



BMW Championship

2013 BMW Championship
(The 3rd of 4 events in the FedExCup Playoffs)

Cherry Hills Village, Colorado Sept. 1-7, 2014 FedExCup Points: 2,500 Purse: \$8,000,000
Cherry Hills Country Club Par/Yards: 34-36—70/7,352

Second-Round Notes – Friday, September 5, 2014

Weather: Partly cloudy with a high of 71 degrees. Winds N/NE 6-12 mph.

Second-Round Leaderboard

Sergio Garcia	68-64—132 (-8)
Ryan Palmer	69-64—133 (-7)
Rory Mcllroy	67-67—134 (-6)
Billy Horschel	68-66—134 (-6)

FedExCup and the BMW Championship

- The top 125 players on the final PGA TOUR Season FedExCup points list (following the Wyndham Championship) qualified for The Barclays.
- The top 100 players on the FedExCup points list following The Barclays qualified for the Deutsche Bank Championship.
- The top 70 players on the FedExCup points list after the Deutsche Bank Championship advanced to the BMW Championship, contested this week at Cherry Hills CC.
- Each playoff event offers 2,500 FedExCup points to the winner.
- The top 30 players following the BMW Championship will qualify for the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola. Prior to the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola, a points reset will take place, giving all players in the field a mathematical opportunity to win the FedExCup title. The top five players control their own destiny and would claim the FedExCup with a victory at East Lake.

The top five

The top five in the FedExCup Playoff standings is the goal for players after the BMW Championship is played and the 70-man field has been trimmed to 30. The top five in the standings entering the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola will control their own destiny and will win the FedExCup with a victory at East Lake GC. Here's a look at the top five through two rounds of the BMW Championship:

Current top five:

FEC Rank	Player	36-hole scores (Position)	FedExCup projection
1	Chris Kirk	71-70—141 (T29)	No. 1
2	Rory Mcllroy	67-67—134 (T3)	No. 3
3	Hunter Mahan	75-70—145 (T58)	No. 4
4	Jimmy Walker	72-67—139 (T16)	No. 5
5	Matt Kuchar	71-73—144 (T53)	No. 9

Second-Round Leader Statistics

Since 2000, the second-round leader/co-leader has won four of 14 times at the BMW Championship, most recently Justin Rose in 2011.

The second-round leader/co-leader has gone on to win 20 of 42 stroke-play events this season, most recently Rory Mcllroy at the PGA Championship and The Open Championship.

Sergio Garcia

Sergio Garcia jumped to the top of the leaderboard following a 6-under 64 (equaling the round of the week so far), one stroke clear of Ryan Palmer (who also carded a 6-under 64 Friday). The 34-year-old native of Castellon, Spain has just two bogeys this week, both coming at the par-3 eighth hole.

R2 at a glance: 5 of 14 fairways, 10 of 18 greens, 21 putts

R1 at a glance: 5 of 14 fairways, 13 of 18 greens, 29 putts

Garcia's round included an eagle on the par-4 seventh hole, holing a lob wedge from 126 yards.

Garcia is making his 275th career start on the PGA TOUR. The most recent of his eight TOUR wins came at the 2012 Wyndham Championship.

Garcia entered the week No. 23 in the FedExCup standings, but is currently projected to move to No. 2 with a victory. Here's a look at his FedExCup finishes: 2013 (No. 22), 2012 (No. 17), 2011 (No. 44), 2010 (No. 109), 2009 (No. 38), 2008 (3), 2007 (9).

Garcia is seeking his ninth top-10 finish of the season, which would equal his career-best total on the PGA TOUR (2002). He recorded runner-up finishes in three-consecutive starts earlier this summer (Travelers Championship, The Open Championship, World Golf Championships-Bridgestone Invitational), as well as third-place finishes at THE PLAYERS Championships and Shell Houston Open.

This week marks Garcia's seventh start at the BMW Championship, with top-10 finishes in 2007 (9th in his inaugural start at the event) and 2009 (T6).

Garcia has held the 36-hole lead/co-lead nine previous times on TOUR, with his very first attempt at the 2001 Buick Classic the only one leading to victory. He has led after 36 holes two times previously this season, eventually finishing third at the Shell Houston Open and second at the World Golf Championships-Bridgestone Invitational.

Ryan Palmer

Just as Sergio Garcia did, Ryan Palmer eagled the par-4 seventh hole en route to a 6-under 64, holing a 46-yard shot for his second eagle of the week (No. 1 in round one). He'll enter the weekend one stroke behind Garcia.

Palmer entered the week No. 37 in the FedExCup, but is projected to move to No. 7 with a runner-up finish. Among his career-best six top-10 finishes in 21 previous starts this season are runner-up showings at the Humana Challenge and Honda Classic.

Last year, Palmer finished No. 71 in the FedExCup, just missing out on making it to the 70-player BMW Championship field. Here's a look at his FedExCup finishes: 2013 (71), 2012 (55), 2011 (53), 2010 (23), 2009 (134), 2008 (94), 2007 (134).

Palmer is making his seventh start at the BMW Championship, with a T43 finish in 2010 his best effort.

Rory Mcllroy

Rory Mcllroy birdied three of his last four holes (Nos. 15-17) en route to a second-consecutive 3-under 67. He sits T3 and just two strokes behind Sergio Garcia through 36 holes.

Currently second in the FedExCup standings behind Hunter Mahan, Mcllroy is seeking his fourth PGA TOUR win of 2013-14 and his second career BMW Championship title (2012). Mcllroy has nine career wins, including three straight starts in July-August (The Open Championship, World Golf Championships-Bridgestone Invitational, PGA Championship).

Nine-time winner Mcllroy will be 25 years, 4 days, 3 months on Sunday of the final round at the BMW Championship. For comparison sake, Tiger Woods won his 10th event (1999 BMW Championship) at the age of 23 years, 6 months, 4 days while Phil Mickelson won his 10th event (1997 Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by MasterCard) at the age of 26 years, 9 months, 7 days.

Since 2003, just five different players have won four or more times in a season, including Mcllroy in 2012.

2013	5	Tiger Woods
2012	4	Rory Mcllroy
2009	6	Tiger Woods
2008	4	Tiger Woods
2007	7	Tiger Woods
2006	8	Tiger Woods
2005	6	Tiger Woods
	4	Vijay Singh
	4	Phil Mickelson
2004	9	Vijay Singh
2003	5	Tiger Woods
	4	Davis Love III
	4	Vijay Singh

In Rory Mcllroy's last five starts on the PGA TOUR, he has led the field in the Driving Distance category; The Open Championship (327.8), WGC-Bridgestone Invitational (334.8), PGA Championship (315.6), The Barclays (303.8) and Deutsche Bank Championship (304.1).

Billy Horschel

Billy Horschel, who moved from No. 82 to No. 20 in the FedExCup following a T2 finish last week at the Deutsche Bank Championship (his 100th PGA TOUR start and first top 10 since a T6 at the 2014 FedEx St. Jude Classic), posted a 4-under 66 to move to T3.

Horschel's finishes in the FedExCup: 2013 (16th), 2012 (143rd), 2011 (170th).

A year ago, Horschel claimed his lone TOUR win at the Zurich Classic of New Orleans, recorded eight top-10 finishes and advanced to the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola (T7). He finished the season 16th in the FedExCup.

In the 2013-2014 PGA TOUR Season, Horschel has collected top-10 finishes at the Hyundai Tournament of Champions (T6), FedEx St. Jude Classic (T6) and Deutsche Bank Championship (T2).

Jordan Spieth

Jordan Spieth, who shared the first-round lead with Gary Woodland and Rory Mcllroy, stands T8 as he seeks his first top-10 finish since a T7 at the John Deere Classic in July. Spieth struggled down the stretch Friday, finishing with a double-bogey on the par-4 18th hole to fall from T5 to T8.

Spieth entered this week ninth in the FedExCup standings, with seven top-10 finishes, including a T2 at the Masters Tournament and a T4 at THE PLAYERS.

Last year, Spieth became the youngest player to qualify for the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola at the age of 20 and finished seventh in the FedExCup standings on the strength of a T4 at the Deutsche Bank Championship and a T2 at the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola.

Miscellaneous Notes

Graham DeLaet turned in a second-consecutive 2-under 68 (T5). Through 36 holes he shares the lead with Jordan Spieth for the most birdies in the field (11). DeLaet entered the week No. 43 in the FedExCup and is projected No. 32.

Two-time Masters champion Bubba Watson jumped to T5 following a 4-under 66, one shy of his best score at the BMW Championship (final-round 65s in 2008 and 2012). Watson is currently projected to retain his No. 6 spot in the standings.

Japan's Hideki Matsuyama, currently 30th in the FedExCup standings, is looking to become just the second native of Japan (Ryuji Imada/2008) to qualify for the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola in the FedExCup era. After rounds of 69-67, he enters the weekend T5.

Defending FedExCup champion Henrik Stenson is T8 after opening rounds of 68-69. He sits 55th in the FedExCup standings and is projected to need a solo fourth-place finish to move into the top 30 and have the opportunity to defend his TOUR Championship title next week.

After a T7 last week at the Deutsche Bank Championship, U.S. Open and The PLAYERS champion Martin Kaymer sits T12 after 36 holes (68-70).

Four of the six winners on the fall segment of the 2013-14 PGA TOUR Season are currently inside the top 30: Chris Kirk (1); Jimmy Walker (4); Webb Simpson (19); and Dustin Johnson (22). Just outside the top 30 are Harris English (31) and Ryan Moore (34).

Fifteen different players under the age of 30 have wins on the PGA TOUR this season, accounting for a total of 20 victories. Last week's Deutsche Bank Championship winner Chris Kirk was the first player under the age of 30 to win a FedExCup Playoff event since Rory Mcllroy at the 2012 BMW Championship. Kirk stands T29 after opening rounds of 71-70.

Hunter Mahan is the only player to have never missed a start in the FedExCup Playoffs (31 overall). After rounds of 75-70, he sits T58 through two rounds.

In the five previous years (2009-2013) with the current FedExCup points system, a total of 13 players have played their way into the top 30 at the BMW Championship, including Luke Donald and Nick Watney in 2013.

Chesson Hadley, the lone rookie still competing in the FedExCup Playoffs (57th), sits T12 after 36 holes. Prior to his T9 last week at the Deutsche Bank Championship, Hadley had missed 10 of 11 cuts. Only six rookies have advanced all the way to the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola in the FedExCup era, with all six going on to win PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year:

2013 – Jordan Spieth/7th
 2012 - John Huh/29th
 2011 - Keegan Bradley/20th
 2009 - Marc Leishman/20th
 2008 - Andres Romero/28th
 2007 - Brandt Snedeker/20th

Miscellaneous FedExCup Notes

Three players have made it to the TOUR Championship the first seven years of the FedExCup. Here's their year-by-year FedExCup finish and how they are projected through two rounds of the BMW Championship:

Name	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014 Current FEC/projected
Steve Stricker	2 nd	14 th	3 rd	7 th	18 th	20 th	3rd	116 th /Eliminated
Phil Mickelson	3 rd	7 th	2 nd	13 th	15 th	5 th	9th	56 th /64 th
Hunter Mahan	15 th	18 th	27 th	18 th	7 th	19 th	20th	3 rd /4 th

Top-10-finishes leaders (FedExCup Playoffs):

Name	Top 10s
Jim Furyk	13
Steve Stricker	13
Camilo Villegas	10
Phil Mickelson	10
Tiger Woods	10

Most rounds in the 60s in the Playoffs:

Name	Sub-70s
Steve Stricker	62
Jim Furyk	58
Adam Scott	57
Phil Mickelson	54
Hunter Mahan	52

Most rounds at par or better in the Playoffs:

Name	Par-or-Better
Jim Furyk	91
Phil Mickelson	82
Steve Stricker	80
Hunter Mahan	75

Past FedExCup Champions Remaining in 2014 FedExCup Playoffs

Player	Year Won	Pre-BMW Rank	Projected Rank
Jim Furyk	2010	No. 8	No. 8
Bill Haas	2011	No. 17	No. 19
Henrik Stenson	2013	No. 55	No. 38

Bogey-free Rounds

R1: None

R2: Rickie Fowler (66)

Scoring Averages at the par-70 Cherry Hills CC:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
Round 1	34.507	36.609	71.116	--
Round 2	33.971	36.088	70.059	70.591

Attempting to drive the green on the par-4 first hole:

R1 (353 yards): 2/54 players were successful (Charley Hoffman/birdie, Ryan Palmer/eagle)

R2 (341 yards): 2/30 players were successful (Graham DeLaet/birdie, Rory McIlroy/par)

Jason Day withdrew during the second round with a back injury.

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