



July 3-6, 2025
TPC Deere Run

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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: July 3, 2025: 16:00-19:00 ET

Round 2: July 4, 2025: 16:00-19:00 ET

Round 3: July 5, 2025: 13:00-18:00 ET

Round 4: July 6, 2025: 13:00-18:00 ET

Tournament Overview:

Date: June 26-29, 2025

Course: TPC Deere Run

Location: Silvis, IL

Defending Champion: Davis Thompson

Yardage: 7,289

Par Value: 71

FedExCup Points/1st: 500

Prize Money/1st: \$8,400,000/1,512,000

World Feed Talent

Host: Brian Katrek

Analyst: Brendon de Jonge

Analyst: Laura Davies

On-Course Reporter: Inci Mehmet

World Feed Sponsored Elements

Genesis

1. **Genesis Drive of the Day:**
 - Genesis to sponsor a daily feature showcasing the best drive from each day's play – including graphical brand integration and verbal mention.
 - Frequency: (4x) features per tournament (1x per day).
 - Execution:
 - Full screen 'Drive of the Day' graphic to open with Genesis logo.
 - Above graphic accompanied by voiceover '**...Now to our Drive of the Day, presented by Genesis**'.
 - Following the highlight footage, deliver end-slate – same as opening full screen graphic – but no voiceover required.

2. **Mini Leaderboard Exposure:**
 - Genesis Brand insertion to appear as a 'drop-down' feature within the World Feed constant mini-leaderboard.
 - Frequency: (1x) appearance per hour, per day. Each drop-down to last for 6-seconds.
 - Execution:
 - No voiceover required.

Aon

1. **Aon Better Decisions**
 - Frequency: 2x execution during Saturday (July 5) and Sunday (July 6) coverage
 - Execution: Details to be shared morning of telecast

International Players in the Field

(Field as of Tuesday July 1, 18:11 ET)

Argentina: Emiliano Grillo, Alejandro Tosti

Australia: Jason Day, Harrison Endycott, Karl Vilips

Canada: Adam Hadwin, Ben Silverman, Adam Svensson

Chile: Cristobal Del Solar

Chinese Taipei: Kevin Yu

Colombia: Nico Echavarria, Camilo Villegas

Czechia: Petr Hruby

Denmark: Thorbjørn Olesen

England: David Skinns, Paul Waring, Danny Willett

Finland: Sami Valimaki

France: Victor Perez

Germany: Stephan Jaeger, Jeremy Paul, Thomas Rosenmueller

Ireland: Seamus Power

Japan: Ryo Hisatsune, Rikuya Hoshino, Takumi Kanaya, Kaito Onishi

Norway: Kris Ventura

Philippines: Rico Hoey

Puerto Rico: Rafael Campos

Scotland: Martin Laird

South Africa: Christiaan Bezuidenhout, Dylan Frittelli, Garrick Higgo, Thriston Lawrence, Aldrich Potgieter

South Korea: Sungjae Im, Si Woo Kim, Tom Kim

Sweden: Henrik Norlander, Jesper Svensson, Tim Widing



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](#)



World Feed Break Patterns Rounds 1 and 2

Break 1	00:02:00
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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



World Feed Break Patterns 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
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Break 15	00:02:00
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



World Feed Break Patterns Round 4

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Break 4	00:02:00
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Break 6	00:02:00
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John Deere Classic

Groupings & Starting Times

Thursday & Friday, July 03 & July 04, 2025

Rd. 1 1 Tee	Rd. 2 10 Tee			
6:45 AM	12:05 PM	Trey Mullinax Birmingham, AL	Beau Hossler Mission Viejo, CA	David Lipsky Las Vegas, NV
6:56 AM	12:16 PM	Ryan Palmer Colleyville, TX	Doug Ghim Arlington Heights, IL	Ryo Hisatsune Okayama, JPN
7:07 AM	12:27 PM	Joel Dahmen Clarkston, WA	Sam Stevens Wichita, KS	Justin Lower Akron, OH
7:18 AM	12:38 PM	Rafael Campos Guaynabo, PUR	Emiliano Grillo Chaco, ARG	Adam Schenk Vincennes, IN
7:29 AM	12:49 PM	Austin Eckroat Edmond, OK	Adam Svensson Vancouver- British Columbia, CAN	Seamus Power Waterford, IRL
7:40 AM	1:00 PM	Garrick Higgo Stellenbosch, RSA	Brice Garnett Gallatin, MO	Matt Kuchar Jupiter, FL
7:51 AM	1:11 PM	Kevin Yu Taoyuan, TPE	Peter Malnati Knoxville, TN	Luke List Augusta, GA
8:02 AM	1:22 PM	Patrick Rodgers Avon, IN	Joseph Bramlett Las Vegas, NV	Ben Kohles Ponte Vedra Beach, FL
8:13 AM	1:33 PM	Martin Laird Glasgow, SCO	Kevin Roy Lakewood Ranch, FL	Isaiah Salinda South San Francisco, CA
8:24 AM	1:44 PM	Ricky Castillo Yorba Linda, CA	Paul Peterson Corvallis, OR	Cristobal Del Solar Jupiter, FL
8:35 AM	1:55 PM	Jesper Svensson Uppsala, SWE	Brandon Matthews Dupont, PA	Zack Fischer Little Rock, AR
8:46 AM	2:06 PM	Kaito Onishi Tokyo, JPN	Steven Fisk Stockbridge, GA	Preston Summerhays Scottsdale, AZ
8:57 AM	2:17 PM	Takumi Kanaya Hiroshima, JPN	Matthew Riedel Houston, TX	Ben James -a Milford, CT

Rd. 1 10 Tee	Rd. 2 1 Tee			
6:45 AM	12:05 PM	Kevin Kisner Aiken, SC	Hayden Buckley Alpharetta, GA	Jacob Bridgeman Inman, SC
6:56 AM	12:16 PM	Denny McCarthy Rockville, MD	Harry Higgs Dallas, TX	Alejandro Tosti Rosario, ARG
7:07 AM	12:27 PM	Chad Ramey Fulton, MS	Keith Mitchell Chattanooga, TN	Vince Whaley Alpharetta, GA
7:18 AM	12:38 PM	Stephan Jaeger Munich, GER	Si Woo Kim Seoul, KOR	Sungjae Im Jeju-do, KOR
7:29 AM	12:49 PM	J.T. Poston Hickory, NC	Chris Kirk Watkinsville, GA	Michael Kim Dallas, TX
7:40 AM	1:00 PM	Jake Knapp Scottsdale, AZ	Rickie Fowler Murrieta, CA	Max Homa Scottsdale, AZ
7:51 AM	1:11 PM	Matt McCarty Scottsdale, AZ	Nick Dunlap Jupiter, FL	Chris Gotterup Little Silver, NJ
8:02 AM	1:22 PM	Cameron Champ Sacramento, CA	Danny Willett Sheffield, ENG	Victor Perez Tarbes, FRA
8:13 AM	1:33 PM	Chesson Hadley Raleigh, NC	Ryan Gerard Raleigh, NC	Jackson Suber Tampa, FL
8:24 AM	1:44 PM	Kevin Velo Danville, CA	Vince Covello Philadelphia, PA	David Ford Peachtree Corners, GA
8:35 AM	1:55 PM	Anders Albertson Atlanta, GA	Rikuya Hoshino Ibaraki, JPN	Luke Clanton Hialeah, FL
8:46 AM	2:06 PM	Thriston Lawrence Pretoria, RSA	Pierceson Coody Plano, TX	Petr Hruby Pilsen, CZE
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12:27 PM	7:07 AM	Ben Martin Greenville, SC	Dylan Wu Medford, OR	David Skinns Lincoln, ENG
12:38 PM	7:18 AM	Karl Vilips Perth, AUS	Nico Echavarria Medellin, COL	Tom Kim Seoul, KOR
12:49 PM	7:29 AM	Davis Thompson St. Simons Island, GA	Lucas Glover Jupiter, FL	Jason Day Brisbane, AUS
1:00 PM	7:40 AM	Aldrich Potgieter Mossel Bay, RSA	Ben Griffin Chapel Hill, NC	Michael Thorbjornsen Wellesley, MA
1:11 PM	7:51 AM	Joe Highsmith Lakewood, WA	Brian Campbell Irvine, CA	Zach Johnson Cedar Rapids, IA
1:22 PM	8:02 AM	Lanto Griffin Jacksonville Beach, FL	Patrick Fishburn Ogden, UT	Mac Meissner Dallas, TX
1:33 PM	8:13 AM	Nate Lashley Scottsdale, AZ	Matt NeSmith Aiken, SC	Thorbjørn Olesen Furesø, DEN
1:44 PM	8:24 AM	Quade Cummins Weatherford, OK	John Pak Scotch Plains, NJ	Thomas Rosenmueller Ismaning, GER
1:55 PM	8:35 AM	Will Chandler St. Simons Island, GA	Taylor Dickson Gastonia, NC	Braden Thornberry Olive Branch, MS
2:06 PM	8:46 AM	Philip Knowles Bradenton, FL	Gordon Sargent Birmingham, AL	Jackson Koivun -a Chapel Hill, NC
2:17 PM	8:57 AM	Harrison Endycott Sydney, AUS	Trevor Cone Concord, NC	Carson Herron Deephaven, MN
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12:27 PM	7:07 AM	Adam Hadwin Abbotsford, British Columbia, CAN	Bronson Burgoon The Woodlands, TX	Carson Young Pendleton, SC
12:38 PM	7:18 AM	Camilo Villegas Medellin, COL	Lee Hodges Athens, AL	Nick Hardy Northbrook, IL
12:49 PM	7:29 AM	Kurt Kitayama Chico, CA	Brandt Snedeker Franklin, TN	Aaron Wise Charlotte, NC
1:00 PM	7:40 AM	Patton Kizzire Sea Island, GA	Taylor Moore Edmond, OK	Christiaan Bezuidenhout Kempton Park, RSA
1:11 PM	7:51 AM	Eric Cole Tequesta, FL	Will Gordon Davidson, NC	Chandler Phillips College Station, TX
1:22 PM	8:02 AM	Greyson Sigg Sea Island, GA	Chan Kim Gilbert, AZ	Sami Valimaki Nokia, FIN
1:33 PM	8:13 AM	Alex Smalley Greensboro, NC	Ben Silverman Toronto- Ontario, CAN	Kris Ventura Moss, NOR
1:44 PM	8:24 AM	Trace Crowe Raleigh, NC	Noah Goodwin Dallas, TX	Mason Andersen Queen Creek, AZ
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Alternates

1 Scott Piercy	6 Jonathan Byrd
2 Robby Shelton	7 Chez Reavie
3 Nick Watney	8 Tommy Gainey
4 Tyler Duncan	9 Carl Yuan
5 George McNeill	10 Kevin Chappell

Approx Starting Times for Sat/Sun: 6:40 am
Finish Times for Sat/Sun: 5:00 pm

Tee Times: pgatour.com or TOUR Links



John Deere Classic

WEATHER FORECAST

Issued: 5:30am Wednesday, July 2, 2025



Time	7am	9am	11am	1pm	3pm	5pm
Sky						
Weather	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy
Rain Probability	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	10%
Lightning Probability	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Temp (F)	68	76	82	84	86	87
Winds (mph)	W 3-6	W 4-8	W 5-10	W 5-10	W 5-10	W 5-10

Today – Mostly sunny skies will become partly cloudy this afternoon. It will be warmer with highs reaching the upper 80s. Humidity levels should remain on the lower side keeping conditions comfortable once again today. The wind will remain light out of the west averaging 5-10 mph.

Sunrise: 5:31am / Sunset: 8:37pm

Day	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
Sky					
Weather	Partly cloudy and hot	Partly cloudy and hot	Chance of PM thunderstorms, windy	Chance of showers/t-storms	Partly cloudy
Rain Probability	20%	10%	40%	50%	10%
Rain Amount (in)	0.00"	0.00"	0.10"-0.20"	0.20"-0.40"	0.00"
Temp (min/max)	67/90	70/92	73/91	72/86	66/84
Winds (mph)	SW 10-15	SW 10-15	SW 14-18 G25-30	W→NW 10-15 G20	ENE 7-14

Extended forecast – Partly cloudy skies and hot temperatures can be expected Thursday. A weak disturbance may produce some thunderstorms to our northwest, but the Quad Cities should remain dry. Otherwise, hot and humid conditions will continue Friday with highs in the low 90s. The chances for showers and thunderstorms will increase late in the day Saturday and continue into Sunday as a cold front moves across the region. Drier conditions will return Sunday afternoon and will continue into Monday with highs in the 80s.

Forecast prepared by meteorologist Stewart Williams.



2025 John Deere Classic
(30th of 36 FedExCup Regular Season events)

Silvis, Illinois
TPC Deere Run

July 3-6, 2025
Par/Yards: 35-36—71/7,289 yards

FedExCup points: 500 (winner)
Purse: \$8.4 million/\$1,512,000

Pre-Tournament Information – 2025 John Deere Classic

Player Interviews

Wednesday, July 2

9 a.m. – Davis Thompson

10 a.m. – Jackson Koivun

10:30 a.m. – Zach Johnson

After 8:52 a.m. (9-hole) Pro-Am – Max Homa

TBD

Luke Clanton

Rickie Fowler

**Visit pgatourmedia.com for the latest interview schedule*

Davis Thompson

- Won the 2024 John Deere Classic by four strokes, earning first PGA TOUR title in 63rd start
- Became the 24th player to make the John Deere Classic his first PGA TOUR victory and first since Dylan Frittelli (2019)
- Seeks to become the first repeat winner at the John Deere Classic since Steve Stricker won three in a row from 2009-11
- At 28-under 256, holds the lowest 72-hole tournament scoring record by one stroke
- One top-10 in 18 starts this season (T10/THE PLAYERS Championship) and enters the week at No. 70 in the FedExCup standings with five weeks remaining until the FedExCup Playoffs

Jackson Koivun

- No. 1-ranked player in the World Amateur Golf Ranking will make his tournament debut at the John Deere Classic after receiving a sponsor exemption
- Rising Auburn University junior finished T4 in stroke play at the 2025 NCAA Championship to earn the final point needed to reach the 20-point threshold in PGA TOUR University Accelerated and will be eligible to take up PGA TOUR membership at the conclusion of his collegiate career; became the third player to earn TOUR status through Accelerated, joining Vanderbilt's Gordon Sargent and Florida State's Luke Clanton
- Sixth start on the PGA TOUR: 52nd/2024 Memorial Tournament presented by Workday, MC/2024 Rocket Classic, T56/2025 Farmers Insurance Open, T48/2025 Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard, MC/2025 U.S. Open
- While leading Auburn to the 2024 National Championship, became the third player in SEC history to earn SEC Freshman of the Year and SEC Player of the Year honors in the same season
- First college player to sweep the Fred Haskins, Ben Hogan, Jack Nicklaus and Phil Mickelson national awards in the same season (2024)
- Koivun's father, George, grew up in Moline, and has spent a significant amount of time in the Quad Cities

Zach Johnson

- Making 23rd career start at the John Deere Classic, five more than any player on TOUR since 2002 (18/Jonathan Byrd)
- Owns seven top-10s at the event, highlighted by a win in 2012 and runner-up finishes in 2009, 2013 and 2014
- Has 388 birdies in 82 rounds at TPC Deere Run, the most birdies made by a player on a single course since 2003
- Cedar Rapids, Iowa native has the most made cuts in tournament history (19), surpassing D.A. Weibring (18) with his T26 finish in 2024; enters the week with 15 consecutive made cuts at the John Deere Classic (2008-2024)

Max Homa

- Set to make his third start at the John Deere Classic and first since 2017 (T35/2015, MC/2017)
- Seeks his first top-10 result this year; best in 16 starts this season: T12/Masters Tournament
- Enters the week No. 122 in the FedExCup standings
- Six-time PGA TOUR winner's most recent victory came at the 2023 Farmers Insurance Open

Rickie Fowler

- Making his second start at the John Deere Classic and first appearance since 2010 (MC) as a PGA TOUR rookie
- Six-time PGA TOUR winner looking for first victory since the 2023 Rocket Classic
- In 14 starts this season, owns five top-25 finishes, including one top-10 (T7/the Memorial Tournament presented by Workday)
- Enters the week at No. 72 in the FedExCup standings and is playing on the final year of his Tournament Winners Exemption

Luke Clanton

- Finished T2 at the 2024 John Deere Classic as a sponsor exemption, one of four top-10s in 13 PGA TOUR starts as an amateur
- Became the second player to earn PGA TOUR membership through PGA TOUR University Accelerated (Gordon Sargent); secured his 20th point in PGA TOUR University Accelerated to earn TOUR membership following a made cut at the 2025 Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches/Hialeah, Florida native capped off his time at Florida State as the top-ranked player in the World Amateur Golf Ranking and was named the 2025 Ben Hogan Award winner
- Since turning professional at the RBC Canadian Open, has made three starts (MC/RBC Canadian Open, T34/Travelers Championship, T60/Rocket Classic)

John Deere Classic notes:

- On June 2, the PGA TOUR, Deere & Company and the Quad Cities Golf Classic Charitable Foundation announced that John Deere had signed a multi-year extension through 2030 as title sponsor of the John Deere Classic. John Deere is the PGA TOUR's second-longest running title sponsor (1998), behind only AT&T (1986).
- Inside the field:
 - Six past champions of the John Deere Classic in the field: **Dylan Frittelli** (2019), **Lucas Glover** (2021), **Zach Johnson** (2012), **Michael Kim** (2018), **J.T. Poston** (2022), **Davis Thompson** (2024)
 - Fourteen of the top 50 players from the 2024 FedExCup, led by **Sungjae Im** (7th) and **Chris Kirk** (27th)
 - Highest ranked player in the field: **Ben Griffin** (No. 6/FedExCup, No. 17/Official World Golf Ranking)
- The top-three players in the World Amateur Golf Ranking are in the field on sponsor exemptions: **Jackson Koivun** (No. 1), University of Virginia rising senior and two-time First Team All-American **Ben James** (No. 2) and Ole Miss rising senior and NCAA individual champion **Michael La Sasso** (No. 3); James has made two cuts in eight career PGA TOUR starts (best: T33/2025 Valero Texas Open), while La Sasso will make his third career TOUR start (MC/2025 U.S. Open, MC/2025 Rocket Classic)

PGA TOUR season notes

- The John Deere Classic is the 30th event of the FedExCup Regular Season, with only five weeks remaining until the start of the FedExCup Playoffs. Among the notable players in the field on the top 70 bubble include **Chris Kirk** (No. 67), **Davis Thompson** (No. 70), **Rickie Fowler** (No. 72), and **Karl Vilips** (No. 73)
- Nine 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), Ben Griffin/Andrew Novak (Zurich Classic of New Orleans), Ryan Fox (ONEflight Myrtle Beach Classic), Aldrich Potgieter (Rocket Classic)
 - **Aldrich Potgieter** became the second PGA TOUR rookie to win in 2025 with his win at the Rocket Classic (Karl Vilips/Puerto Rico Open)
- International players have won 16 of 29 events this season: Hideki Matsuyama/Japan, Nick Taylor/Canada, Sepp Straka/Austria/2, 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, Ryan Fox/New Zealand/2, Aldrich Potgieter/South Africa



Message Document: 2025 John Deere Classic

Organizational Momentum

- **PGA TOUR, Genesis unveil new Global Official Marketing Partnership:** On Wednesday, June 25, the PGA TOUR and Genesis announced a new Global Official Marketing Partnership naming the luxury vehicle brand the first global Official Vehicle of the PGA TOUR and PGA TOUR Champions through 2030. The brand was also named an Official Mobility Partner of the PGA TOUR, signaling an expanded collaboration that reflects Hyundai Motor Group's broader vision and growing global footprint. As part of launching the multi-year agreement, Genesis also becomes the first sponsor of the PGA TOUR's World Feed, a milestone underscoring the brand's global presence.
- **FedExCup Playoffs Campaign:** Our FedExCup Playoffs campaign, "Straight Up," launched last week. In the first of several iterations, [fans hear directly from players](#) about the excitement and intrigue of this year's postseason, where "tough just got tougher" thanks to no starting strokes at the TOUR Championship.
 - You can read more about the campaign, which debuted on GOLF Channel on Thursday and began running on CBS on Saturday. The campaign was also featured in *Adweek* [here](#).
- **Speed of Play:** Last week's Rocket Classic marked the first time course data (average completion time per hole) and group data (front-nine and back-nine times per group) were available to fans on PGATOUR.com and the PGA TOUR App, providing added transparency and context to speed-of-play-related data on TOUR.
 - On Wednesday, representatives from the PGA TOUR's Rules, Competitions, Broadcast and Marketing teams held a virtual media roundtable to provide an update on progress around Speed of Play. Topics included the positive impacts of testing DMDs on the PGA TOUR (and potential permanent inclusion); the early, encouraging observations from the revised Pace of Play Policy on PGA TOUR Americas and Korn Ferry Tour; and previews of potential speed-of play data inclusion in PGA TOUR broadcasts.

Tournament Focus

- On June 2, the PGA TOUR, Deere & Company and the Quad Cities Golf Classic Charitable Foundation announced that John Deere had signed a multi-year extension through 2030 as title sponsor of the John Deere Classic. John Deere is the PGA TOUR's second-longest running title sponsor (1998), behind only AT&T (1986).
- Staged over the Fourth of July (Friday), the John Deere Classic has continued to embrace its American identity and appreciation for the military, adopting the moniker of "America's Tournament." Similarly, John Deere has a renewed commitment to "Building in America," with plans to invest nearly \$20 billion in the U.S. economy over the next decade.

- Of the nearly \$200 million generated for the local community since the tournament's inception in 1971, 99 percent has been raised since John Deere assumed title sponsorship in 1998, with proceeds benefiting 476 local charities.
- The John Deere Classic is a true community event, having claimed the PGA TOUR's "Most Engaged Community Award" for the ninth time in 2024 through its tireless commitment to charitable impact and weekend "Concerts on Course" series.
- The tournament's "Concerts on Course" series continues to be a driving force behind the community's embrace of the tournament, with Dierks Bentley (Saturday) and Zac Brown Band (Sunday) set to entertain fans from the 18th green this year.
- Iowa sporting greats will once again have a role in the Wednesday pro-am, with former Iowa Hawkeyes TJ Hockenson (tight end, Minnesota Vikings) and Riley Moss (cornerback, Denver Broncos) set to compete.

Competitions Storylines

- The John Deere Classic marks five weeks until the FedExCup Playoffs, with players vying to finish inside the top 70 in the FedExCup standings and earn their way to the FedEx St. Jude Championship while securing status for 2026. **Rickie Fowler** enters the week at No. 72 in the FedExCup standings and is playing in the final year of his Tournament Winners Exemption.
- The tournament is encouraged by its strength of field, which has increased each year since 2022. Fourteen of the top 50 players from the 2024 FedExCup standings are committed, including **Max Homa**, **Jason Day** and defending champion **Davis Thompson**
- The tournament has a long-standing commitment to providing opportunities for young, up-and-coming talent. In 2024, sponsor exemption **Luke Clanton** finished T2, which helped propel him to earning PGA TOUR membership through PGA TOUR University Accelerated. Clanton will return to the Quad Cities in 2025 as a PGA TOUR rookie after making his professional debut at the RBC Canadian Open.

Player Priorities

- **Max Homa:** Six-time PGA TOUR winner will make his third career start at the John Deere Classic and first since 2017
- **Rickie Fowler:** First appearance at the John Deere Classic (and second overall) since he was a PGA TOUR rookie in 2010
- **Davis Thompson:** Defending champion collected his first career PGA TOUR title at the 2024 John Deere Classic, setting the tournament's 72-hole scoring record of 28-under 256. Thompson enters the week at No. 70 in the FedExCup standings
- The world's top-three ranked amateurs are among those receiving sponsor exemptions: **Jackson Koivun** (No. 1/Auburn), **Ben James** (No. 2/Virginia) and **Michael La Sasso** (No. 3/Ole Miss); La Sasso claimed the individual title at the 2025 NCAA Championship

- **Jackson Koivun:** Rising junior at Auburn has a unique connection to the Quad Cities, with his father, George, having grown up in Moline; has already earned 20 points through PGA TOUR University Accelerated and is eligible to take up PGA TOUR membership at the conclusion of his collegiate career
- **Zach Johnson:** 2012 John Deere Classic champion will make his 23rd consecutive tournament appearance, having posted seven top-five finishes in addition to his victory

International Analysis

2025 John Deere Classic

Wins by Country		Most Top 5s		Most Top 10s	
PGA TOUR this Season		International Countries this Season		International Countries this Season	
	Total		Total		Total
United States	14	Canada	8	England	18
Northern Ireland	3	England	8	Canada	16
New Zealand	2	South Africa	6	South Africa	9
Austria	2	Australia	6	Republic of Korea	9
Australia	2	Denmark	5	Australia	8
South Africa	2	Northern Ireland	4	Germany	8
Canada	1	Austria	4	Denmark	7
Norway	1	Japan	4		
Japan	1				
Belgium	1				
Sweden	1				

Most Top 10s Without a Win

International Countries this Season

	Total
England	18
Republic of Korea	9
Germany	8
Denmark	7
Ireland	5
Scotland	4
Argentina	3

Most Top 5s Without a Win

International Countries this Season

	Total
England	8
Denmark	5
Republic of Korea	3
Germany	3
Venezuela	2
Chinese Taipei	2
Argentina	2
Ireland	2

Most International Player Inside Top 70

FedExCup Standings this Season

	Total
England	5
Canada	4
Australia	3
Republic of Korea	3
Germany	2

Most International Player Inside Top 50

FedExCup Standings this Season

	Total
England	3
Canada	3
Australia	2
Republic of Korea	2

Most International Player Inside Top 30

FedExCup Standings this Season

	Total
Canada	2
England	2

Most International Player Inside Top 10

FedExCup Standings this Season

	Total
Austria	1
Northern Ireland	1
England	1

Highest Ranked Players in the FedExCup

International Players in the field

	Rank
Sungjae Im	24 th
Jason Day	27 th
Aldrich Potgieter	36 th
Si Woo Kim	45 th
Stephan Jaeger	50 th

International Analysis 2025 John Deere Classic

Wins by Country		Most Top 5s		Most Top 10s	
John Deere Classic Since 1972		John Deere Classic Since 1972		John Deere Classic Since 1972	
	Total		Total		Total
United States	42	United States	274	United States	554
South Africa	3	Australia	10	Australia	17
Australia	2	South Africa	7	Canada	13
Canada	1	Canada	7	South Africa	10
Mexico	1	Mexico	4	Sweden	5
New Zealand	1	New Zealand	2	Mexico	4
Fiji	1	Fiji	2	Argentina	4
Austria	1	Sweden	2	England	4
		Argentina	2	New Zealand	3
		Republic of Korea	2	Chinese Taipei	3

Most Top 10s Without a Win John Deere Classic Since 1972

	Total
Sweden	5
Argentina	4
England	4
Chinese Taipei	3
Japan	3
Republic of Korea	2
Germany	2
Zimbabwe	2

Most Top 5s Without a Win John Deere Classic Since 1972

	Total
Sweden	2
Argentina	2
Republic of Korea	2

International Winners John Deere Classic

	Country	Win Number
1976 John Lister	New Zealand	1st
1978 Victor Regalado	Mexico	2 nd
1981 Dave Barr	Canada	1st
1992 David Frost	South Africa	6 th
1993 David Frost	South Africa	8 th
2003 Vijay Singh	Fiji	14 th
2004 Mark Hensby	Australia	1st
2006 John Senden	Australia	1st
2019 Dylan Frittelli	South Africa	1st
2023 Sepp Straka	Austria	2 nd

Most International First Time Winners PGA TOUR Since 1976

	Total
Wyndham Championship	8
RBC Heritage	8
Texas Children's Houston Open	7
Zurich Classic of New Orleans	7
U.S. Open	6
Puerto Rico Open	5
THE CJ CUP Byron Nelson	5
John Deere Classic	5
Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches	5

International Analysis

2025 John Deere Classic

Aldrich Potgieter

- Is set to make his event debut at the John Deere Classic
- Potgieter is the ninth first time TOUR winner this season, the best finish by a first time TOUR winner in their next start this season is T17 (Andrew Novak at the Truist Championship)
- With his win last week, became the third youngest player to win in a playoff on the PGA TOUR since 1983

Performance in Next Start After First Win PGA TOUR this Season

	Total
Total	8
Cuts Made	5
Top 25	1
Top 10	0

Potgieter is 9th first time winner this season

Youngest Players to Win in a Playoff PGA TOUR Since 1983

Event	Age
Jordan Spieth	2013 John Deere Classic
Tiger Woods	1996 Shriners Children's Open
Aldrich Potgieter	2025 Rocket Classic
Tiger Woods	1997 The Sentry

Sungjae Im

- Is set to make his fourth start at the John Deere Classic (best finish: T12 in 2024)
- 2,806 total birdies made on the PGA TOUR since 2019, the most of any player by 353
- 137 total hole outs on the PGA TOUR since 2019, the most of any player
- Six consecutive seasons qualifying for the TOUR Championship, the fourth longest active streak

Most Total Birdies PGA TOUR Since 2019

	Total
Sungjae Im	2,806
Tom Hoge	2,453
Si Woo Kim	2,395
Adam Schenk	2,351
J.T. Poston	2,326

Most Total Hole Outs PGA TOUR Since 2019

	Total
Sungjae Im	137
Cam Davis	122
Mackenzie Hughes	115
Adam Schenk	114
Si Woo Kim	113

Longest Active Streaks of Qualifying for TOUR Championship

	# of Seasons
Xander Schauffele	8
Tony Finau	8
Rory McIlroy	7
Sungjae Im	6

Tom Kim

- Is set to make his event debut at the John Deere Classic
- Making his 39th event debut, Kim has won twice when making his event debut (2022 Wyndham Championship & 2022 Shriners Children's Open)
- Kim has one top 10 finish this season in 18 starts (AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am finished T7)

Event Debut Performance PGA TOUR Career

	Total	PCT
Total	38	
Cuts Made	32	84%
Top 25s	16	42%
Top 10s	7	18%
Wins	2	5%

Proximity to the Hole PGA TOUR this Season

	Avg	Rank
Right Rough	41'4"	25
Left Rough	46'7"	120
Fairway	34'8"	148

Weekly Breakdown FedExCup this Season

Top 70	11
Top 50	5
Top 30	2
Best Rank	27 th
Current Rank	90 th

Jason Day

- Is set to make his seventh start at the John Deere Classic (best finish: T15 in 2009 & 2010)
- 17 rounds in the 60s at TPC Deere Run, tied for his fourth most at a course
- 13 PGA TOUR career wins, the most of any player in the field this week
- 17 seasons qualifying for the FedExCup Playoffs, tied for most of any player

Most Rounds in the 60s PGA TOUR Career

TPC River Highlands	27
TPC Boston	26
East Lake Golf Club	21
TPC Deere Run	17
Pebble Beach Golf Links	17

Most PGA TOUR Wins Players in Field

Jason Day	13
Zach Johnson	12
Matt Kuchar	9
Brandt Snedeker	9

Most Seasons Qualifying FedExCup Playoffs

Jason Day	17
Adam Scott	17
Justin Rose	17
Matt Kuchar	17

International Analysis
2025 John Deere Classic

Si Woo Kim

- Is set to make his fourth start at the John Deere Classic, he missed the cut in his other three starts
- 22 hole outs this season, tied for second most of any player
- 282 weeks inside the top 50 of the FedExCup Standings since 2016, the sixth most of any player

Most Total Hole Outs PGA TOUR this Season		Scoring Average PGA TOUR this Season			Most Weeks Inside Top 50 FedExCup Standings Since 2016	
	Total		Avg	Rank		Total
Sungjae Im	23	Round 1	70.40	86 th	Justin Thomas	338
Si Woo Kim	22	Round 2	69.42	17 th	Tony Finau	319
Sami Valimaki	22	Round 3	70.67	111 th	Patrick Cantlay	297
		Final Round	70.40	77 th	Rory McIlroy	296
					Hideki Matsuyama	295
					Si Woo Kim	282

Karl Vilips

- Is set to make his event debut at the John Deere Classic
- Making his 15th career PGA TOUR start
- One of Two rookies to win on the PGA TOUR this season (A. Potgieter) and one of six rookies to win on the PGA TOUR in the last two seasons

Rookies Winners PGA TOUR Last 2 Seasons		Best FedExCup Rank Rookies PGA TOUR This Season	
	Event		Ranks
Aldrich Potgieter	2025 Rocket Classic	Aldrich Potgieter	36 th
Karl Vilips	2025 Puerto Rico Open	Karl Vilips	73rd
Matt McCarty	2024 Black Desert Championship	Rasmus Højgaard	79 th
Nick Dunlap	2024 The American Express & Barracuda Champ.	Danny Walker	80 th
Jake Knapp	2024 Mexico Open at VidantaWorld	Isaiah Salinda	86 th
Matthieu Pavon	2024 Farmers Insurance Open		

Nico Echavarria

- Is set to make his third start at the John Deere Classic (best finish: T52 in 2024)
- One of two players to rank inside of the Top 5 in Birdie or Better, Scoring Avg and Performance on Par 3s this season (A. Bhatia)
- Two Top 10 finishes this season (2nd at Sony Open in Hawaii & T6 at Rocket Classic)
- 26 total weeks inside the top 70 this season, 12 more weeks in in the previous two seasons (14)

Par 3 Breakdown PGA TOUR This Season			Event Performance PGA TOUR This Season		Weeks Inside FedExCup Top 70 PGA TOUR Career	
	Rank	Value		Total		Total
Birdie or Better	1st	21.88	Starts	18*	2022-23	9
Scoring Avg	T1	2.97	Top 10s	2	2024	5
Performance	5 th	-6	Top 25s	4	This Season	26
one of 2 players inside Top 5 in all 3 categories			Cuts Made	12		
			*includes this week			



Pathways Select Player Document

John Deere Classic

As of July 2, 2025

PGA TOUR Pathways

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

Aldrich Potgieter

Pathway to the PGA TOUR: PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry (2023), Korn Ferry Tour (2024)

- Captured his first PGA TOUR title in his 20th career start at last week's Rocket Classic to become the seventh-youngest PGA TOUR winner since the start of the 1983 season
- Previously recorded a runner-up finish (lost a playoff to fellow Class of 2024 Korn Ferry Tour graduate Brian Campbell) at the 2025 Mexico Open at VidantaWorld
- PGA TOUR rookie who earned TOUR membership via a top 30 finish (No. 29) on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List; became the second-youngest graduate in Korn Ferry Tour history (20 years, 23 days), with the only Korn Ferry Tour graduate younger than Potgieter being Jason Day (19 years, 11 months, 23 days in 2007)
- At 19 years, 4 months, 11 days, became the youngest winner in Korn Ferry Tour history with his win at the 2024 The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at the Abaco Club, usurping Jason Day as the youngest winner in Tour history
- Won the 2022 Amateur Championship roughly three months before his 18th birthday, which made him the second-youngest winner in the history of the event; the only champion younger than Potgieter at the time was Matteo Manassero, who won the 2009 Amateur Championship at the age of 16

Davis Thompson

Pathway to the PGA TOUR: PGA TOUR University (2021 – No. 2), Korn Ferry Tour (2022)

- Reigning champion of the John Deere Classic returns to the event for the third time in his career; won the 2024 edition of the event by four strokes over Michael Thorbjornsen, who finished No. 1 in the Class of 2024 PGA TOUR University Ranking, and Luke Clanton, who earned his PGA TOUR card via PGA TOUR University Accelerated this year, and PGA TOUR winner C.T. Pan.
- Stands No. 70 in the 2025 FedExCup standings with four top-25s in 19 starts, including a T10 finish at THE PLAYERS Championship
- In his second season on TOUR, finished No. 34 in the 2024 FedExCup standings off the strength of his first PGA TOUR title at the John Deere Classic
- Earned his first PGA TOUR card with a No. 16 finish on the 2022 Korn Ferry Tour Points List (top 25 earned TOUR membership) off the strength of a win at the UNC Health Championship presented by STITCH.
- Finished No. 2 in the inaugural 2021 PGA TOUR University Ranking, which earned him membership for the remainder of the 2020-21 Korn Ferry Tour season
- Former No. 1 player in the World Amateur Golf Ranking who played four seasons at University of Georgia (2017-21), where he was named the 2020-21 Southeastern Conference Player of the Year

Michael Thorbjornsen

Pathway to the PGA TOUR: PGA TOUR University (2024 – No. 1)

- Recorded his first of two runner-up finishes on TOUR at the 2024 John Deere Classic (also T2 at the 2025 Corales Puntacana Championship) in what was his third TOUR start as a professional

- Notched his third top-10 of the season at the 2025 Rocket Classic (T4), rising to No. 84 in the FedExCup standings
- Earned his PGA TOUR card via a No. 1 finish in the 2024 PGA TOUR University Ranking, following Ludvig Åberg as the second player to earn PGA TOUR membership as the No. 1 player in PGA TOUR University
- In four seasons at Stanford, rose to as high as No. 2 in the World Amateur Golf Ranking and finished third in program history in career scoring average (70.40), only trailing PGA TOUR winner Maverick McNealy (70.12) and TOUR member Patrick Rodgers (70.31)
- College roommates at Stanford included PGA TOUR winner Karl Vilips, who finished No. 19 on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List and earned TOUR membership for 2025; the two also live in the same residential complex in Jacksonville, Florida
- Born in Cleveland, Ohio and grew up in Wellesley, Massachusetts; moved to Jacksonville in 2024 after turning professional
- Has used a 10-finger grip for the majority of his career; cited discomfort with overlap and interlock grips

Will Gordon

Pathway to the PGA TOUR: Korn Ferry Tour (2022)

- Birdied his final two holes at last week's Rocket Classic to make the cut on the number in what is his last start on a major medical extension; entered the week needing a made cut to maintain status on the PGA TOUR
- Making fourth career start at the John Deere Classic; made the cut in one previous start (2021/T28)
- Returned to the PGA TOUR via the 2022 Korn Ferry Tour Finals, which saw him secure TOUR membership with a victory at the Albertsons Boise Open presented by Chevron
- Previously earned PGA TOUR membership for the 2020-21 season via the Top 125 Non-Member category from the 2019-20 season, which saw him earn Special Temporary Membership and record a T3 finish as a sponsor exemption at the 2020 Travelers Championship

Luke Clanton

Pathway to the PGA TOUR: Achieved 20 points required for PGA TOUR University Accelerated (2025)

- In back-to-back starts in 2024, finished T10 at the Rocket Classic and T2 at the John Deere Classic, becoming the first amateur to record top-10s in back-to-back starts on TOUR since 1958; later followed Jack Nicklaus as the second amateur with three top-10s in a PGA TOUR season since 1961
- Forewent his senior season at Florida State University and officially accepted PGA TOUR membership via PGA TOUR University Accelerated after the 2025 NCAA Championship; he is eligible for open, full-field events for the remainder of the 2025 PGA TOUR season, including the FedExCup Fall, and will have membership for the 2026 PGA TOUR season (subject to reshuffles)
- Followed Gordon Sargent as the second player to earn PGA TOUR membership via PGA TOUR University Accelerated, reaching the 20-point threshold for TOUR membership with a made cut at the 2025 Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches (February 28) during his junior season at Florida State University
- Played three seasons at Florida State University (2022-25), where he earned eight collegiate victories, tying the career wins school record previously established by Nolan Henke (1983-87) and John Pak (2017-21), in addition to garnering two All-America First Team selections (2024, 2025)

David Ford

Pathway to the PGA TOUR: No. 1 from 2025 PGA TOUR University Ranking

- Making third career start on the PGA TOUR since turning professional; earned TOUR membership via a No. 1 finish in the 2025 PGA TOUR University Ranking, following Ludvig Åberg (2023) and Michael Thorbjornsen (2024) as the third player to earn direct access to the PGA TOUR by finishing No. 1 in the PGA TOUR University Ranking
- Made his first start as a PGA TOUR member at the 2025 RBC Canadian Open (missed cut)
- Winner of the 2025 Fred Haskins Award; he followed John Inman (1984) as the second University of North Carolina player to win the award
- Solidified the No. 1 position in the 2025 PGA TOUR University Ranking with five victories, including wins in three consecutive starts, as a senior at University of North Carolina

- Played four seasons at University of North Carolina (2021-25), earning seven collegiate victories, including five wins as a senior, and four consecutive All-America honors, highlighted by first-team laurels in 2023 and 2025

Brendan Valdes (VAL-dess) (Sponsor Exemption)

Pathway to the PGA TOUR: n/a

- Making his first PGA TOUR start as a professional and third career start on TOUR, having competed as an amateur at the 2023 and 2024 U.S. Open (both missed cuts)
- Recorded a T13 at the 2025 Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas Wichita Open, his second start on the Korn Ferry Tour
- Finished No. 2 in the Class of 2025 PGA TOUR University Ranking, earning exempt membership on the Korn Ferry Tour for the remainder of the 2025 season and an exemption for Final Stage of 2025 PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry
- Played four seasons at Auburn University (2021-25), where he earned three individual victories and two All-America First Team selections (2024, 2025), in addition to helping Auburn win its first national title at the 2024 NCAA Championship
- As a senior at Auburn, won the 2025 General James Hackler Championship in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, with the event contested at Dunes Golf and Beach Club, host of the PGA TOUR's ONEflight Myrtle Beach Classic

Preston Summerhays (Sponsor Exemption)

Pathway to the PGA TOUR: n/a

- Making his second professional start on the PGA TOUR after qualifying for the 2025 U.S. Open (missed cut)
- Finished T7 at last week's Memorial Health Championship presented by LRS (contested in Springfield, Illinois) for his first top-10 in three career starts on the Korn Ferry Tour
- Finished No. 7 in the 2025 PGA TOUR University Ranking, earning exempt Korn Ferry Tour membership for the remainder of the 2025 season and an exemption for Second Stage of 2025 PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry
- Played four seasons at Arizona State University (2021-25), where he earned four collegiate victories and garnered two All-America honors, including a first-team laurel in 2023
- As a freshman, was named the 2022 Pac-12 Conference Freshman of the Year and helped Arizona State to a runner-up finish at the 2022 NCAA Championship; defeated future PGA TOUR winner Chris Gotterup of Oklahoma in his quarterfinals match, followed by a win over future PGA TOUR winner Joe Highsmith of Pepperdine in the semifinals, and fell to Pierceson Coody of Texas in the championship round
- Won the 2019 U.S. Junior Amateur Championship at Inverness Club in Toledo, Ohio, two days shy of his 17th birthday; his path to the title included wins over Akshay Bhatia (Round of 16), Austin Greaser (quarterfinals), and Bo Jin (championship match)
- Father, Boyd Summerhays, made 24 PGA TOUR starts from 2004-06 and went on to a successful career as a teaching professional, having been recognized as a Golf Digest Top 50 Teacher in America and a Golf Magazine Top 100 instructor
- Younger sister, Grace, played four seasons (2021-25) on the Arizona State women's golf team; she was a 2023 All-Pac-12 Conference First Team selection, and the 2025 Big 12 Conference Women's Golf Scholar-Athlete of the Year; Grace also qualified for the 2023 U.S. Women's Open and won the 2020 Utah Women's State Amateur at age 16, becoming the youngest winner in the event's history

Michael La Sasso (Amateur / Sponsor Exemption)

Pathway to the PGA TOUR: n/a

- Making third start in a PGA TOUR event this week as a sponsor exemption; competed in last week's Rocket Classic (missed cut) and the U.S. Open earlier this month at Oakmont Country Club (missed cut)
- Rising senior at Ole Miss who won the individual national title at the 2025 NCAA Championship and recorded the lowest single-season scoring average in program history (69.48), breaking a record previously held by PGA TOUR member and Class of 2024 Korn Ferry Tour graduate Braden Thornberry

- Followed Braden Thornberry (2017) as the second player in program history to win the individual national title at the NCAA Championship
- Currently ranked No. 3 in the World Amateur Golf Ranking and was named to the 2025 Walker Cup Team
- Prior to Ole Miss, played one season at North Carolina State University in his longtime hometown of Raleigh, North Carolina

Jackson Koivun (Amateur / Sponsor Exemption)

Pathway to the PGA TOUR: Achieved 20 points required for PGA TOUR University Accelerated (2025)

- Making his sixth PGA TOUR start, with his best finish to date coming at the 2025 Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard (T48)
- A rising junior at Auburn who earned PGA TOUR membership via PGA TOUR University Accelerated at the conclusion of stroke play at the 2025 NCAA Championship, where he finished T4 in stroke play and earned the final point needed to reach the 20-point threshold in the Accelerated program
- Followed Gordon Sargent and Luke Clanton as the third player to earn TOUR status through PGA TOUR University Accelerated
- Currently ranked No. 1 in the World Amateur Golf Ranking
- As an Auburn freshman in 2023-24, became the first player in college golf history to win the three Player of the Year awards (Haskins, Hogan, Nicklaus) and the NCAA Division I Phil Mickelson Outstanding Freshman Award in the same season
- Owns three career collegiate victories, including the 2024 Southeastern Conference Championship

Ben James (Amateur / Sponsor Exemption)

Pathway to the PGA TOUR: n/a

- Logged his best finish on the PGA TOUR earlier this season at the 2025 Valero Texas Open (T33); he played as a sponsor exemption by virtue of his win at the 2024 Valero Texas Collegiate
- Currently ranked No. 2 in the World Amateur Golf Ranking
- Has formed relationships with TOUR members and Virginia alums Ben Kohles and Denny McCarthy; the trio played a practice round together at the 2024 U.S. Open at Pinehurst No. 2.
- Rising senior at University of Virginia, where he has won six times in his collegiate career and set a school record with five wins in his freshman season
- Winner of the 2023 NCAA Division I Phil Mickelson Outstanding Freshman Award

Open Qualifiers

Contested at Pinnacle Country Club in Milan, Illinois on Monday, June 30, with Carson Herron earning the final spot from the qualifier via a 3-for-1 playoff at 6-under 66.

Josh Radcliff (63)

Pathway to the PGA TOUR: n/a

- Making his PGA TOUR debut at the John Deere Classic this week
- Played two seasons on PGA TOUR Latinoamérica (2020-21, 2022) and one season on PGA TOUR Canada (2023)
- Turned professional in 2017 after four seasons at the University of Texas-Arlington (2013-17)

Petr Hruby (64)

Pathway to the PGA TOUR: n/a

- Making his PGA TOUR debut at the John Deere Classic this week.
- Earned medalist honors at Second Stage of 2024 PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry
- Stands No. 113 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List with eight made cuts in 16 starts
- Made nine starts on PGA TOUR Americas last season after earning membership through a No. 21 finish in the 2024 PGA TOUR University Ranking (Nos. 11-25 in Ranking)
- Played five seasons at the University of Washington (2019-24), collecting 15 career top-10s, highlighted by a victory at the 2023 Lamkin San Diego Classic

Zack Fischer (64)

Pathway to the PGA TOUR: n/a

- Making his 11th career start on the PGA TOUR and first start since the 2023 Sanderson Farms Championship (missed cut); logged his best finish on TOUR at the 2019 Valero Texas Open (T14)
- Regained Korn Ferry Tour membership via Final Stage of 2024 PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry (T36)
- Stands No. 94 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List with one top-25 in 16 starts (Astara Chile Classic presented by Scotiabank/T11)
- Finished No. 61 in the 2024 Fortinet Cup standings on PGA TOUR Americas last season
- Won the 116th Visa Argentina Open presented by Macro (a PGA TOUR Latinoamerica event which has since become a Korn Ferry Tour event), earning an exemption for the 2023 Open Championship (finished 76th)
- Two-time medalist at PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry (2013, 2021 – both years it was known as the Korn Ferry Tour Qualifying Tournament, and it did not award PGA TOUR membership)

Carson Herron (66)

Pathway to the PGA TOUR: n/a

- Making his PGA TOUR debut at the John Deere Classic
- Son of four-time PGA TOUR winner Tim “Lumpy” Herron, who currently plays on PGA TOUR Champions
- Made his PGA TOUR-sanctioned debut as an amateur and finished T12 at the 2024 CRMC Championship presented by Northern Pacific Center on PGA TOUR Americas last season; he earned an exemption for the event via his win at the 2024 Minnesota State Open
- Played four seasons at the University of New Mexico (2021-25), collecting two individual victories
- Carson’s father, Tim, was inducted into the University of New Mexico Hall of Honor in 2017, having graduated from New Mexico in 1993 as a three-time All-American for the Lobos



Tournament Fact Sheet

John Deere Classic (PGA TOUR)

TPC Deere Run • Silvis, Ill. • July 3-6, 2025

Golf Course Superintendent

Jonathan Graham, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 12

Years at TPC Deere Run: 8 (3 as superintendent)

Years as Superintendent: 3

Previous Courses: TPC San Antonio (senior assistant), TPC Deere Run (assistant)

Hometown: Lander, Wyo.

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Other Key Agronomy Personnel

Jarrett Chapman, assistant superintendent; Evan Sedlack, assistant superintendent; Carson James, assistant in training; Bruce Phillipson, equipment manager; Alex Johnson, irrigation foreman; Mason Jobin, PGA professional

Agronomy Employees: 26 / Tournament Volunteers: 35

Course Architect

D.A. Weibring (2000)

Notable

- A GCSAA educational program for students (and parents) called First Green, will take place as part of the Youth Day activities on Wednesday, July 2 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Stations will include Soils and Golf Course Construction; Cool Tools on a Golf Course; and Designing a Golf Hole. Media are invited.
- Maintenance volunteers represent seven countries and 15 states.
- Land uses before the golf course were by Native Americans, coal mining and the Hewitt family utilizing the land to raise Arabian horses.

Tournament Setup

Par: 35-36--71

Yardage: 7,289

Turfgrass

Greens: L-93 bentgrass .100"

Collars: L-93 bentgrass .300"

Approaches: Southshore bentgrass .375"

Tees: Southshore bentgrass .375"

Fairways: Southshore bentgrass .375"

Rough: Kentucky bluegrass / fescue 4"

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 5,500 sq. ft.

Total Property Acres: 400

Acres of Fairway: 28

Acres of Rough: 120

Number of Sand Bunkers: 76

Number of Water Hazards: 3

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 3

Soil Conditions: Silty clay

Water Sources: Surface

Drainage: Slow

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Tournament Fact Sheet

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

Tournaments by State

4 – Florida / California / Texas
2 – Hawaii / South Carolina / Pennsylvania
1 – Ariz. / Ga. / La. / N.C. / Ohio / Canada / Conn. / Mich. / Ill.

Yardage (par)

Longest (top 10)

7,765 (72) – Torrey Pines South (Farmers Insurance)
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7,626 (71) – Quail Hollow (PGA Championship)
7,596 (73) – Kapalua Resort (The Sentry)
7,569 (72) – Muirfield Village (Memorial)
7,561 (71) – TPC Craig Ranch (CJ CUP Byron Nelson)
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)

Shortest (top 5)

6,844 (70) – TPC River Highlands (Travelers)
6,972 (72) – Pebble Beach Golf Links (AT&T Pro Am)
7,044 (70) – Waialae (Sony Open)
7,119 (70) – Philadelphia Cricket Club (Truist)
7,167 (71) – PGA National (Cognizant)

Average Green Size (top five)

Largest

8,500 – Oakmont (US Open)
8,722 – Kapalua Resort (The Sentry)
7,500 – Bay Hill Club (Cognizant)
7,100 – Waialae (Sony Open)
7,069 – TPC Scottsdale (WM Phoenix Open)

Smallest

3,500 – Pebble Beach Golf Links (AT&T Pro Am)
3,700 – Harbour Town (RBC)
5,000 – TPC River Highlands (Travelers)
5,000 – Colonial Country Club (Charles Schwab)
5,000 – Torrey Pines South (Farmers Insurance)
5,000 – Torrey Pines South (Genesis)
5,000 – Muirfield Village (Memorial)

Number of Bunkers (top five)

Most

168 – Oakmont (US Open)
118 – Philadelphia Cricket Club (Truist)
116 – Pebble Beach Golf Links (AT&T Pro Am)
106 – TPC Louisiana (Zurich)
93 – Kapalua Resort (The Sentry)

Fewest

21 – Memorial Park (Texas Children's Hospital)
44 – Augusta National (Masters)
48 – TPC Toronto (RBC Canadian)
51 – Harbour Town (RBC)
61 – Quail Hollow (PGA Championship)

Green Turf Type

11 – Poa or Poa overseed
6 – Bermudagrass
6 – Bentgrass
3 – Bentgrass / Poa
1 – Poa / bentgrass / ryegrass

Rough Turf Type

13 – Ryegrass
5 – Bluegrass and/or bluegrass mixes
4 – Bermudagrass
4 – Ryegrass and fescue mixes
1 – Tall fescue

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