team	R1	R2	R3	Total
1	Matt Fitzpatrick/Alex Fitzpatrick	64	65	57	186 (-30)
T2	Davis Thompson/Austin Eckroat	59	70	61	190 (-26)
T2	Alex Smalley/Hayden Springer	58	70	62	190 (-26)
3	Doug Ghim/Jeffrey Kang	61	69	61	191 (-25)

Matt Fitzpatrick/Alex Fitzpatrick (1st/-30)

- Post third-round 57 in Four-ball after opening with a 7-under 29 and closing with an 8-under 28
- 57 sets tournament-low 18-hole score in the Four-Ball format since 2017 (previous: 58; most recent: 2026/Springer/Smalley/R1)
- 186 sets the 54-hole Zurich Classic of New Orleans record by one (previous: 187/Patrick Cantlay/Xander Schauffele/2022)
- Holds four shot lead heading into the final round, one shy of the largest 54-hole Zurich Classic of New Orleans lead (5: Patrick Cantlay/Xander Schauffele/2022)
- A win would mark fifth career TOUR victory for Matt in his 186th start (2022 U.S. Open, 2023 and 2026 RBC Heritage, 2026 Valspar Championship)
 - Seeks to become the first player in over two years to win in back-to-back events (Scottie Scheffler: 2024 Masters Tournament/2024 RBC Heritage)
 - The last to win in back-to-back starts on TOUR (Scottie Scheffler: 2025 Procore Championship/2026 American Express)
- A win would mark the first PGA TOUR title for Alex in his 11th career start; would earn a PGA TOUR card through 2028 and exemptions into the 2026 PGA Championship, 2026 Cadillac Championship, 2026 Truist Championship, 2026 Memorial Tournament presented by Workday, 2026 Travelers Championship and 2027 PLAYERS Championship
- Players to win their first career PGA TOUR title at the Zurich Classic of New Orleans since 2017: Cameron Smith (2017 with Jonas Blixt), Nick Hardy/Davis Riley (2023), Andrew Novak/Ben Griffin (2025)
- Results with 54-hole lead/co-lead:
 - Matt: 3-for-5 (most recent: 2026 RBC Heritage/Won)
 - Alex: first lead/co-lead after any round on TOUR
- Brothers are making their fourth tournament appearance as a team (T19/2023, T11/2024, MC/2025)
- Would become the first brothers and family members to win the Zurich Classic of New Orleans
- Matt is making his 11th start on TOUR this season, highlighted by two victories with one coming last week at the RBC Heritage (other: Valspar Championship)
- Alex secured his first win on the DP World Tour at the Hero Indian Open just one week after Matt's victory at the Valspar Championship
- With a win, Matt is projected to move from No. 2 to No. 1 in the FedExCup standings

Additional Team Notes

- **Davis Thompson** and **Austin Eckroat** (T2/-26) sit four shots behind the leaders (Matt and Alex Fitzpatrick) heading into the final round; 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); both are currently projected to earn spots in to next week's Cadillac Championship via the Aon Swing 5
- **Alex Smalley** and teammate **Hayden Springer** (T2/-26) are both in search of their first PGA TOUR title
 - Smalley's best finish in 137 career starts on TOUR: runner up twice; T2/2022 Corales Puntacana Championship, T2/2023 John Deere Classic
 - Springer's best finish in 54 career starts on TOUR: T3/2024 Puerto Rico Open
- **Doug Ghim** and **Jeffrey Kang** (4th/-25) are both seeking their first PGA TOUR victories, Ghim in his 181st start (best finish: 2nd/2024 Shriners Children's Open) and Kang in his 15th start (best finish: T31/ 2023 World Wide Technology Championship)
- Zurich golf ambassadors third-round results: **Billy Horschel**/Tom Hoge (T5/-23), **Ben Griffin**/Andrew Novak (T16/-21), **Sahith Theegala**/Aaron Rai (T19/-20), **Shane Lowry**/Brooks Koepka (MC)
- **Zach Bauchou** (T10/-22) cards first hole-in-one on the PGA TOUR on No. 3, becoming the eighth player (ninth instance) to record a hole-in-one on TOUR this season (most recent: Shane Lowry/R3/Masters Tournament); marks ninth hole-in-one at the Zurich Classic of New Orleans since it became a team event in 2017 (most recent: Eric Cole/No. 14/R1/2024) and second hole-in-one on No. 3 (Chris Paisley/R2/2018)

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)