



2026 Butterfield Bermuda Championship
(Fourth of eight FedExCup Fall Events)

Port Royal Golf Course
Southampton, Bermuda

October 22-25, 2026
Par/Yards: 36-35—71/6,828

FedExCup: 500 points (winner)
Purse: \$6 million (\$1,080,000)

Pre-Tournament Information – 2026 Butterfield Bermuda Championship

Player Interviews

Wednesday, October 21

After 7:52 a.m. 9-hole pro-am - Adam Schenk

Noon - Ben James

Timing TBD - Austin Lemieux

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Adam Schenk

- Won his first PGA Tour title at this event in his 243rd career start at the age of 33 years, 9 months, 21 days
- Previous best finish on Tour was runner-up, two times: 2nd/2023 Valspar Championship, P2/2023 Charles Schwab Challenge
- Played the front nine at Port Royal Golf Course at 9-under par for the week with no bogeys
- Makes fourth appearance at the Butterfield Bermuda Championship (T26/2020, T29/2022, Won/2025)
- Third player to earn first career win at Butterfield Bermuda Championship (Rafael Campos/2024, Lucas Herbert/2021)
- First American to win the Butterfield Bermuda Championship since Brian Gay in 2020 (2024/Rafael Campos/Puerto Rico, 2023/Camilo Villegas/Colombia, 2022/Seamus Power/Ireland, 2021/Lucas Herbert/Australia)
- Made eight cuts in 24 starts this season with one top-25 finish (T11/Farmers Insurance Open)
- Best finish by a defending champion at this event: T12/Brian Gay/2021

Ben James

- 23-year-old American was No. 1 in the 2026 PGA Tour University ranking
- Makes 20th PGA Tour start and first at this event; made nine cuts in 10 starts this season (MC/3M Open)
- Made professional debut at the 2026 RBC Canadian Open; held a one-stroke lead through 36 holes, eventually finishing T54
- Enters this week with three top-five results in his last three starts (3rd/Wyndham Championship, 2nd/Biltmore Championship Asheville, T5/Bank of Utah Championship)
- Sits at No. 62 in the FedExCup Fall standings; Nos. 51-60 in the final FedExCup Fall standings earn spots in the 2027 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am and 2027 Genesis Invitational
- Former University of Virginia standout was a first-team All American during all four years of his collegiate career, the fifth man to accomplish this feat: Gary Hallberg (1977–80), Phil Mickelson (1989–92), David Duval (1990–93), Bryce Molder (1998–2001)

Austin Lemieux

- 30-year-old amateur from Sewickley, Pennsylvania makes his PGA Tour debut
- Son of NHL Hall of Famer Mario Lemieux shot 6-under 66 at the open qualifier held October 12 in Florida; 66 was his dad's hockey jersey number
- Played hockey in college at Arizona State before focusing on golf
- Shot 78-68 to miss the cut in the 2024 LECOM Suncoast Classic, his lone Korn Ferry Tour start
- Won the Western Pennsylvania Mid-Amateur championship last September with rounds of 66-67 at Fox Chapel Golf Club, including a hole-in-one at the third hole of the opening round
- Defeated Jake Springer in a playoff for a win on the Minor League Tour in Florida earlier this month
- Father, Mario, finished his NHL career with 690 goals and 1,033 assists; two-time Stanley Cup champion also delivered three NHL titles to Pittsburgh as an owner — the only man to achieve this feat as a player and owner
- In 1998, Mario Lemieux won the American Century Championship in Lake Tahoe, Nevada

Butterfield Bermuda Championship notes

- The Butterfield Bermuda Championship is being played for the eighth time
- Port Royal Golf Course; shortest course on the 2025 PGA Tour schedule; was the 14th most difficult of the 49 courses in 2025
- Five past champions in the field: **Brendon Todd** (2019), **Seamus Power** (2022), **Camilo Villegas** (2023), **Rafael Campos** (2024), **Adam Schenk** (2025)
- Each of the seven past champions were three or more strokes behind after the opening round en route to victory
- Field features one winner on Tour this season: **Austin Smotherman** (Bank of Utah Championship)

- **Vince Whaley** owns four top-10 results in five appearances at the Butterfield Bermuda Championship (T3/2025, T5/2024, T8/2023, T7/2021, MC/2020); sits No. 175 in the FedExCup Fall standings
- With 28 birdies in his 2022 Butterfield Bermuda Championship win, **Seamus Power** holds the tournament record for most birdies in the event; Power is the only player in tournament history to make three birdies in a single tournament at the par-3 16th hole (rounds 1-3), the signature hole at Port Royal Golf Course (2022)
- In his fifth PGA Tour start at the Baycurrent Classic two weeks ago, 23-year-old **Ren Yonezawa** finished T9 for his best Tour finish (previous best: T20/2025 Baycurrent Classic) to earn a spot in the field at the Butterfield Bermuda Championship via his top-10 result; owns three victories and six runner-up results on the Japan Golf Tour
- 20-year-old Hawaii native **Kihei Akina** makes his sixth PGA Tour start, fourth this season and first at the Butterfield Bermuda Championship, earning a spot in the field with his top-10 (9th) finish at the 2026 Bank of Utah Championship; result marked the first top-10 finish on Tour by an amateur since Jackson Koivun (T4) at the 2025 Procore Championship; currently has 10 points on PGA Tour University Accelerated program; requires 10 more to earn a PGA Tour card and become the fourth player to earn a PGA Tour card via the Accelerated program (Gordon Sargent, Luke Clanton, Jackson Koivun)
- At No. 61 in the Official World Golf Ranking, **Corey Connors** is the highest-ranked player in the field; made 39 cuts in his last 41 starts on Tour; sits No. 66 in the FedExCup Fall standings
- The Butterfield Bermuda Championship has never produced a wire-to-wire winner or a hole-in-one
- Sponsor exemptions:
 - **Mason Howell**: 19-year-old 2025 U.S. Amateur champion is a freshman at the University of Georgia; seeks to make his first cut in his 10th PGA Tour start
 - **Nixon Lauritzen**: As a sophomore at Grand Canyon University, won the 2026 National Golf Invitational with a 198 (-18) tournament scoring record to earn a sponsor exemption
 - **Virgilio Paz**: Venezuela native and now a senior at Missouri via a transfer from New Mexico, finished runner-up in a playoff at the 2026 Latin America Amateur Championship
 - **Miles Russell**: Jacksonville, Florida lefthander has made two cuts in seven PGA Tour starts (best result: T39/2026 U.S. Open)
 - **Rudy Sautron**: 2026 Monroe Invitational champion won four individual events over two season Nebraska before transferring to Tennessee; native of Reunion Island, an overseas department and region of France located in the Indian Ocean, east of Madagascar and southwest of Mauritius
 - **Jay Leng**: Junior at Stanford University makes PGA Tour debut; won the 2026 Western Amateur; runner-up at the 2026 U.S. Amateur
 - **Nick Jones** (73-70—143) and **Camiko Smith** (74-70—144) earned sponsor exemptions as the top two players at the local qualifier held at Port Royal Golf Course on September 9 and 10
 - No player from Bermuda has made the 36-hole cut; two players from Bermuda have posted sub-70 scores: Jarryd Dillas (69/2022) and Camiko Smith (69/2024)
- Open qualifiers (played October 12 in Florida):
 - **Adam Long (64)**: 2019 American Express winner makes his 167th Tour start and fourth this season; makes third appearance at this event (T44/2022, T13/2023)
 - **Austin Lemieux (66)**: 30-year-old son of NHL Hall of Famer Mario Lemieux makes his PGA Tour debut
 - **Matthew Anderson (66)**: Canadian makes fifth PGA Tour start and second this season (T11/2026 RBC Canadian Open)
 - **Willie Mack III (66)**: 20-time winner on the APGA Tour makes 11th PGA Tour start and second at this event (MC/2022)

FedExCup Fall Notes

- The 2026 Butterfield Bermuda Championship is the fourth FedExCup Fall event of eight tournaments played after the TOUR Championship that finalizes eligibility for the 2027 PGA Tour Season
- Players look to secure their position inside the top 100 in the standings and become exempt on the PGA Tour for the 2027 season
- The FedExCup Fall also determines eligibility for early-season Signature Events, with Nos. 51-60 in the final FedExCup Fall standings earning spots in the 2027 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am and 2027 Genesis Invitational
- In addition to the event purse, winners of FedExCup Fall events receive:
 - 500 FedExCup points and Official World Golf Ranking points
 - Two-year PGA Tour exemption, which will earn them their card for the PGA Tour Championship Series in 2028
 - Invitations to The Players Championship and PGA Championship