



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)

First-Round Notes – Thursday, October 22, 2026

Thursday weather: Mostly cloudy with occasional rain. High of 80. Wind W at 8-13 mph, gusting to 18 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	Total
1	Chandler Blanchet	62 (-9)
T2	Ben Kohles	63 (-8)
T2	Ben Silverman	63 (-8)
T2	Danny Walker	63 (-8)
T2	Corey Conners	63 (-8)
T6	Five players	64 (-7)

Chandler Blanchet (1st/-9)

- In the penultimate group of the day, PGA Tour rookie cards two eagles (Nos. 17 and 7) en route to a career low 9-under 62 (previous: 63/2026 Bank of Utah Championship/R2)
- 2022 Butterfield Bermuda Championship (MC) marked his PGA TOUR debut; makes 29th start on Tour this week
- Holds first-round lead/co-lead for second time on Tour (2026 Puerto Rico Open/finished 2nd)
- Nine first-round leaders/co-leaders have gone on to win this season
- Runner-up at 2026 Puerto Rico Open is best of four top-25 finishes this season (T18/Valspar Championship, T24/3M Open, T20/Rocket Classic)
- Enters this week No. 114 in the FedExCup Fall standings; projected No. 56 after the first round
- Owns two Korn Ferry Tour victories and three wins on PGA Tour Americas
- Played the three par-5s 5-under for the day

Additional Notes

- **Ben Kohles** (T2/-8) cards 11 birdies, including a career-best six consecutive on holes 5-10, en route to an 8-under 63; 11 birdies marks his most in a single round on Tour (previous: 9/R3/2024 Puerto Rico Open) and ties the most in any round at the Butterfield Bermuda Championship (Alex Noren/R1/2023, Peter Malnati/R3/2023)
- **Ben Silverman's** (T2/-8) bogey-free 63 marks his low round of the season; seeks first PGA Tour title in his 130th start
- **Danny Walker's** (T2/-8) bogey-free 63 marks his career low 18-hole score in his 147th round on Tour (previous: 64/twice, most recent, 2026 Bank of Utah Championship/R2); missed the cut in two prior appearances at this event (2020, 2025)
- Making his tournament debut, **Corey Conners** (T2/-8) cards a bogey-free 63 to match his low round this season (R4/Travelers Championship); at No. 61 in the Official World Golf Ranking, is the highest-ranked player in the field
- Five-time PGA Tour winner **Jonathan Byrd** (T6/-7) seeks his first victory since he won in Kapalua in 2011; victory on Sunday would mark a span of 15 years, 9 months, 16 days (5,768 days) between titles
- 2022 Butterfield Bermuda Championship winner **Seamus Power** (T20/-5) is the best of the five past champions in the field through round one: **Rafael Campos** (T60/-2), **Camilo Villegas** (T60/-2), **Brendon Todd** (T76/-1), **Adam Schenk** (T119th/+4)
- 20-year-old Hawaii native **Kihei Akina** (T20/-5) is the best of the eight amateurs in the field after round one; earned a spot in the field with his top-10 (9th) finish at the 2026 Bank of Utah Championship; currently has 10 points on PGA Tour University Accelerated program; requires 10 more points to earn a PGA Tour card
- 30-year-old amateur and Monday qualifier **Austin Lemieux** (T106/+1), son of NHL legend Mario Lemieux, makes PGA Tour debut
- Two players from Bermuda in the field: **Camiko Smith** (T94/E), **Nick Jones** (T106/+1); no player from Bermuda has made the cut in the history of this event