



April 24-27, 2025  
TPC Louisiana

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## Pressers and Interviews:

Pre-tournament presser schedule can be found on the [PGA TOUR Media Website](#)

Player interviews can be accessed on the [Content Hub powered by Imagen](#)

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## World Feed Broadcast Coverage Details

### World Feed Airtimes

**Round 1:** April 24, 2025: 15:00-18:00 ET

**Round 2:** April 25, 2025: 15:00-18:00 ET

**Round 3:** April 26, 2025: 13:00-18:00 ET

**Round 4:** April 27, 2025: 13:00-18:00 ET

### Tournament Overview:

**Date:** April 24-27, 2025

**Course:** TPC Louisiana

**Location:** Avondale, Louisiana

**Defending Champion:** Rory McIlroy and Shane Lowry

**Yardage:** 7,425

**Par Value:** 72

**Prize Money/1<sup>st</sup>:** \$9,200,000/\$1,329,400

### World Feed Talent

**Host:** Brian Katrek

**Analyst:** Paul Gow

**Analyst:** Rob Lee

**On-Course Reporter:** David Howell

### International Players in the Field

(Field as of Wednesday, April 23 09:58 ET)

**Argentina:** Alejandro Tosti

**Australia:** Cam Davis, Karl Vilips

**Austria:** Sepp Straka

**Belgium:** Thomas Detry

**Canada:** Adam Hadwin, Ben Silverman, Adam Svensson, Nick Taylor  
**Chile:** Cristobal Del Solar  
**Chinese Taipei:** Kevin Yu  
**Colombia:** Nico Echavarria, Camilo Villegas  
**Denmark:** Nicolai Højgaard, Rasmus Højgaard, Niklas Norgaard, Thorbjørn Olesen  
**England:** Laurie Canter, Luke Donald, Alex Fitzpatrick, Matt Fitzpatrick, Aaron Rai, David Skinns, Jordan Smith, Ben Taylor, Matt Wallace  
**Finland:** Sami Valimaki  
**France:** Matthieu Pavon, Victor Perez, Antonie Rozner  
**Germany:** Jeremy Paul, Yannik Paul, Thomas Rosenmueller  
**Ireland:** Shane Lowry  
**Italy:** Matteo Manassero,  
**Japan:** Ryo Hisatsune, Rikuya Hoshino, Takumi Kanaya, Kaito Onishi  
**New Zealand:** Ryan Fox  
**Northern Ireland:** Rory McIlroy  
**Norway:** Kris Ventura  
**Philippines:** Rico Hoey  
**Scotland:** Russell Knox, Martin Laird, Robert MacIntyre  
**South Africa:** Christiaan Bezuidenhout, Garrick Higgo, Erik van Rooyen  
**South Korea:** Sangmoon Bae, Si Woo Kim  
**Spain:** Angel Ayora, Alejandro Del Rey  
**Sweden:** Henrik Norlander, Jesper Svensson, Tim Widing  
**Venezuela:** Jhonatthan Vegas



## World Feed Broadcast Coverage Details

### Downlink Information

Satellite and Fiber downlink information is sent via email from Eurovision and available on the [International Broadcaster Website](#)

### Audio Configuration

Channel 1	Full Mix
Channel 2	Full Mix
Channel 3	International Sound (Mix/Minus)
Channel 4	International Sound (Mix/Minus)
Channel 5	AD Listen Line
Channel 6	AD Listen Line

Audio configuration also available on the [International Broadcaster Website](#).

### Break Formats

World Feed AD will count to 4x2 minute breaks per hour.

See three pages after this for Break Formats by round. Break formats are also available on the [International Broadcaster Website](#)

Break 1	00:02:00
Break 2	00:02:00
Break 3	00:02:00
Break 4	00:02:00
Break 5	00:02:00
Break 6	00:02:00
Break 7	00:02:00
Break 8	00:02:00
Break 9	00:02:00
Break 10	00:02:00
Break 11	00:02:00
Break 12	00:02:00



**WF Break Formats Rounds 1 and 2**

Break 1	00:02:00
Break 2	00:02:00
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Break 4	00:02:00
Break 5	00:02:00
Break 6	00:02:00
Break 7	00:02:00
Break 8	00:02:00
Break 9	00:02:00
Break 10	00:02:00
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Break 12	00:02:00
Break 13	00:02:00
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Break 16	00:02:00
Break 17	00:02:00
Break 18	00:02:00
Break 19	00:02:00
Break 20	00:02:00



**WF Break Formats Round 3**

Break 1	00:02:00
Break 2	00:02:00
Break 3	00:02:00
Break 4	00:02:00
Break 5	00:02:00
Break 6	00:02:00
Break 7	00:02:00
Break 8	00:02:00
Break 9	00:02:00
Break 10	00:02:00
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# 2025 Zurich Classic of New Orleans

TPC Louisiana

First and Second Round Groupings

Thursday & Friday, April 24 & 25, 2025



<b>Rd. 1</b>	<b>Rd. 2</b>		
<b>TEE 1</b>	<b>TEE 10</b>		
7:00	12:05	Hadley/Byrd	Blair/Fishburn
7:13	12:16	Streb/Merriitt	Ramey/Lower
7:26	12:27	Brehm/Hubbard	Kizzire/Kohles
7:39	12:38	Straka/Garnett	Riley/Hardy
7:52	12:49	Davis/Svensson	Malnati/Knox
8:05	1:00	Hodges/Dufner	Snedeker/Reavie
8:18	1:11	Mullinax/Shelton	Montgomery/Pak
8:31	1:22	Hisatsune/Kanaya	Skinns/Taylor
8:44	1:33	Dickson/Crowe	Hoshino/Onishi
8:57	1:44	Salinda/Velo	Canter/Smith
<b>Rd. 1</b>	<b>Rd. 2</b>		
<b>TEE 10</b>	<b>TEE 1</b>		
7:00	12:05	Ryder/Hoey	Smalley/Bramlett
7:13	12:16	Poston/Mitchell	Gerard/Walker
7:26	12:27	Pavon/Perez	van Rooyen/Bezuidenhout
7:39	12:38	Vilips/Thorbjornsen	Højgaard/Højgaard
7:52	12:49	McIlroy/Lowry	Horschel/Hoge
8:05	1:00	Rai/Theegala	Bhatia/Young
8:18	1:11	Knapp/Capan III	Cole/Saunders
8:31	1:22	Kisner/Sigg	Stevens/McGreevy
8:44	1:33	Roy/Cone	Peterson/Rosenmueller
8:57	1:44	Ventura/Rozner	Fisk/Widing



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<b>TEE 1</b>	<b>TEE 10</b>		
12:05	7:50	<b>Tway/Cauley</b>	<b>Ghim/Kim</b>
12:18	8:01	<b>Bridgeman/Phillips</b>	<b>Valimaki/Silverman</b>
12:31	8:12	<b>Dahmen/Higgs</b>	<b>Novak/Griffin</b>
12:44	8:23	<b>Clark/Moore</b>	<b>Morikawa/Kitayama</b>
12:57	8:34	<b>Detry/MacIntyre</b>	<b>Fitzpatrick/Fitzpatrick</b>
1:10	8:45	<b>Higgo/Fox</b>	<b>Taylor/Hadwin</b>
1:23	8:56	<b>McCarty/Andersen</b>	<b>Gotterup/Cummins</b>
1:36	9:07	<b>Gordon/Riedel</b>	<b>Meissner/Goodwin</b>
1:49	9:18	<b>NeSmith/Chandler</b>	<b>Paul/Paul</b>
2:02	9:29	<b>Manassero/Del Solar</b>	<b>Del Rey/Ayora</b>

<b>Rd. 1</b>	<b>Rd. 2</b>		
<b>TEE 10</b>	<b>TEE 1</b>		
12:05	7:50	<b>Griffin/Champ</b>	<b>Putnam/Hossler</b>
12:18	8:01	<b>Laird/Haas</b>	<b>Lipsky/Wu</b>
12:31	8:12	<b>List/Norlander</b>	<b>Schenk/Duncan</b>
12:44	8:23	<b>Echavarria/Greyserman</b>	<b>Yu/Vegas</b>
12:57	8:34	<b>Kim/Bae</b>	<b>Johnson/Palmer</b>
1:10	8:45	<b>Villegas/Donald</b>	<b>Hoffman/Watney</b>
1:23	8:56	<b>Highsmith/Tosti</b>	<b>Wallace/Olesen</b>
1:36	9:07	<b>Lashley/Springer</b>	<b>Whaley/Albertson</b>
1:49	9:18	<b>Buckley/Thornberry</b>	<b>Svensson/Norgaard</b>
2:02	9:29	<b>Coody/Suber</b>	<b>Castillo/Mouw</b>









# Zurich Classic of New Orleans

## WEATHER FORECAST

Issued: 6am Wednesday, April 23, 2025








Time	7am	9am	11am	1pm	3pm	5pm
Sky						
Weather	Partly cloudy	Mix of sun and clouds	Few showers; iso. storm	Scattered rain and T-storms	Scattered rain and T-storms	T-storms possible
Rain Probability	10%	20%	30%	50%	50%	40%
Lightning Probability	0%	10%	20%	40%	40%	30%
Temp (min/max)	70	74	79	81	82	82
Winds (mph)	Light and variable	SE 4-8	SE 5-10	SE 7-13	SE 7-13	SE 7-13

**Today** – Partly cloudy becoming a mix of sun and clouds with a few showers and isolated storms expected to develop during the late morning hours. Activity will then grow to a scattered coverage of slow-moving showers and thunderstorms this afternoon. Light winds this morning turn southeasterly at 7-13 mph this afternoon.

**Forecast rainfall: 0.15" – 0.30", with locally higher totals possible in slow-moving thunderstorms.**

**Sunrise: 6:25am / Sunset: 7:33pm**

Day	Thu AM	Thu PM	Fri	Sat	Sun
Sky					
Weather	Mostly cloudy; stray shower	Scattered showers and T-storms	Few PM showers; isolated storm	Mix of sun and clouds; iso. T-storm	Mix of sun and clouds
Rain Probability	20%	40%	30%	20%	10%
Rain Amount (in)	0.00"	0.10" – 0.25"	0.07" – 0.15"	< 0.10"	0.00"
Temp (min/max)	Low: 70°F	High: 83°F	70/85	69/86	69/87
Winds (mph)	SE 5-10	S/SE 10-15 few G18	SE → S/SE 5-10 → 10-15 G18	E/SE → SE 3-7 → 7-12 G15	SE → S/SE 5-10 → 7-12 G15

**Extended forecast** – Thursday will see a slight chance for a passing shower in the morning, with scattered showers and thunderstorms expected to develop in the afternoon. More stable conditions will arrive for the late week and weekend period, with just a few showers or an isolated thunderstorm possible each afternoon as a ridge of high pressure limits activity. Most days will see southeasterly winds become slightly breezy after 10-11am, becoming sustained at 7-15 mph along with gusts between 15-18 mph. Temperatures will start out in the upper 60s to low 70s each morning before climbing into the low to mid 80s.

Forecast prepared by meteorologist Joe Halvorson.



**2025 Zurich Classic of New Orleans**  
**(19<sup>th</sup> of 36 FedExCup Regular Season events)**

**Avondale, Louisiana**  
**TPC Louisiana**

**April 24-27, 2025**  
**Par/Yards: 36-36 – 72/7,425**

**FedExCup points: 400 each (winners)**  
**Purse: \$9.2 million (\$1,329,400 each)**

**Pre-Tournament Information - 2025 Zurich Classic of New Orleans**

**Player Interviews (all times local)**

*\*All press conferences will take place inside the Pete Dye Room in the TPC Louisiana Clubhouse unless otherwise noted*

**Wednesday, April 23**

Before 12:26 p.m. 18-hole pro-am – Rory McIlroy and Shane Lowry

1 p.m. – Zurich Classic of New Orleans Announcement

After 7:51 a.m. 18-hole pro-am – Luke Donald and Camilo Villegas

After 8:57 a.m. 18-hole pro-am – Wyndham Clark and Taylor Moore

After 9:08 a.m. 18-hole pro-am – Collin Morikawa and Kurt Kitayama

*\*Visit [pgatourmedia.com](https://pgatourmedia.com) for the latest interview schedule*

**Rory McIlroy and Shane Lowry**

- Defending Zurich Classic of New Orleans champions defeated Chad Ramey and Martin Trainer with a par-5 on the first playoff hole to win in their tournament debut; held a share of the 18- and 36-hole lead before going on to win
- No team has successfully defended their title at the Zurich Classic of New Orleans since the team format was introduced in 2017
- McIlroy is making his first start on TOUR since winning the Masters Tournament and becoming the sixth player to complete the Career Grand Slam; FedExCup leader is the only player with multiple victories this season (AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, THE PLAYERS Championship, Masters Tournament)
- McIlroy is making his seventh start of the season; has not finished lower than T17 (The Genesis Invitational)
- McIlroy has three or more victories in one season for the fifth time in his career (4/2012, 3/2014, 3/2019, 3/2022)
- World No. 2 McIlroy is one of two players in the field ranked inside the top five in the Official World Golf Ranking (Collin Morikawa/No. 4)
- 2024 Zurich Classic of New Orleans marked Lowry's third career PGA TOUR title and first since the 2019 Open Championship
- The victory propelled Lowry to his first appearance in the TOUR Championship and a career-high T9 finish in the FedExCup
- Lowry has three top-10s in nine starts this season, including his fourth career runner-up finish on TOUR at the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am (won by McIlroy); others: 7<sup>th</sup>/Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard, T8/Valspar Championship

**Luke Donald and Camilo Villegas**

- Donald is serving as the 2025 European Ryder Cup Captain while Villegas is two-time Presidents Cup captain's assistant for the International Team (2022, 2024)
- Donald and Villegas each own five PGA TOUR titles
- Donald's best finish in the four previous starts in the team format: T23/2023 (with Edoardo Molinari)
- Donald is making his third start of the season (MC/Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches, MC/Valspar Championship)
- Villegas' best finish in two previous starts in the team format: T14/2017 (with Morgan Hoffmann)
- Villegas has one top-10 in 10 starts on TOUR this season (T7/The American Express)

**Wyndham Clark and Taylor Moore**

- First-time pairing for Clark and Moore, with both players combining for eight previous appearances in the team format
- Clark is making his fifth tournament appearance and has two top-10 finishes: 3<sup>rd</sup>/2023/Beau Hossler, T10/2022/Cameron Tringale; held the 36-hole lead with Hossler in 2023

- Clark has one top-10 finish in 10 starts this season (T5/Texas Children's Houston Open)
- Moore is making his fourth consecutive tournament appearance; posted back-to-back T4 finishes in 2022 and 2023 (with Matt NeSmith)
- Moore has two top-10 finishes in nine starts this season: T7/The American Express, T9/WM Phoenix Open

#### **Collin Morikawa and Kurt Kitayama**

- Las Vegas residents paired together at the Zurich Classic of New Orleans for the second time (T23/2024)
- World No. 4 and Zurich ambassador Morikawa is making his fifth consecutive tournament appearance
- In seven starts this season, Morikawa has finished no lower than T17 (AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, The Genesis Invitational); posted runner-up finishes at The Sentry and Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard
- Kitayama is making his fourth tournament appearance (best: T19/2023 with Taylor Montgomery)
- Kitayama is seeking his first top-10 finish in his 11<sup>th</sup> start this season (best: T33/THE PLAYERS Championship)

#### **Zurich Classic of New Orleans notes:**

- This is the eighth 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 will 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, \$1,329,400, a two-year exemption on the PGA TOUR (through 2027) and entry into the three remaining Signature Events.
- The field is highlighted by six players inside the top 20 in the Official World Golf Ranking, including two of the top five (No. 2/**Rory McIlroy**, No. 4/**Collin Morikawa**). Other field notes:
  - Teams in the field that have won: **Rory McIlroy** and **Shane Lowry** (2024), **Nick Hardy** and **Davis Riley** (2023)
  - Players who won with different partners: **Billy Horschel** (2018 with Scott Piercy) and **Ryan Palmer** (2019 with Jon Rahm)
  - Players who won in the individual format: **Nick Watney** (2007), **Jason Dufner** (2012), **Billy Horschel** (2013); Horschel is the only player who has won the Zurich Classic of New Orleans both in the individual and team format (2013, 2018)
  - Seven teams that finished inside the top 10 in 2024 are paired together in 2025: **Rory McIlroy** and **Shane Lowry** (Won), **Ryan Brehm** and **Mark Hubbard** (3<sup>rd</sup>), **Garrick Higgo** and **Ryan Fox** (T4), **Zac Blair** and **Patrick Fishburn** (T4), **Max Greyserman** and **Nico Echavarria** (T4), **Thomas Detry** and **Robert MacIntyre** (T8), **Nick Taylor** and **Adam Hadwin** (10<sup>th</sup>)
- **Charley Hoffman** and **Nick Watney** are the only pair to compete together in all seven previous editions of the team format. The duo has two top-10s together, including a T5 in 2017.
- After retiring from the professional game last August, **Sam Saunders** will compete as a sponsor exemption alongside good friend and 2023 PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year **Eric Cole**. The grandson of Arnold Palmer, Saunders competed in 320 PGA TOUR-sanctioned tournaments from 2010-2024 and earned four runner-up finishes. Saunders and Cole became friends while playing together at Bay Hill in high school and were later roommates as they chased their professional aspirations.
- There are three sets of brothers – including two sets of twins – competing in the 2025 event, including **Matt** and **Alex Fitzpatrick**, who have finished T19 and T11 in their previous two starts together in 2023 and 2024, respectively. Denmark's twins **Nicolai** and **Rasmus Højgaard** are partnering for the second time but first with both as PGA TOUR members. Rasmus finished No. 1 in the DP World Tour Top 10 to earn his PGA TOUR card for 2025, while Nicolai finished No. 108 in the 2024 FedExCup Fall standings to retain his card for 2025. PGA TOUR rookie and Germany native **Jeremy Paul** will partner with twin brother **Yannik Paul**, who plays on the DP World Tour and finished third at last week's Volvo China Open to sit No. 69 in the Race to Dubai Rankings. Jeremy is coming off a T2 finish at the Corales Puntacana Championship.
- 30 players in the field competed at last week's RBC Heritage, including two who finished inside the top 10: **Andrew Novak** (P2) and **Si Woo Kim** (T8)

#### **PGA TOUR season notes**

- The Zurich Classic of New Orleans is the second of three tournaments that count toward the Aon Swing 5 for the Truist Championship (Corales Puntacana Championship, Zurich Classic of New Orleans, THE CJ CUP Byron Nelson), with the five players not otherwise exempt who earn the most FedExCup points in those three events qualifying for the Truist Championship. The top 10 players in the FedExCup standings through THE CJ CUP Byron Nelson who are otherwise not exempt will also qualify for the Truist Championship via the Aon Next 10.
- South Africa's **Garrick Higgo** won the Corales Puntacana Championship for his second career TOUR title (2021 Palmetto Championship at Congaree) and moved to No. 1 in the Aon Swing 5 standings. Higgo began the season

with Conditional status and finished T3 two weeks ago at the Korn Ferry Tour's Club Car Championship at The Landings Golf & Athletic Club

- Five first-time winners in 2025: Thomas Detry (WM Phoenix Open), Brian Campbell (Mexico Open at VidantaWorld), Joe Highsmith (Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches), Karl Vilips (Puerto Rico Open), Min Woo Lee (Texas Children's Houston Open); last first-time winners at the Zurich Classic of New Orleans: Nick Hardy and Davis Riley (2023)
- International players have won 12 of the first 18 events on TOUR this season: Hideki Matsuyama/Japan, Nick Taylor/Canada, Sepp Straka/Austria, Rory McIlroy/Northern Ireland/3, Thomas Detry/Belgium, Ludvig Åberg/Sweden, Karl Vilips/Australia, Viktor Hovland/Norway, Min Woo Lee/Australia, Garrick Higgo/South Africa



## 2025 Zurich Classic of New Orleans Message Document

1. **Team Golf in the Bayou:** The Zurich Classic of New Orleans is the only official FedExCup event to feature a two-player team format, with 160 players (80 teams) who play Four-Ball (first and third rounds) and Foursomes (second and final rounds). Each player on the winning team will receive 400 FedExCup points, \$1,329,400 and a two-year exemption on the PGA TOUR (through 2027). An annual TOUR stop since 1958, the Zurich Classic of New Orleans moved to the team format in 2017.
2. **Zurich Renewal (CONFIDENTIAL):** On Wednesday, April 23 at 1 p.m. CT, Zurich Insurance, the Fore!Kids Foundation and the PGA TOUR will announce a multi-year extension to Zurich's title sponsorship of the Zurich Classic of New Orleans through 2030. The renewal builds upon the company's two-decade partnership with the PGA TOUR, which first began in 2005, and continues Zurich's commitment to the City of New Orleans and its surrounding community. The announcement will be made during a press conference at TPC Louisiana, which will feature Zurich North America CEO Kristof Terryn, PGA TOUR Commissioner Jay Monahan, Zurich Classic of New Orleans Tournament Director Steve Worthy and Zurich ambassador Billy Horschel.
  - **IMPACT:** Zurich executives and employees have been intimately involved with the community and the charitable initiatives of tournament host organization Fore!Kids Foundation. The tournament has raised more than \$30 million for charitable organizations such as St. Michael Special School and Blessings in a Backpack, including a record \$3.3 million raised in 2024. New this year, **Zurich has pledged an additional \$25,000 to First Tee – Greater New Orleans** to help empower local kids and teens through golf and **\$50,000 to the Ellis Marsalis Center for Music** that serves the people of New Orleans through youth music education and other community programs.
3. **Teams:** The 2025 field features teams of familiar favorites, new match-ups and three sets of brothers.
  - **Familiar Favorites:** Defending champions **Rory McIlroy** and **Shane Lowry** return after winning in their tournament debut in 2024, with McIlroy making his first start on TOUR since winning the Masters Tournament and becoming the sixth player to complete the Career Grand Slam. Las Vegas residents **Collin Morikawa** and **Kurt Kitayama** will team up for the second consecutive year following a T23 finish in 2024, while **Charley Hoffman** and **Nick Watney** will become the only pair to compete together in all seven previous editions of the team format. The duo has two top-10s together, including a T5 in 2017.
  - **New Match-ups:** Zurich ambassador **Billy Horschel**, who is the only player to win the Zurich Classic of New Orleans in both the individual and team format (2013, 2018), will partner with **Tom Hoge** for the first time. Fellow Zurich ambassador **Sahith Theegala** will team up with **Aaron Rai** for his fourth different partner in as many tournament appearances.
  - **Brothers:** There are three sets of brothers – including two sets of twins – competing in the 2025 event, including **Matt** and **Alex Fitzpatrick**, who have finished T19 and T11 in their previous two starts together in 2023 and 2024, respectively. Denmark's twins **Nicolai** and **Rasmus Højgaard** are partnering for the second time but first with both as PGA TOUR members. Rasmus finished No. 1 in the DP World Tour Top 10 to earn his PGA TOUR card for 2025, while Nicolai finished No. 108 in the 2024 FedExCup Fall standings to retain his card for 2025. PGA TOUR rookie and Germany native **Jeremy Paul** will partner with twin brother **Yannik**, who plays on the DP World Tour and finished third at last week's Volvo China Open to move up to No. 69 in the Race to Dubai Rankings. Jeremy finished T2 at last week's Corales Puntacana Championship and is No. 93 in the FedExCup standings.
4. **Aon Next 10 / Aon Swing 5:** Two starts remain until the next Signature Event, the Truist Championship. The top 10 FedExCup points earners through THE CJ CUP Byron Nelson not otherwise exempt will earn spots via the Aon Next 10. The top five FedExCup points earners in the Corales Puntacana Championship, Zurich Classic of New Orleans and THE CJ CUP Byron Nelson will earn spots via the Aon Swing 5. With his victory at the Corales Puntacana Championship, **Garrick Higgo** moved to the top of the Aon Swing 5 category, on pace for his first Signature Event start in 2025. (Reminder: Winners of Additional Events are not guaranteed access to Signature Events, but will likely qualify for the next Signature Event via the Aon Swing 5.



## International Analysis 2025 Zurich Classic of New Orleans

27 different countries represented in the field as of 8:21 am on 4/22/2025

### International Team From Same Country Field This Week

	Country
Matt Fitzpatrick/Alex Fitzpatrick	England
Si Woo Kim/Sangmoon Bae	Republic of Korea
Matthieu Pavon/Victor Perez	France
Nick Taylor/Adam Hadwin	Canada
Erik van Rooyen/Christiaan Bezuidenhout	South Africa
Angel Ayora/Alejandro Del Rey	Spain
Yannik Paul/Jeremy Paul	Germany
Ben Taylor/David Skinnis	England
Laurie Canter/Jordan Smith	England
Ryo Hisatsune/Takumi Kanaya	Japan
Nicolai Højgaard/Rasmus Højgaard	Denmark
Rikuya Hoshino/Kaito Onishi	Japan

### Youngest International Only Teams Field This Week

	Ages	Avg
<b>Angel Ayora/Alejandro Del Ray</b>	<b>20 / 27</b>	<b>23.5</b>
Ryo Hisatsune/Takumi Kanaya	22 / 26	24
Nicolai Højgaard/Rasmus Højgaard	24 / 24	24
Rikuya Hoshino/Kaito Onishi	28 / 26	27
Matt Fitzpatrick/Alex Fitzpatrick	30 / 26	28

### Teams With Players From Different International Countries Field This Week

	Countries
Thomas Detry/Robert MacIntyre	Belgium/Scotland
Cam Davis/Adam Svensson	Australia/Canada
Jesper Svensson/Niklas Norgaard	Sweden/Denmark
Kris Ventura/Antoine Rozner	Norway/France
Ben Silverman/Sami Valimaki	Canada/Finland
Ryan Fox/Garrick Higgo	New Zealand/South Africa
Matteo Manassero/Cristobal Del Solar	Italy/Chile
Jhonattan Vegas/Kevin Yu	Venezuela/Chinese Taipei
Matt Wallace/Thorbjørn Olesen	England/Denmark
Rory McIlroy/Shane Lowry	Northern Ireland/Ireland
Camilo Villegas/Luke Donald	Colombia/England

### Best Avg FedExCup Ranks International Only Teams

	Ranks	Avg
<b>Rory McIlroy/Shane Lowry</b>	<b>1 / 19</b>	<b>10</b>
Thomas Detry/Robert MacIntyre	18 / 40	29
Nick Taylor/Adam Hadwin	20 / 110	65
Jhonattan Vegas/Kevin Yu	58 / 82	70
Cam Davis/Adam Svensson	37 / 148	92.5

### Each Player Making First Event Start International Only Teams

Angel Ayora / Alejandro Del Rey
Ryo Hisatsune / Takumi Kanaya
Rikuya Hoshino / Kaito Onishi
Steven Fisk / Tim Widing
Jesper Svensson / Niklas Norgaard
Yannik Paul / Jeremy Paul
Matteo Manassero / Cristobal Del Solar
Paul Peterson / Thomas Rosenmueller
Laurie Canter / Jordan Smith

### Most Career PGA TOUR Wins International Only Teams

	Total	Team Total
<b>Rory McIlroy / Shane Lowry</b>	<b>29 / 3</b>	<b>32</b>
Camilo Villegas / Luke Donald	5 / 5	10
Si Woo Kim / Sangmoon Bae	4 / 2	6
Nick Taylor / Adam Hadwin	5 / 1	6
Jhonattan Vegas / Kevin Yu	4 / 1	5

**Teams With the Most Event Starts  
International Only Teams**

	Country	Starts	Total
<b>Nick Taylor/Adam Hadwin</b>	<b>Canada/Canada</b>	<b>7 / 6</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Camilo Villegas/Luke Donald</b>	<b>Colombia/England</b>	<b>7 / 6</b>	<b>13</b>
Si Woo Kim/Sangmoon Bae	Republic of Korea/Republic of Korea	4 / 6	10
Matt Wallace/Thorbjørn Olesen	England/Denmark	4 / 4	8
Jhonattan Vegas/Kevin Yu	Venezuela/Chinese Taipei	6 / 1	7

**Most Birdies  
International Only Teams**

	Total
<b>Nick Taylor/Adam Hadwin</b>	<b>303</b>
Thomas Detry/Robert MacIntyre	297
Erik van Rooyen/Christiaan Bezuidenhout	263
Jhonattan Vegas/Kevin Yu	262
Cam Davis/Adam Svensson	261

**Most Top 10s PGA TOUR This Season  
International Only Teams**

	Total	Team Total
<b>Rory McIlroy / Shane Lowry</b>	<b>4 / 3</b>	<b>7</b>
Thomas Detry / Robert MacIntyre	2 / 2	4
Ryo Hisatsune / Takumi Kanaya	3 / 0	3
Nick Taylor / Adam Hadwin	2 / 1	3
Erik van Rooyen / Christiaan Bezuidenhout	1 / 1	2

**Most Top 5s PGA TOUR This Season  
International Only Teams**

	Total	Team Total
<b>Rory McIlroy / Shane Lowry</b>	<b>4 / 1</b>	<b>5</b>
Thomas Detry / Robert MacIntyre	2 / 0	2
Ryo Hisatsune / Takumi Kanaya	2 / 0	2

**Best Avg Greens in Regulation Rank  
International Only Teams**

	Ranks	Avg
<b>Jhonattan Vegas / Kevin Yu</b>	<b>48 / 12</b>	<b>30</b>
Thomas Detry / Robert MacIntyre	87 / 15	51
Ryo Hisatsune / Takumi Kanaya	45 / 63	54
Nicolai Højgaard / Rasmus Højgaard	24 / 122	73

**Earliest Calendar Year with 10 Different Countries with a Win  
PGA TOUR Since 1983**

Calendar Year	Month	Day
<b>2025</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>20</b>
2011	June	26
2023	July	9
2019	July	14
2024	July	14
2008	August	3
2016	August	7
2014	August	17
2002	August	25

**Wins by Country  
PGA TOUR this Season**

	Total
United States	6
Northern Ireland	3
Australia	2
Norway	1
Sweden	1
South Africa	1
Austria	1
Canada	1
Belgium	1
Japan	1



## Pathways Select Player Document: Zurich Classic of New Orleans

*As of April 21, 2025*

### PGA TOUR Pathways

PGA TOUR University | PGA TOUR Americas | Korn Ferry Tour | PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry

#### **Chad Ramey**

Teammate: Justin Lower

*Pathway to the PGA TOUR:* PGA TOUR Canada (2017), Korn Ferry Tour (2018-2020)

- Won his first PGA TOUR title in his 16th career start on TOUR at the 2022 Corales Puntacana Championship.
- Finished runner-up with partner Martin Trainer to Rory McIlroy and Shane Lowry at the 2024 Zurich Classic of New Orleans; was his first runner-up in 77 starts on TOUR.
- Finished No. 116 in the 2024 FedExCup Fall standings; marking his third consecutive season of finishing in the top 125 (best: 2022/85th in his rookie season)
- Earned his first PGA TOUR card as he finished the 2020-21 combined season No. 4 on the Korn Ferry Tour Points List, highlighted by a win at the 2021 Live and Work in Maine Open.
- Finished the combined season with 26 consecutive made cuts (40 cuts made out of 43 total), the second-longest streak in Korn Ferry Tour history, only trailing Chris Perry's record of 31 from 1993-96.
- Played collegiately for four seasons (2010-14) at Mississippi State University, where he earned All-SEC honors three times, including first-team selections as a junior and senior.

#### **Justin Lower**

Teammate: Chad Ramey

*Pathway to the PGA TOUR:* Korn Ferry Tour (2014, 2017-20)

- Making his fourth career start at the Zurich Classic of New Orleans; recorded his best finish at the event in 2022/T10 with former partner Dylan Wu.
- In 11 starts this season, has made five cuts, highlighted by a T3 finish in his second start of the year at The American Express.
- Finished No. 69 in the 2024 FedExCup Fall standings with five top-10s, highlighted by a career-best T2 finish at the World Wide Technology Championship, finishing one stroke behind champion Austin Eckroat.
- Earned his first PGA TOUR card via the 2020-21 Korn Ferry Tour season; needed a par on the 72nd hole of the final event of the 2020-21 Korn Ferry Tour season (2021 Korn Ferry Tour Championship), got up-and-down from 30 yards out (in the fairway) to secure his PGA TOUR card for the 2021-22 season.
- Won the Jack Nicklaus Award as the NAIA player of the year after a season that included six victories with Malone University (Canton, Ohio); also received the Arnold Palmer Award as national championship medalist.

#### **Ryan Brehm**

Teammate: Mark Hubbard

*Pathway to the PGA TOUR:* PGA TOUR Canada (2014-15), Korn Ferry Tour (2016, 2018-20)

- Making his fourth career start at the Zurich Classic of New Orleans after recording his best finish in 2024/3rd with partner Mark Hubbard; held a share of the lead after each of the first two rounds last season and claimed his second career top-10 on TOUR and first since winning the 2022 Puerto Rico Open.
- Won his first PGA TOUR title in 68th start while playing his final event on a Minor Medical Extension at the 2022 Puerto Rico Open.
- Finished No. 172 in the 2024 FedExCup Fall standings, recording one top-10 at the Zurich Classic of New Orleans
- Two-time Korn Ferry Tour winner (2016 WinCo Foods Portland Open presented by KraftHeinz, 2019 LECOM Health Challenge), who has made five starts on the Korn Ferry Tour this season (best finish: T56/The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club).
- Prior to this season, Brehm's previous start on the Korn Ferry Tour was the 2022 LECOM Suncoast Classic (T38).
- Played four seasons (2004-08) at Michigan State University, earning All-Big Ten Conference honors four times, including first-team selections in 2006 and 2008.

### **Mark Hubbard**

Teammate: Ryan Brehm

*Pathway to the PGA TOUR:* PGA TOUR Canada (2012-13), Korn Ferry Tour (2014, 2018-19)

- Making his eighth career start at the Zurich Classic of New Orleans after recording his best finish in 2024/3rd with partner Ryan Brehm; held a share of the lead after each of the first two rounds last season and claimed his fourth career top-five finish on TOUR and first since finishing solo-third at the 2022 ISCO Championship.
- Enters the week No. 119 in the FedExCup standings; in 12 starts, has made six cuts highlighted by three top-25 finishes (best: T12/twice/The American Express, Corales Puntacana Championship)
- Finished No. 63 in the 2024 FedExCup Fall standings after qualifying for the FedExCup Playoffs for the third straight season (fifth total); ended the season with a pair of third-place finishes (3rd/Zurich Classic of New Orleans, T3/Butterfield Bermuda Championship).
- Two-time Korn Ferry Tour graduate (2014, 2019); finished No. 9 on the 2019 Korn Ferry Tour Regular Season points list off the strength of his first Korn Ferry Tour victory at the 2019 LECOM Suncoast Classic.

### **Andrew Novak**

Teammate: Ben Griffin

*Pathway to the PGA TOUR:* PGA TOUR Canada (2017), Korn Ferry Tour (2018-20)

- Finished solo-second in first playoff appearance at last week's RBC Heritage; earned his second runner-up finish in his 99th career start (other: 2nd/2024 Butterfield Bermuda Championship).
- Making his fourth career start at the Zurich Classic of New Orleans; recorded his best finish at the event in 2024/T23 with partner Davis Thompson.
- Will be pairing up with Ben Griffin who has posted three top-10s this season; there have been a combined nine top-25 finishes and six top-10s between the two partners this season.
- Finished No. 68 in the 2024 FedExCup Fall standings and recorded five top-10s and 19 made cuts in 26 starts; prior to the RBC Heritage, earned his career-best runner-up finish to Rafael Campos at the Butterfield Bermuda Championship.
- Earned his first PGA TOUR card as he finished the 2020-21 combined season No. 18 on the Korn Ferry Tour Points List, off the strength of 10 top-10s, including a win at the 2020 LECOM Suncoast Classic.
- Played four seasons at Wofford College (2013-17); claimed four collegiate victories and was a three-time All-Southern Conference selection and was inducted into the Wofford Athletics Hall of Fame in 2022.

### **Ben Griffin**

Teammate: Andrew Novak

*Pathway to the PGA TOUR:* PGA TOUR Canada (2018-19), Korn Ferry Tour (2022)

- Seeking first career made cut at the Zurich Classic of New Orleans in what will be his third start at the event; partnered with Andrew Novak
- Earned his first PGA TOUR card via the 2022 Korn Ferry Tour season after recording three runner-up finishes.

- Took a break from playing professional golf in April 2021. He accepted a job in property management and earned a license/transitioned into working as a mortgage loan officer in his hometown of Chapel Hill, North Carolina
- Making his 14th start on TOUR this season. Has made 10 cuts, with three top-10s this season which included back-to-back T4 finishes at the Mexico Open at Vidantaworld and the Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches
- Won two U.S. Kids Golf Teen World Golf Championships at Pinehurst, winning the Boys 14 title in 2010 and the Boys 15-18 crown in 2011. The 2010 field included PGA TOUR winner Sam Burns, who finished T9. Griffin beat PGA TOUR member Will Gordon by a stroke to take the 2011 title
- Won the 2013 AJGA Rolex Tournament of Champions over a field which included Doug Ghim (T4), Sam Burns (6th), Zecheng Dou (7th), Carl Yuan (9th), Scottie Scheffler (T10), and Cameron Champ (T15), in addition to earning a spot on the 2013 AJGA Rolex Junior All-America First Team with Scheffler and Collin Morikawa
- Played four seasons at University of North Carolina (2014-18), earning All-America Honorable Mentions in 2015 and 2017 after winning three individual tournament titles

### **Michael Thorbjornsen [THOR-be-orn-son]**

Teammate: Karl Vilips

*Pathway to the PGA TOUR:* Finished No. 1 in the 2024 PGA TOUR University Ranking

- Will be making his first career start at the Zurich Classic of New Orleans alongside PGA TOUR rookie and close friend Karl Vilips; was roommates with Vilips at Stanford and currently live in the same apartment complex in Jacksonville.
- In 10 starts this season, recorded his best finish of the season at last week's Corales Puntacana Championship, and second career runner-up finish (other: T2/2024 John Deere Classic).
- Earned his PGA TOUR card via PGA TOUR University after finishing No. 1 in the Class of 2024, following Ludvig Åberg as the second player to earn PGA TOUR membership as the No. 1 player in the PGA TOUR University Ranking.
- Has used a 10-finger grip for the majority of his career. Cited discomfort with an overlap/interlock grip.
- Made the cut at the 2019 U.S. Open at Pebble Beach at the age of 17 years, 8 months and 29 days, becoming the second-youngest player to make the cut at the U.S. Open since WWII.
  - Earned an exemption into the U.S. Open via his victory at the 2018 U.S. Junior Amateur Championship, where he defeated Akshay Bhatia in the championship match.
- Thorbjornsen was born in Cleveland, Ohio and grew up in Wellesley, Massachusetts; moved to Jacksonville in 2024 after turning professional.

### **Karl Vilips**

Teammate: Michael Thorbjornsen

*Pathway to the PGA TOUR:* Finished No. 10 in 2024 PGA TOUR University Ranking, Korn Ferry Tour (2024)

- Will be making his first career start at the Zurich Classic of New Orleans alongside Class of 2024 PGA TOUR University No. 1 and former Stanford teammate Michael Thorbjornsen.
- Won first PGA TOUR title in his fourth career start at the age of 23 years, 6 months, 21 days at the 2025 Puerto Rico Open; with the victory, earned starts in the 2025 PLAYERS Championship (MC) and 2025 PGA Championship.
- Finished No. 19 on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List to earn PGA TOUR membership for the 2025 season.
- Made his Korn Ferry Tour debut in July at The Ascendant presented by Blue and earned top-25s in his first two starts, followed by a runner-up finish at the NV5 Invitational and a victory at the Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank and Intermountain Health.
- Made two starts on PGA TOUR Americas in 2024 via PGA TOUR University performance benefits.
- Finished T8 at the 2024 NCAA Championship to improve four spots and finish No. 10 in the final 2024 PGA TOUR University Ranking; earned conditional membership for the remainder of the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour season and exempt membership for the remainder of the 2024 PGA TOUR Americas season.
- Played four seasons at Stanford University (2020-24), where he was named to the 2024 All-America Second Team and All-Pac-12 team three times (First Team in 2023 and 2024, Second Team in 2022). Earned his lone collegiate victory at the 2024 Pac-12 Championship.

- Moved to the United States at age 11 and eventually attended Saddlebrook Preparatory Academy in Wesley Chapel Florida; Saddlebrook also has a renowned tennis academy where Pete Sampras, Andy Roddick, and Mardy Fish trained.
- Enjoys building LEGO sets, with one of his biggest projects being a replica Millennium Falcon from *Star Wars*.

### **Joel Dahmen**

Teammate: Harry Higgs

*Pathway to the PGA TOUR:* PGA TOUR Canada (2010-2014), Korn Ferry Tour (2015-2017)

- Will be making his seventh career start at the Zurich Classic of New Orleans (best finish: T11/2023), alongside partner Harry Higgs.
- Claimed his first and only PGA TOUR victory at the 2021 Corales Puntacana Championship; held the solo lead through each of the first three rounds at the 2025 Corales Puntacana Championship but bogeyed the final three holes and finished T2.
- Finished the 2014 season as the PGA TOUR Canada Player of the Year and Order of Merit Winner.
- Finished No. 124 in the 2024 FedExCup to retain full status on TOUR for the 2025 season.
- After beginning his professional career in 2010, Dahmen was diagnosed with testicular cancer in 2011, but made a full recovery and returned to PGA TOUR Canada later that season.
- Played one year of collegiate golf at the University of Washington, where he was roommates with fellow PGA TOUR member Nick Taylor.

### **Harry Higgs**

Teammate: Joel Dahmen

*Pathway to the PGA TOUR:* PGA TOUR Latinoamérica (2015, 2018); Korn Ferry Tour (2019, 2024)

- Three-time Korn Ferry Tour winner looking to make his first cut in his fifth start at the Zurich Classic of New Orleans (2021-24).
- Has registered five made cuts in 10 starts on TOUR; best finish came in the form of a T26 at the Puerto Rico Open
- Posted back-to-back Korn Ferry Tour victories in May 2024 and finished No. 8 on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List to earn his PGA TOUR membership for the 2025 season (top 30 from Points List)
- Previously earned his first PGA TOUR card via the Korn Ferry Tour Class of 2019 (top 25 from Points List)
- In his fourth season as a PGA TOUR member, finished No. 144 in the 2023 FedExCup Fall and returned to the Korn Ferry Tour for the 2024 season; he previously made FedExCup Playoffs appearances in his first two seasons on TOUR (2019-20, 2020-21)
- Finished No. 1 on the 2018 PGA TOUR Latinoamérica Order of Merit, highlighted by a victory at the Diners Club Peru Open, to earn 2019 Korn Ferry Tour membership
- Resides in Dallas, Texas, where he played four seasons at Southern Methodist University (2010-14).



# Tournament Fact Sheet

## Zurich Classic (PGA TOUR)

TPC Louisiana • Avondale, La. • April 24-27, 2025

### Director, Golf Course Operations

#### Tyler McCool, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 15

Years at TPC Louisiana: 8

Years as Superintendent: 4

Previous Courses: The Preserve Golf Club (assistant)

Hometown: Noxapater, Miss.

Education: Mississippi State University

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is McCool's 4<sup>th</sup> event as superintendent. He was part of 3 other Zurich Classics as an assistant superintendent.

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### Other Key Agronomy Personnel

Matthew Lambert, assistant superintendent; Seth Lepine, assistant superintendent; Josh Law, equipment manager, Luke Farabaugh, general manager; Alex Abbruzzo, PGA professional  
Agronomy Employees: 20 / Tournament Volunteers: 25

### Course Architect

Pete Dye, ASGCA (2004)

### Notable

- In January the golf course received 11" of snow and was closed for 4 days. New Orleans had not received that much snow since 1895.
- New Orleans has averaged 68" of rainfall over the last 7 years which has been a challenge for the agronomy team.
- TPC Louisiana is Audubon International Certified.
- The 106 bunkers here are the second most seen on the tour so far this year (116 at Pebble Beach).

### Tournament Setup

Par: 36-36--72

Yardage: 7,425

### Turfgrass

Greens: Poa trivialis overseed .100"

Collars: Poa trivialis overseed .260"

Approaches: Celebration bermudagrass .425"

Tees: TifSport bermudagrass .400"

Fairways: Celebration bermudagrass .425"

Rough: TifSport bermudagrass 2"

### Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 5,225 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 23

Acres of Rough: 75

Number of Sand Bunkers: 106

Number of Water Hazards: 5

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 8

Soil Conditions: Pumped river sand

Water Sources: Well / city

Drainage: Good

### Links

GCSAA Tournament Fact Sheet Home:

<https://www.gcsaa.org/media/tournament-fact-sheets>

GCSAA Website: <https://www.gcsaa.org/>

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## 2025 GCSAA Course and Superintendent Notes For Courses Played to Date (PGA TOUR Only) (Primary Courses Only) (U.S. Courses Only) (This Week's Course in Red)

### Tournaments by State

4 – Florida / California  
2 – Texas / Hawaii  
1 – Arizona / 1 – Georgia / 1 – South Carolina / **1 - Louisiana**

### Yardage (par)

7,765 (72) – Torrey Pines South (Farmers Insurance)  
7,765 (72) – Torrey Pines South (Genesis)  
7,596 (73) – Kapalua Resort (The Sentry)  
7,555 (72) – Augusta National (Masters)  
7,475 (70) – Memorial Park (Texas Children's Hospital)  
7,466 (72) – Bay Hill Club (Cognizant)  
7,438 (72) – TPC San Antonio (Valero Texas Open)  
**7,425 (72) – TPC Louisiana (Zurich)**  
7,352 (71) – Innisbrook Resort (Valspar)  
7,352 (72) – TPC Sawgrass (THE PLAYERS)  
7,261 (71) – TPC Scottsdale (WM Phoenix Open)  
7,213 (71) – Harbour Town (RBC)  
7,210 (72) – PGA West Pete Dye Stadium (American Express)  
7,167 (71) – PGA National (Cognizant)  
7,044 (70) – Waialae (Sony Open)  
6,972 (72) – Pebble Beach Golf Links (AT&T Pro Am)

### Average Green Size (top five)

#### Largest

8,722 – Kapalua Resort (The Sentry)  
7,500 – Bay Hill Club (Cognizant)  
7,100 – Waialae (Sony Open)  
7,069 – TPC Scottsdale (WM Phoenix Open)  
7,000 – PGA National (Cognizant)  
7,000 – PGA West Pete Dye Stadium (American Express)  
7,000 – Memorial Park (Texas Children's Hospital)

#### Smallest

3,500 – Pebble Beach Golf Links (AT&T Pro Am)  
3,700 – Harbour Town (RBC)  
5,000 – Torrey Pines South (Farmers Insurance)  
5,000 – Torrey Pines South (Genesis)  
**5,225 – TPC Louisiana (Zurich)**

### Number of Bunkers (top five)

#### Most

116 – Pebble Beach Golf Links (AT&T Pro Am)  
**106 – TPC Louisiana (Zurich)**  
93 – Kapalua Resort (The Sentry)  
92 – TPC Sawgrass (THE PLAYERS)  
90 – PGA West Pete Dye Stadium (American Express)

#### Fewest

21 – Memorial Park (Texas Children's Hospital)  
44 – Augusta National (Masters)  
51 – Harbour Town (RBC)  
64 – TPC San Antonio (Valero Texas Open)  
65 – PGA National (Cognizant)  
67 – TPC Scottsdale (WM Phoenix Open)

### Green Turf Type

5 – Bermudagrass  
6 – Poa  
**3 – Poa overseed**  
1 – Poa / bentgrass / ryegrass overseed  
1 – Bentgrass

### Rough Turf Type

10 – Ryegrass overseed  
**3 – Bermudagrass**  
1 – Ryegrass / Poa annua mix  
1 – Ryegrass / fine fescue overseed  
1 – Perennial ryegrass / fescue

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## **Superintendents Tournaments Hosted (includes 2025)**

30 – Jeff Plotts, TPC Sawgrass (10<sup>th</sup> THE PLAYERS)  
28 – Jonathan Wright, Harbour Town (RBC)  
24 – Dave Nakama, CGCS, Waialae (Sony Open)  
17 – Ryan Stewart, Innisbrook (Valspar)  
17 – Chris Flynn, CGCS, Bay Hill Club (Arnold Palmer)

## **Superintendents GCSAA Membership Years**

39 – Brian Sullivan, CGCS, MG, PGA West (AE)  
37 – Roby Robertson, CGCS, TPC San Antonio (Valero Texas)  
34 – Ken Einwig, PGA National (Cognizant)  
31 – Jeff Plotts, TPC Sawgrass (THE PLAYERS)  
29 – Jonathan Wright, Harbour Town (RBC)

## **Superintendents Alma Maters**

2 – Penn State  
1 – Arizona, Hawaii, Michigan State, Texas Tech, Lake City,  
SUNY-Cobleskill, Georgia, N.C. State, Kansas State, Purdue,  
Kentucky, **Mississippi State**

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## 2025 Zurich Classic of New Orleans ShotLink Broadcast Notes



- 13** Total Zurich Classic of New Orleans winners who have qualified for the TOUR Championship since 2007
- 21** The Zurich Classic has seen 21 players capture their first PGA TOUR title at this event, second-most First-Time PGA TOUR winners of any active TOUR event (since 1970).
- 3** Average holes over par by winners of the Zurich Classic of New Orleans since 2017 (*Jonas Blixt & Cameron Smith/0, Billy Horschel & Scott Piercy/4, Ryan Palmer & Jon Rahm/2, Marc Leishman & Cameron Smith/6, Xander Schauffele & Patrick Cantlay/4, Davis Riley & Nick Hardy/2 & Rory McIlroy & Shane Lowry/5*)

### First-Time PGA TOUR Winners Zurich Classic of New Orleans Since 1970

	Year
Davis Riley	2023
Nick Hardy	2023
Cameron Smith	2017
Brian Stuard	2016
Seung-Yul Noh	2014
Billy Horschel	2013
Jason Dufner	2012
Andres Romero	2008
Nick Watney	2007
Chris Couch	2006
Tim Petrovic	2005
Steve Flesch	2003
K.J. Choi	2002
Carlos Franco	1999
Lee Westwood	1998
Scott McCarron	1996
Mike Standly	1993
Ian Woosnam	1991
Bob Eastwood	1984
Lon Hinkle	1978
Jim Simons	1977

### FedExCup Finishes Zurich Classic of New Orleans Winners

		FEC Finish
Rory McIlroy	2024*	9 <sup>th</sup>
Shane Lowry	2024*	9 <sup>th</sup>
Davis Riley	2023*	59 <sup>th</sup>
Nick Hardy	2023*	52 <sup>nd</sup>
Xander Schauffele	2022*	4 <sup>th</sup>
Patrick Cantlay	2022*	7 <sup>th</sup>
Marc Leishman	2021*	42 <sup>nd</sup>
Cameron Smith	2021*	14 <sup>th</sup>
Jon Rahm	2019*	12 <sup>th</sup>
Ryan Palmer	2019*	35 <sup>th</sup>
Billy Horschel	2018*	5 <sup>th</sup>
Scott Piercy	2018*	68 <sup>th</sup>
Jonas Blixt	2017*	82 <sup>nd</sup>
Cameron Smith	2017*	46 <sup>th</sup>
Brian Stuard	2016	60 <sup>th</sup>
Justin Rose	2015	8 <sup>th</sup>
Seung-Yul Noh	2014	35 <sup>th</sup>
Billy Horschel	2013	16 <sup>th</sup>
Jason Dufner	2012	14 <sup>th</sup>
Bubba Watson	2011	26 <sup>th</sup>
Jason Bohn	2010	62 <sup>nd</sup>
Jerry Kelly	2009	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Andres Romero	2008	28 <sup>th</sup>
Nick Watney	2007	41 <sup>st</sup>

\*Team Event

### Bogeys or Worse Zurich Classic of New Orleans Winners Since 2017

	Total
2024 Rory McIlroy / Shane Lowry	5
2023 Davis Riley / Nick Hardy	2
2022 Xander Schauffele / Patrick Cantlay	4
2021 Marc Leishman / Cameron Smith	6
2019 Ryan Palmer / Jon Rahm	2
2018 Billy Horschel / Scott Piercy	4
2017 Jonas Blixt / Cameron Smith	0

### Most First-Time PGA TOUR Winners Active Events Since 1970

	Total
John Deere Classic	24
<b>Zurich Classic of New Orleans</b>	<b>21</b>
Texas Children's Houston Open	17
Cognizant Classic	17
Wyndham Championship	17

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### Team Stats – Field this Week

#### Highest SG: Putting Team Average Rank Field this Week

	Ranks	Team Average
Jake Knapp / Frankie Capan III	21 / 15	18
Nico Echavarria / Max Greyserman	1 / 42	21.5
Beau Hossler / Andrew Putnam	31 / 48	39.5
Rory McIlroy / Shane Lowry	10 / 78	44
Justin Lower / Chad Ramey	36 / 59	47.5

#### Highest SG: Tee-to-Green Team Average Rank Field this Week

	Ranks	Team Average
Rory McIlroy / Shane Lowry	1 / 4	2.5
Collin Morikawa / Kurt Kitayama	3 / 54	28.5
J.T. Poston / Keith Mitchell	44 / 23	33.5
Ben Griffin / Andrew Novak	42 / 33	37.5
Ryan Gerard / Danny Walker	43 / 35	39

#### Highest Average GIR Rank Field this Week

	Ranks	Team Average
Brice Garnett / Sepp Straka	8 / 2	5
Karl Vilips / Michael Thorbjornsen	39 / 19	29
Jhonattan Vegas / Kevin Yu	48 / 12	30
Wyndham Clark / Taylor Moore	51 / 33	42
Rico Hoey / Sam Ryder	5 / 81	43

#### Most Combined FedExCup Playoff Appearances Field this Week

	App.	Team Total
Ryan Palmer / Zach Johnson	14 / 14	28
Charley Hoffman / Nick Watney	15 / 13	28
Brandt Snedeker / Chez Reavie	15 / 10	25
Martin Laird / Bill Haas	12 / 11	23
Rory McIlroy / Shane Lowry	14 / 6	20

#### Highest Team Scoring Average (Actual) Rank Field this Week

	Ranks	Team Average
Rico Hoey / Sam Ryder	22 / 19	20.5
Brice Garnett / Sepp Straka	51 / 3	27
Rory McIlroy / Shane Lowry	1 / 65	33
Wyndham Clark / Taylor Moore	52 / 18	35
Ryo Hisatsune / Takumi Kanaya	15 / 75	45

#### Most Total Hole Outs this Season Field this Week

	Total	Team Total
Chandler Phillips / Jacob Bridgeman	11 / 15	26
Ben Silverman / Sami Valimaki	11 / 11	22
Matt McCarty / Mason Anderson	13 / 9	22

#### Most Top 5s This Season Field this Week

	Total	Team Total
Ben Griffin / Andrew Novak	2 / 3	5
Rory McIlroy / Shane Lowry	4 / 1	5
Billy Horschel / Tom Hoge	1 / 2	3
Joe Highsmith / Alejandro Tosti	1 / 2	3

#### Most Top 10s This Season Field this Week

	Total	Team Total
Rory McIlroy / Shane Lowry	4 / 3	7
Ben Griffin / Andrew Novak	3 / 3	6
Billy Horschel / Tom Hoge	2 / 3	5
Joe Highsmith / Alejandro Tosti	1 / 3	4
Thomas Detry / Robert MacIntyre	2 / 2	4
Akshay Bhatia / Carson Young	3 / 1	4

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### Wyndham Clark & Taylor Moore

**8** Wyndham Clark finished 8<sup>th</sup> in the FedExCup Standings last season, he is a member of one of three teams in the field this week to have a player finish inside FedExCup Top 10 last season

**29.5** Wyndham Clark (47<sup>th</sup>) and Taylor Moore (12<sup>th</sup>) have an average rank of 29.5 in SG: Around-the-Green this season, the third lowest averaged rank of any teams in the field this week



#### Team Stats

Wyndham Clark		Taylor Moore
68 <sup>th</sup>	FedExCup Rank	79 <sup>th</sup>
17 <sup>th</sup>	World Golf Rank	87 <sup>th</sup>
174	PGA TOUR Starts	100
3	PGA TOUR Wins	1
T92	SG: Off-the-Tee	20 <sup>th</sup>
T94	SG: Approach-the-Green	123 <sup>rd</sup>
47 <sup>th</sup>	SG: Around-the-Green	T12
47 <sup>th</sup>	SG: Putting	115 <sup>th</sup>
48 <sup>th</sup>	SG: Total	43 <sup>rd</sup>
3 <sup>rd</sup> (2023)	Best Zurich Finish	T4 (2022 & 2023)



#### Teams with Player Inside FedExCup Top 10 Last Season Field This Week

	Ranks
<b>Rory McIlroy / Shane Lowry</b>	<b>9 / 9</b>
<b>Collin Morikawa / Kurt Kitayama</b>	<b>2 / 74</b>
<b>Wyndham Clark / Taylor Moore</b>	<b>8 / 64</b>

#### Highest SG: Around-the-Green Team Average Rank Field This Week

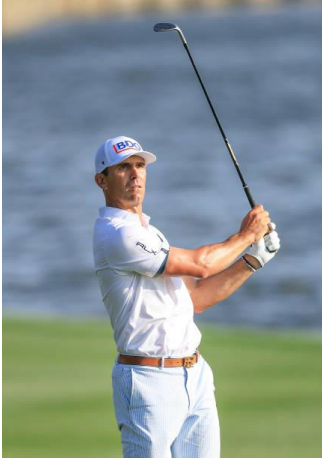
	Ranks	Team Avg
Rory McIlroy / Shane Lowry	33 / 12	22.5
Beau Hossler/ Andrew Putnam	19 / 27	23
<b>Wyndham Clark / Taylor Moore</b>	<b>47 / 12</b>	<b>29.5</b>
Cam Davis / Adam Svensson	29 / 31	30
Ben Griffin / Andrew Novak	58 / 11	34

### Billy Horschel & Tom Hoge

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- 22** Billy Horschel (13) and Tom Hoge (9), have a total of 22 total starts in events this season, the third most of any teams in the field this week
- 19** Horschel (31<sup>st</sup>) and Hoge (7<sup>th</sup>), have a combined average rank of 19 in One-Putt Percentage this season, the best average ranking of teams in the field this week



### Team Stats

Billy Horschel		Tom Hoge
52 <sup>nd</sup>	FedExCup Rank	22 <sup>nd</sup>
24 <sup>th</sup>	World Golf Rank	42 <sup>nd</sup>
358	PGA TOUR Starts	298
8	PGA TOUR Wins	1
113 <sup>th</sup>	SG: Off-the-Tee	167 <sup>th</sup>
82 <sup>nd</sup>	SG: Approach-the-Green	14 <sup>th</sup>
T76	SG: Around-the-Green	132 <sup>nd</sup>
52 <sup>nd</sup>	SG: Putting	51 <sup>st</sup>
63 <sup>rd</sup>	SG: Total	75 <sup>th</sup>
WON (2018)	Best Zurich Finish	T10 (2018)



### Most Team Total Event Starts Field This Week

	Total	Team Starts
Charley Hoffman / Nick Watney	17 / 17	34
Troy Merritt / Robert Streb	12 / 10	22
<b>Billy Horschel / Tom Hoge</b>	<b>13 / 9</b>	<b>22</b>
Brandt Snedeker / Chez Reavie	8 / 13	21

2 teams at 20

### Best One-Putt Average Rank Field This Week

	Ranks	Team Avg
<b>Billy Horschel / Tom Hoge</b>	<b>31 / 7</b>	<b>19</b>
Rory McIlroy / Shane Lowry	3 / 39	21
Ryan Gerard / Danny Walker	25 / 35	30
Patton Kizzire / Ben Kohles	19 / 63	41
Rikuya Hoshino / Kaito Onishi	34 / 50	42

Thomas Detry & Robert MacIntyre

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- 16** Thomas Detry (-11) and Robert MacIntyre (-5), have a combined Par 4 score of 16-under this season, the third-best Par 4 performance of teams in the field this week
- 39** Detry (45<sup>th</sup>) and MacIntyre (33<sup>rd</sup>) have a combined average rank of 39 in SG: Total, the fourth-lowest combined average rank of teams in the field this week



Team Stats		
Thomas Detry		Robert MacIntyre
18 <sup>th</sup>	FedExCup Rank	40 <sup>th</sup>
31 <sup>st</sup>	World Golf Rank	21 <sup>st</sup>
75	PGA TOUR Starts	63
1	PGA TOUR Wins	2
T37	SG: Off-the-Tee	7 <sup>th</sup>
107 <sup>th</sup>	SG: Approach-the-Green	T35
99 <sup>th</sup>	SG: Around-the-Green	115
35 <sup>th</sup>	SG: Putting	T131
45 <sup>th</sup>	SG: Total	33 <sup>rd</sup>
T8 (2024)	Best Zurich Finish	T8 (2024)



### Best Team Par 4 Performance Field This Week

	Total	Team Total
Alex Smalley / Joseph Bramlett	-25 / +5	-20
Brice Garnett / Sepp Straka	-5 / -12	-17
<b>Thomas Detry / Robert MacIntyre</b>	<b>-11 / -5</b>	<b>-16</b>

3 teams at -14

### Highest SG: Total Team Average Rank Field This Week

	Ranks	Team Avg
Rory McIlroy / Shane Lowry	1 / 6	3.5
Ryan Gerard / Danny Walker	14 / 42	28
Ben Griffin / Andrew Novak	46 / 22	34
<b>Thomas Detry / Robert MacIntyre</b>	<b>45 / 33</b>	<b>39</b>
Wyndham Clark / Taylor Moore	48 / 43	45.5

### Matt Fitzpatrick & Alex Fitzpatrick

- 171** Matt (164) and Alex (7), have a combined 171 starts on the PGA Tour



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**3** The Fitzpatrick brothers are one of 3 brother duo's in competing in the 2025 Zurich Classic



### Team Stats

Matt Fitzpatrick		Alex Fitzpatrick
114 <sup>th</sup>	FedExCup Rank	-
79 <sup>th</sup>	World Golf Rank	221 <sup>st</sup>
164	PGA TOUR Starts	7
2	PGA TOUR Wins	-
T46	SG: Off-the-Tee	-
139 <sup>th</sup>	SG: Approach-the-Green	-
144 <sup>th</sup>	SG: Around-the-Green	-
129 <sup>th</sup>	SG: Putting	-
140 <sup>th</sup>	SG: Total	-
T11 (2024)	Best Zurich Finish	T11 (2024)



### Fitzpatrick Brothers PGA TOUR Careers

	Matt	Alex
Starts	164	7
Cuts Made	125	4
Top 25s	66	4
Wins	2	0

### Brother Duo's Playing in 2025 Zurich Classic

Matt & Alex Fitzpatrick
Nicolai & Rasmus Højgaard
Jeremy & Yannik Paul

## Nick Taylor & Adam Hadwin

**5** Nick Taylor (3) and Adam Hadwin (2) have a combined five Top 10's at Zurich Classic, ties the second most team total in the field this week

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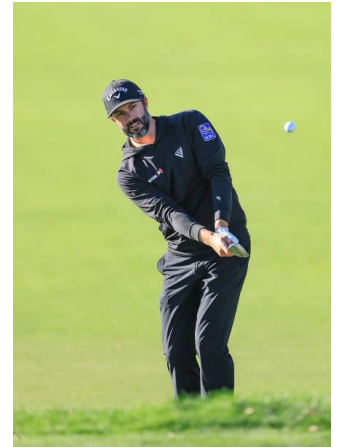


**Top 5** Nick Taylor (2) and Adam Hadwin (1) are two of five Canadian players to finish an event inside the top 10 this season



### Team Stats

Nick Taylor		Adam Hadwin
20 <sup>th</sup>	FedExCup Rank	110 <sup>th</sup>
33 <sup>rd</sup>	World Golf Rank	90 <sup>th</sup>
293	PGA TOUR Starts	282
5	PGA TOUR Wins	1
107 <sup>th</sup>	SG: Off-the-Tee	T134
20 <sup>th</sup>	SG: Approach-the-Green	149 <sup>th</sup>
96 <sup>th</sup>	SG: Around-the-Green	T42
83 <sup>rd</sup>	SG: Putting	111 <sup>st</sup>
39 <sup>th</sup>	SG: Total	133 <sup>rd</sup>
2 <sup>nd</sup> (2023)	Best Zurich Finish	2 <sup>nd</sup> (2023)



### Most Top 10's at Zurich Classic Field This Week

	Total	Team Total
Charley Hoffman / Nick Watney	3 / 3	6
Lee Hodges / Jason Dufner	0 / 6	6
<b>Nick Taylor / Adam Hadwin</b>	<b>3 / 2</b>	<b>5</b>
Billy Horschel / Tom Hoge	4 / 1	5

*\*2 teams at 4*

### Top 10 Finishes by Canadians This Season

	Total
Corey Conners	5
Taylor Pendrith	3
<b>Nick Taylor</b>	<b>2</b>
Mackenzie Hughes	2
<b>Adam Hadwin</b>	<b>1</b>

### Garrick Higgo & Ryan Fox

**2** Garrick Higgo has 2 of the last 5 PGA TOUR wins by players from South Africa, being the most recent with his last win at the 2025 Corales Puntacana Championship



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- 3 Garrick Higgo (0) and Ryan Fox (3) have a combined 3 missed cuts on the PGA TOUR this season, tied for the third-fewest missed cuts of teams in the field this week



### Team Stats

Garrick Higgo		Ryan Fox
64 <sup>th</sup>	FedExCup Rank	130 <sup>th</sup>
139 <sup>th</sup>	World Golf Rank	113 <sup>th</sup>
95	PGA TOUR Starts	65
2	PGA TOUR Wins	-
-	SG: Off-the-Tee	143 <sup>rd</sup>
-	SG: Approach-the-Green	53 <sup>rd</sup>
-	SG: Around-the-Green	78 <sup>th</sup>
-	SG: Putting	62 <sup>nd</sup>
-	SG: Total	65 <sup>th</sup>
T4 (2022 & 2024)	Best Zurich Finish	T4 (2024)



### Last 5 PGA TOUR Wins by Players From South Africa

<b>Garrick Higgo</b>	<b>2025 Corales Puntacana Championship</b>
Erik van Rooyen	2023 World Wide Technology Championship
Erik van Rooyen	2021 Barracuda Championship
<b>Garrick Higgo</b>	<b>2021 Palmetto Championship at Congraee</b>
Branden Grace	2021 Puerto Rico Open

### Fewest Missed Cuts Team Total This Season Field This Week

	Total	Team Total
Rory McIlroy / Shane Lowry	0 / 1	1
J.T. Poston / Keith Mitchell	1 / 1	2
Wyndham Clark / Taylor Moore	1 / 2	3
Garrick Higgo / Ryan Fox	0 / 3	3
Lee Hodges / Jason Dufner	1 / 2	3
Aaron Rai / Sahith Theegala	2 / 1	3
Bud Cauley / Kevin Tway	1 / 2	3

*\*min one PGA TOUR start per player this season*

### Joel Dahmen & Harry Higgs

- 28.5 Joel Dahmen (35<sup>th</sup>) and Harry Higgs (22<sup>nd</sup>) have an average rank of 28.5 in SG: Off-the-Tee this season, the fifth-lowest averaged rank of any teams in the field this week

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29 Dahmen (57<sup>th</sup>) and Higgs (1<sup>st</sup>) have a combined average rank of 29 in Highest Scrambling > 30 Yards, the second-lowest averaged rank of teams in the field this week



Team Stats		
Joel Dahmen		Harry Higgs
69 <sup>th</sup>	FedExCup Rank	151 <sup>st</sup>
140 <sup>th</sup>	World Golf Rank	193 <sup>rd</sup>
221	PGA TOUR Starts	131
1	PGA TOUR Wins	-
35 <sup>th</sup>	SG: Off-the-Tee	T22
37 <sup>th</sup>	SG: Approach-the-Green	180 <sup>th</sup>
122 <sup>nd</sup>	SG: Around-the-Green	163 <sup>rd</sup>
T113	SG: Putting	T142
44 <sup>th</sup>	SG: Total	170 <sup>th</sup>
T11 (2023)	Best Zurich Finish	CUT (2021, 2022, 2023, 2024)



Highest SG: Off-the-Tee Team Average Rank  
Field This Week

	Rank	Team Average
Jesper Svensson / Niklas Norgaard	9 / 14	11.5
Collin Morikawa / Kurt Kitayama	15 / 3	14
Rory McIlroy / Shane Lowry	1 / 41	21
Thomas Detry / Robert MacIntyre	37 / 7	22
<b>Joel Dahmen / Harry Higgs</b>	<b>35 / 22</b>	<b>28.5</b>

Highest Scrambling > 30 Yards Team Average Rank  
Field This Week

	Rank	Team Average
Thomas Detry / Robert MacIntyre	7 / 19	13
<b>Joel Dahmen / Harry Higgs</b>	<b>57 / 1</b>	<b>29</b>
Rory McIlroy / Shane Lowry	14 / 52	33
Will Gordon / Matthew Riedel	62 / 14	38
Rikuya Hoshino / Kaito Onishi	86 / 2	44

## Andrew Novak & Ben Griffin

336 Andrew Novak and Ben Griffin have a combined 336 birdies this season, the second-most birdies of teams in the field this week

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**Top 5** Andrew Novak (69.07) and Ben Griffin (69.05), both ranked inside the Top 5 in Lowest Scoring Average (Actual) last season



Team Stats		
Andrew Novak		Ben Griffin
15 <sup>th</sup>	FedExCup Rank	47 <sup>th</sup>
34 <sup>th</sup>	World Golf Rank	56 <sup>th</sup>
99	PGA TOUR Starts	89
-	PGA TOUR Wins	-
T46	SG: Off-the-Tee	T72
98 <sup>th</sup>	SG: Approach-the-Green	54 <sup>th</sup>
11 <sup>th</sup>	SG: Around-the-Green	58 <sup>th</sup>
58 <sup>th</sup>	SG: Putting	102 <sup>nd</sup>
22 <sup>nd</sup>	SG: Total	46 <sup>th</sup>
T23 (2024)	Best Zurich Finish	CUT (2023 & 2024)



### Most Team Birdies This Season Field This Week

	Total
J.T. Poston / Keith Mitchell	351
<b>Andrew Novak / Ben Griffin</b>	<b>336</b>
Aaron Rai / Sahith Theegala	335
Nico Echavarria / Max Greyserman	334
Billy Horschel / Tom Hoge	334

### Lowest Scoring Average (Actual) PGA TOUR Last Season

	Avg
Scottie Scheffler	68.01
Xander Schauffele	68.52
<b>Ben Griffin</b>	<b>69.05</b>
<b>Andrew Novak</b>	<b>69.07</b>
Max Greyserman	69.07

### Rory McIlroy & Shane Lowry

2024 Champions Rory McIlroy and Shane Lowry have combined for 32 TOUR titles, the most of any team in the field this week.

**32** Rory McIlroy (29) and Shane Lowry (3) have 32 combined wins on the PGA TOUR, the most team wins in the field this week

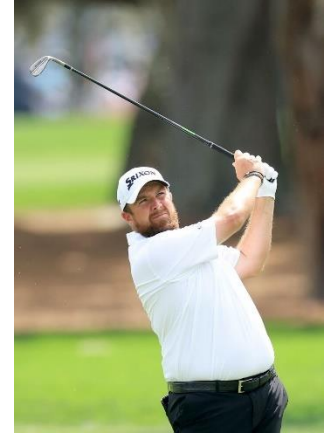
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- 15.5** Rory McIlroy (19<sup>th</sup>) and Shane Lowry (12<sup>th</sup>) have an average rank of 15.5 in SG: Approach-the-Green this season, the lowest averaged rank of any teams in the field this week
- 13** Rory McIlroy (9) and Shane Lowry (4) have 13 combined eagles on the PGA TOUR this season, tied for the most eagles of teams in the field this week



Team Stats		
Rory McIlroy		Shane Lowry
1 <sup>st</sup>	FedExCup Rank	19 <sup>th</sup>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	World Golf Rank	13 <sup>th</sup>
263	PGA TOUR Starts	194
29	PGA TOUR Wins	3
1 <sup>st</sup>	SG: Off-the-Tee	41 <sup>st</sup>
19 <sup>th</sup>	SG: Approach-the-Green	12 <sup>th</sup>
33 <sup>rd</sup>	SG: Around-the-Green	T12
10 <sup>th</sup>	SG: Putting	78 <sup>th</sup>
1 <sup>st</sup>	SG: Total	6 <sup>th</sup>
WON (2024)	Best Zurich Finish	WON (2024)



### Most Team Wins PGA TOUR Field This Week

	Total	Team Total
<b>Rory McIlroy / Shane Lowry</b>	<b>29 / 3</b>	<b>32</b>
Ryan Palmer / Zach Johnson	4 / 12	16
Brandt Snedeker / Chez Reavie	9 / 3	12
Martin Laird / Bill Haas	4 / 6	10
Camilo Villegas / Luke Donald	5 / 5	10

### Highest SG: Approach-the-Green Team Average Rank Field This Week

	Rank	Team Average
<b>Rory McIlroy / Shane Lowry</b>	<b>19 / 12</b>	<b>15.5</b>
Doug Ghim / Chan Kim	31 / 26	28.5
Ryan Gerard / Danny Walker	28 / 44	36
Jhonattan Vegas / Kevin Yu	62 / 21	41.5
Rico Hoey / Sam Ryder	25 / 68	46.5

### Most Team Eagles this Season Field This Week

	Total	Team Total
Ryan Gerard / Danny Walker	10 / 3	13
<b>Rory McIlroy / Shane Lowry</b>	<b>9 / 4</b>	<b>13</b>
Joe Highsmith / Alejandro Tosti	4 / 9	13
Steven Fisk / Tim Widing	11 / 2	13
Kris Ventura / Antoine Rozner	6 / 6	12

### Collin Morikawa & Kurt Kitayama

- 2** Collin Morikawa and Kurt Kitayama have a combined score of 2-under on Par 3's this season, the fourth-best Par 3 combined score of teams in the field this week
- 2** Collin Morikawa (2) and Kurt Kitayama (0) have 2 team major wins, tied for the second-most team major wins of teams in the field this week

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### Team Stats

Collin Morikawa		Kurt Kitayama
9 <sup>th</sup>	FedExCup Rank	152 <sup>nd</sup>
4 <sup>th</sup>	World Golf Rank	110 <sup>th</sup>
128	PGA TOUR Starts	99
6	PGA TOUR Wins	1
15 <sup>th</sup>	SG: Off-the-Tee	13 <sup>th</sup>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	SG: Approach-the-Green	133 <sup>rd</sup>
87 <sup>th</sup>	SG: Around-the-Green	69 <sup>th</sup>
85 <sup>th</sup>	SG: Putting	152 <sup>nd</sup>
3 <sup>rd</sup>	SG: Total	106 <sup>th</sup>
T23 (2024)	Best Zurich Finish	T19 (2023)



### Best Team Par 3 Performance This Season Field This Week

	Total
Brice Garnett / Sepp Straka	-10
Rory McIlroy / Shane Lowry	-6
Ryo Hisatsune / Takumi Kanaya	-6
<b>Collin Morikawa / Kurt Kitayama</b>	<b>-2</b>
Doug Ghim / Chan Kim	1

### Most Team Major Wins Field This Week

	Total	Team Total
Rory McIlroy / Shane Lowry	5 / 1	6
Collin Morikawa / Kurt Kitayama	2 / 0	2
Ryan Palmer / Zach Johnson	0 / 2	2
Matt Fitzpatrick / Alex Fitzpatrick	1 / 0	1
Wyndham Clark / Taylor Moore	1 / 0	1
Jason Dufner / Lee Hodges	1 / 0	1

### Akshay Bhatia & Carson Young

**34.5** Akshay Bhatia (41<sup>st</sup>) and Carson Young (28<sup>th</sup>) have an average Driving Accuracy rank of 34.5, the third best average rank of teams in the field this week

**16.5** Akshay Bhatia (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Carson Young (31<sup>st</sup>) have an average rank of 16.5 in Par 4 Birdie or Better Percentage this season, the best average rank of teams in the field this week



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### Team Stats

Akshay Bhatia		Carson Young
29 <sup>th</sup>	FedExCup Rank	141 <sup>st</sup>
26 <sup>th</sup>	World Golf Rank	162 <sup>nd</sup>
80	PGA TOUR Starts	76
2	PGA TOUR Wins	-
T99	SG: Off-the-Tee	25 <sup>th</sup>
30 <sup>th</sup>	SG: Approach-the-Green	120 <sup>th</sup>
146 <sup>th</sup>	SG: Around-the-Green	159 <sup>th</sup>
18 <sup>th</sup>	SG: Putting	130 <sup>th</sup>
26 <sup>th</sup>	SG: Total	128 <sup>th</sup>
CUT (2021 & 2023)	Best Zurich Finish	CUT (2023 & 2024)



### Highest Average Driving Acc. % Rank Field This Week

	Ranks	Team Average
Brice Garnett / Sepp Straka	7 / 17	12
Ryo Hisatsune / Takumi Kanaya	65 / 1	33
<b>Akshay Bhatia / Carson Young</b>	<b>41 / 28</b>	<b>34.5</b>
Paul Peterson / Thomas Rosenmueller	5 / 74	39.5
Patton Kizzire / Ben Kohles	83 / 2	42.5

### Highest Average Par 4 Birdie or Better Percentage Rank Field This Week

	Ranks	Team Average
<b>Akshay Bhatia / Carson Young</b>	<b>2 / 31</b>	<b>16.5</b>
Ryan Gerard / Danny Walker	32 / 5	18.5
Rory McIlroy / Shane Lowry	14 / 49	31.5
Joe Highsmith / Alejandro Tosti	39 / 29	34
Billy Horschel / Tom Hoge	41 / 30	35.5

### Sahith Theegala & Aaron Rai

- 123** Sahith Theegala and Aaron Rai have a combined score of 129-under on the Par 5's this season, the fourth-best of teams in the field this week
- 13** Sahith Theegala (3<sup>rd</sup>) and Aaron Rai (23<sup>rd</sup>), have a combined averaged rank of 13 from the FedExCup finish last season, the second-lowest average in the field this week
- 19** Aaron Rai (8) and Sahith Theegala (11), have a combined 19 made cuts this season on the PGA TOUR, the second-most made cuts of teams in the field this week

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### Team Stats

Sahith Theegala		Aaron Rai
95 <sup>th</sup>	FedExCup Rank	42 <sup>nd</sup>
28 <sup>th</sup>	World Golf Rank	27 <sup>th</sup>
114	PGA TOUR Starts	102
1	PGA TOUR Wins	1
122 <sup>nd</sup>	SG: Off-the-Tee	24 <sup>th</sup>
140 <sup>th</sup>	SG: Approach-the-Green	43 <sup>rd</sup>
82 <sup>nd</sup>	SG: Around-the-Green	T93
82 <sup>nd</sup>	SG: Putting	100 <sup>th</sup>
120 <sup>th</sup>	SG: Total	28 <sup>th</sup>
T23 (2023)	Best Zurich Finish	T4 (2022)



### Best Team Par 5 Performance This Season Field This Week

	Total
Ben Griffin / Andrew Novak	-143
J.T. Poston / Keith Mitchell	-138
Billy Horschel / Tom Hoge	-128
<b>Aaron Rai / Sahith Theegala</b>	<b>-123</b>
Brice Garnett / Sepp Straka	-123

### Team FedExCup Finish Average Last Season Field This Week

	Ranks	Avg
Rory McIlroy / Shane Lowry	9 / 9	9
<b>Aaron Rai / Sahith Theegala</b>	<b>23 / 3</b>	<b>13</b>
Billy Horschel / Tom Hoge	23 / 29	26
Thomas Detry / Robert MacIntyre	42 / 17	29.5
Wyndham Clark / Taylor Moore	8 / 64	36

### Most Made Cuts Team Total This Season Field This Week

	Total	Team Total
J.T. Poston / Keith Mitchell	11 / 9	20
<b>Aaron Rai / Sahith Theegala</b>	<b>8 / 11</b>	<b>19</b>
Billy Horschel / Tom Hoge	7 / 11	18
Brice Garnett / Sepp Straka	7 / 10	17
Rico Hoey / Sam Ryder	7 / 10	17
Nico Echavarria / Max Greyserman	7 / 10	17
Ben Griffin / Andrew Novak	10 / 7	17

*\*min one PGA TOUR start per player this season*

**Karl Vilips & Thorbjornsen**

**Michael**

- 23** Karl Vilips and Michael Thorbjornsen have an average age of 23, the youngest average age of any team this week
- 29** Karl Vilips (39<sup>th</sup>) and Michael Thorbjornsen (19<sup>th</sup>) have an average team rank of 29 in GIR this season, the second-lowest averaged rank in the field this week

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### Team Stats

Karl Vilips		Michael Thorbjornsen
70 <sup>th</sup>	FedExCup Rank	126 <sup>th</sup>
117 <sup>th</sup>	World Golf Rank	151 <sup>st</sup>
8	PGA TOUR Starts	29
1	PGA TOUR Wins	-
165 <sup>th</sup>	SG: Off-the-Tee	60 <sup>th</sup>
45 <sup>th</sup>	SG: Approach-the-Green	121 <sup>st</sup>
176 <sup>th</sup>	SG: Around-the-Green	157 <sup>th</sup>
154 <sup>th</sup>	SG: Putting	158 <sup>th</sup>
169 <sup>th</sup>	SG: Total	153 <sup>rd</sup>
First Start	Best Zurich Finish	First Start



### Youngest Team Average Age Field This Week

	Ages	Team Avg
<b>Karl Vilips / Michael Thorbjornsen</b>	<b>23 / 23</b>	<b>23</b>
Angel Ayora / Alejandro Del Rey	20 / 27	23.5
Ryo Hisatsune / Kanaya Takumi	22 / 26	24
Nicolai Hojaard / Rasmus Hojgaard	24 / 24	24
Ricky Castillo / William Mouw	24 / 24	24

*\*2 teams at 25*

### Team GIR Ranks This Season Field This Week

	Ranks	Avg
Brice Garnett / Sepp Straka	8 / 2	5
<b>Karl Vilips / Michael Thorbjornsen</b>	<b>39 / 19</b>	<b>29</b>
Jhonattan Vegas / Kevin Yu	48 / 12	30
Wyndham Clark / Taylor Moore	51 / 33	42
Rico Hoey / Sam Ryder	5 / 81	43

### Nicolai Højgaard & Rasmus Højgaard

- 76** The Højgaard brothers have a combined 76 starts on the PGA TOUR with a combined 44 cuts made
- 6** A combined 6 Top 10's, the Højgaard brothers have the most Top 10's of any Danish players since 2020



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### Team Stats

Nicolai Højgaard		Rasmus Højgaard
116 <sup>th</sup>	FedExCup Rank	104 <sup>th</sup>
88 <sup>th</sup>	World Golf Rank	57 <sup>th</sup>
46	PGA TOUR Starts	30
-	PGA TOUR Wins	-
116 <sup>th</sup>	SG: Off-the-Tee	126 <sup>th</sup>
24 <sup>th</sup>	SG: Approach-the-Green	151 <sup>st</sup>
T127	SG: Around-the-Green	T100
39 <sup>th</sup>	SG: Putting	110 <sup>th</sup>
36 <sup>th</sup>	SG: Total	143 <sup>rd</sup>
32 <sup>nd</sup> (2023)	Best Zurich Finish	CUT (2021 & 2024)



### Højgaard Brothers PGA TOUR Careers

	Nicolai	Rasmus
Starts	46	30
Cuts Made	27	17
Top 10s	4	2
Top 5s	2	0
Wins	0	0

### Most Top 10 Finishes by Danish Players PGA TOUR Since 2020

	Total
<b>Nicolai Højgaard</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Rasmus Højgaard</b>	<b>2</b>
Thorbjørn Olesen	1
Rasmus Neergaard-Petersen	1
Sebastian Cappelen	1
Marcus Helligkilde	1