

**International Analysis
2026 THE PLAYERS Championship**

2026 Season

Wins by Country PGA TOUR This Season		Most Top 5s International Countries This Season		Most Top 10s International Countries This Season	
	Total		Total		Total
United States	7	Australia	3	England	8
England	1	England	2	Japan	5
Colombia	1	Japan	2	Australia	4
		Germany	2	Germany	4
		Republic of Korea	2	Republic of Korea	3
				Denmark	3

**Most Top 10s Without a Win
International Countries This Season**

	Total
Japan	5
Australia	4
Germany	4
Republic of Korea	3
Denmark	3

**Most Top 5s Without a Win
International Countries This Season**

	Total
Australia	3
Japan	2
Germany	2
Republic of Korea	2

2026 FedExCup International Storylines

**Most International Player Inside Top 70
FedExCup Standings this Season**

	Total
England	5
Canada	4
Australia	3
5 countries w/	2

**Most International Player Inside Top 50
FedExCup Standings this Season**

	Total
England	4
Australia	3
Japan	2
12 countries w/	1

**Most International Player Inside Top 30
FedExCup Standings this Season**

	Total
England	3
Australia	2
Japan	2
7 countries w/	1

**Most International Player Inside Top 10
FedExCup Standings this Season**

	Total
Australia	1
Colombia	1
Republic of Korea	1

**Highest Ranked International Players
FedExCup This Season**

	Rank	Country
Min Woo Lee	6 th	Australia
Nico Echavarria	8 th	Colombia
Si Woo Kim	9 th	Republic of Korea
Hideki Matsuyama	11 th	Japan
Sepp Straka	14 th	Austria

Tournament Headlines

- 52 international players in the field representing 23 different countries as of 5:16 am on 03/10/2026
- THE PLAYERS has been played at TPC Sawgrass since 1982 and began on TOUR in 1974
- Only two players have earned their first win on the PGA TOUR at this event both are international (2002 Craig Perks/New Zealand & 2010 Tim Clark/ South Africa)
 - The only event on the current TOUR schedule where an American has not earned their first win on the PGA TOUR

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Event Recap (Since 1982)

Wins by Country THE PLAYERS Championship since 1982

	Total
United States	25
Australia	6
Northern Ireland	2
Republic of Korea	2
Spain	1
Sweden	1
South Africa	1
Scotland	1
Zimbabwe	1
Canada	1
Germany	1
New Zealand	1

Most Top 5s International Countries THE PLAYERS Championship since 1982

	Total
England	17
Australia	13
Spain	8
South Africa	6
Scotland	5
Sweden	4
Canada	4
Germany	4

Most Top 10s International Countries THE PLAYERS Championship since 1982

	Total
Australia	28
England	26
Spain	15
South Africa	12
Sweden	12
Scotland	9
Zimbabwe	9
Japan	9

Most Top 10s Without a Win

Intl. Countries THE PLAYERS Championship since 1982

	Total
England	26
Japan	9
Fiji	4
Italy	4
Ireland	3

Most Top 5s Without a Win

Intl. Countries THE PLAYERS Championship since 1982

	Total
England	17
Ireland	2
Japan	1
Fiji	1
Norway	1
Argentina	1
Venezuela	1
Colombia	1
India	1

International Winners

THE PLAYERS Championship since 1982

	Country	Win Number
1987 Sandy Lyle	Scotland	3 rd
1991 Steve Elkington	Australia	2 nd
1993 Nick Price	Zimbabwe	6 th
1994 Greg Norman	Australia	14 th
1997 Steve Elkington	Australia	8 th
2002 Craig Perks	New Zealand	1st
2004 Adam Scott	Australia	2 nd
2006 Stephen Ames	Canada	2 nd
2008 Sergio Garcia	Spain	7 th
2009 Henrik Stenson	Sweden	2 nd
2010 Tim Clark	South Africa	1st
2011 K.J. Choi	Republic of Korea	8 th
2014 Martin Kaymer	Germany	2 nd
2016 Jason Day	Australia	10 th
2017 Si Woo Kim	Republic of Korea	2 nd
2019 Rory McIlroy	Northern Ireland	15 th
2022 Cameron Smith	Australia	5 th
2025 Rory McIlroy	Northern Ireland	28 th

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Rory McIlroy (Northern Ireland)

- The 2019 & 2025 champion is set to make his 16th appearance at this event
- 51 stroke difference on the Front 9 (+5) versus the Back 9 (-46) at this course in his PGA TOUR Career
- 8.51% of McIlroy's starts in Florida have resulted in a win (2012 Cognizant Classic, 2018 Arnold Palmer Invitational and 2019 & 2025 PLAYERS Champion)

Front 9 vs Back 9 Comparison TPC Sawgrass (Stadium Course) PGA TOUR Career

	Front 9	Back 9
Score to Par	+5	-46
Total Holes Under Par	83	120
Total Holes Over Par	82	61
Driving Accuracy PCT	46.99	46.99
Greens in Regulation PCT	63.66	70.60

Finish Breakdown in Florida PGA TOUR Career

	Total	PCT
Total Events	47	--
Wins	4	8.51
Top 5s	10	21.28
Top 10s	19	40.43
Top 25s	29	61.70
Cuts made PCT	37	78.72

**2012 Cognizant Classic, 2018 API and
2019 & 2025 PLAYERS Champion*

Winning THE PLAYERS, a FedExCup & a Major

	PLAYERS	FedExCup	Majors
Tiger Woods	2001 & 2013	2007 & 2009	15
Rory McIlroy	2019 & 2025	2016 & 2019 & 2022	5
Scottie Scheffler	2023 & 2024	2024	4
Justin Thomas	2021	2017	2
Henrik Stenson	2009	2013	1

McIlroy won 2025 PLAYERS & Masters

Jason Day (Australia)

- The 2016 champion is set to make his 14th appearance at this event
- Has made the cut at this event 85.71 percent in his last seven starts in comparison to only 50 percent in his first six starts at THE PLAYERS
- Has earned 2,368 total points in the state of Florida in his PGA TOUR Career, his third most in any state during his career

First 6 v Last 7 Starts The PLAYERS Championship

	First 6	Last 7
Scoring Avg	70.89	70.85
PCT of RDs Under Par	55.56	65.38
Birdie or Better Avg	4.33	4.04
PCT of RDs Inside Top 10	27.78	30.77
Cuts Made PCT	50.00	85.71

Greens in Regulation Rank Improvement PGA TOUR Last 3 Seasons

	Rank
2026	T46*
2025	T121
2024	164

** on track for third best rank in PGA TOUR Career*

Most FedExCup Points Earned by State PGA TOUR Career

	Total
California	4,936
Texas	3,298
Florida	2,368
Arizona	1,268
North Carolina	1,156

7 Top-10 Finishes in FL (2 Wins)

Best Finishes in the State of Florida PGA TOUR Career

	Finish
2016 Arnold Palmer Invitational	WON
2016 THE PLAYERS Championship	WON
2018 THE PLAYERS Championship	T5
2011 THE PLAYERS Championship	T6
2025 Arnold Palmer Invitational	T8
2019 THE PLAYERS Championship	T8
2023 Arnold Palmer Invitational	T10

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Si Woo Kim (Republic of Korea)

- The 2017 Champion is set to make his 10th appearance at this event
- With his win in 2017 he became the youngest player to win THE PLAYERS All-Time (21 years, 10 Months, 16 Days)
- Has spent seven weeks inside of the FedExCup Top 10 this season, on track for his second most weeks inside the Top 10 in his PGA TOUR Career

Youngest Winners THE PLAYERS All-Time

Detailed Age

2017 Si Woo Kim	21 Years, 10 Months, 16 Days
2004 Adam Scott	23 Years, 8 Months, 12 Days
1984 Fred Couples	24 Years, 5 Months, 29 Days
1983 Hal Sutton	24 Years, 10 Months, 28 Days
2001 Tiger Woods	25 Years, 2 Months, 26 Days

**32, avg age THE PLAYERS winner*

Approach the Green Comparison PGA TOUR Last 2 Seasons

	2025	2026
Approaches from > 100 yards	T92	1st
Proximity to Hole	T78	1st
Strokes Gained: Approach the Green	29 th	2nd
Greens in Regulation Percentage	T104	T25

Most Top 10s in an Event PGA TOUR Career

	Total
Wyndham Championship	4
THE PLAYERS Championship	3
The American Express	3

won each of these events

Most Weeks Inside Top 10 of FedExCup Standings PGA TOUR Career

	Total
2022-23	12
2026*	7
2021-22	2
2020-21	1

**tied for second most of any player this season*

Adam Scott (Australia)

- The 2004 Champion is set to make his 24th appearance at this event
- His 23 appearances (entering the week) mark the longest active streak of most consecutive seasons making a start at THE PLAYERS Championship
- Has a scoring average of 2.93 in his 80 rounds played on the 17th Hole at TPC Sawgrass since 2003, with only 7 total balls in the water.

Most Consecutive Seasons with a Start THE PLAYERS (Active)

	Total
Adam Scott	23
Matt Kuchar	17
Chris Kirk	14
Keegan Bradley	14
Brian Harman	13
Rory McIlroy	13

**entering the week*

SG: Tee-to-Green Rank Improvement PGA TOUR Since 2021

	Rank
2026	13 th
2025	40 th
2024	41 st
2022-23	46 th
2021-22	66 th
2020-21	79 th

one of two players to improve rank each year in time frame (S.W. Kim)

Weekday v Weekend Comparison THE PLAYERS Championship

	Weekday	Weekend
Total RDs	46	36
Scoring Avg	70.91	72.06
PCT of RDs in 60s	34.78	19.44
Birdie or Better Avg	4.22	4.00
PCT of RDs inside Top 10	19.57	16.67

Career on 17th Hole TPC Sawgrass Since 2003

	Value
Rounds Played	80
Score to Par	-6
Scoring Avg	2.93
Greens in Regulation PCT	83.75
Birdie or Better PCT	27.50
Balls in the Water	7

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Min Woo Lee (Australia)

- Is set to make his 4th appearance at this event (Best Finish: T6 in 2023)
- Min Woo Lee finished T6 in his PLAYERS Championship, tied for the best finish by a player making his debut at this event since 2021
- Has improved his rank in Strokes Gained: Tee-to-Green from 2025 (120th) to 2026 (9th), the second largest improvement of any player in this time span

Best Finish in a Debut at THE PLAYERS Championship Since 2021

Largest SG: Tee-to-Green Rank Improvement PGA TOUR Last 2 Seasons

	Finish		2025	2026	Improv
2023 Min Woo Lee	T6	Ben Silverman	156 th	33 rd	+123
2023 Justin Suh	T6	Min Woo Lee	120th	9th	+111
2025 Danny Walker	T6	Sahith Theegala	147 th	50 th	+97
2024 Ludvig Åberg	8	Jacob Bridgeman	126 th	37 th	+89
2021 Victor Perez	T9	Beau Hossler	143 rd	59 th	+84

First 5 Starts Last Season v This Season PGA TOUR

	2025	2026
Scoring Avg	70.11	68.35
Rounds in 60s	9	12
Birdie or Better Avg	4.39	5.10
Best Finish	T11	T2*

*2026 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am

Hideki Matsuyama (Japan)

- Is set to make his 11th appearance at this event (Best Finish: 5th in 2023)
- Has four Top 10 finishes at this event, tied for the most at an event without a win
- Has ranked inside the top 5 of Strokes Gained: Approach-the-Green in each of the last three seasons, marking the only player to do so in the time span
- Is seeking to become the first winner from Japan at THE PLAYERS Championship

SG: Around-the-Green Ranks PGA TOUR Last 3 Seasons

Highest Top 10 Finish PCT PGA TOUR Career

	Rank		Top 10/Starts	PCT
2026	5 th	The Sentry	4/8	50.00
2025	5 th	WM Phoenix Open	6/13	46.15
2024	1 st	THE PLAYERS Championship	4/10	40.00
<i>only player to rank inside Top 5 in last 3 seasons</i>		TOUR Championship	4/11	36.36
		The Genesis Invitational	4/12	33.33
		the Memorial Tournament	4/12	33.33

min 6 starts

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Sepp Straka (Austria)

- Is set to make his 6th appearance at this event (Best Finish: T9 in 2022). Has not missed a cut at this event since his debut at the players in 2021
- Has 11 rounds under par at THE PLAYERS Championship, the fifth most in an event in his PGA TOUR Career since 2021
- Has 47.83 percent of his rounds in the 60s in regular events on the PGA TOUR versus 39.81 in signature Events/Majors and the PLAYERS since 2024

Most Rounds Under Par in a Event PGA TOUR Since 2021

Total

Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches	14
The Sentry	12
Travelers Championship	12
RBC Heritage	12
THE PLAYERS Championship	11

Scoring Comparison Regular Events v Signature Events/Majors/PLAYERS PGA TOUR Career

Sig./Maj./PLAYERS Regular

Scoring Avg	70.35	69.42
Score to Par	-112	-96
PCT of RDs in 60s	39.81	47.83
PCT of RDs Under Par	57.28	59.42