



# BMW Championship

**2014 BMW Championship**  
(The 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

## Third-Round Notes – Saturday, September 6, 2014

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

### Third-Round Leaderboard

Billy Horschel	68-66-63—197 (-13)
Ryan Palmer	69-64-67—200 (-10)
Martin Kaymer	68-70-64—202 (-8)
Bubba Watson	70-66-66—202 (-8)

### 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**

Getting into 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 three rounds of the BMW Championship:

### **Current top five:**

<b>FEC Rank</b>	<b>Player</b>	<b>54-hole position</b>	<b>FedExCup projection</b>
1	Chris Kirk	T39	No. 2
2	Rory McIlroy	T10	No. 3
3	Hunter Mahan	T55	No. 5
4	Jimmy Walker	T17	No. 6
5	Matt Kuchar	T49	No. 10

While Jimmy Walker and Matt Kuchar have dropped out of the projected top 5 for the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola, Billy Horschel and Bubba Watson have moved into the projected top 5.

### FedExCup Projections

#### **Projected into the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola**

<b>FEC Rank</b>	<b>Player</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Projected</b>
No. 37	Ryan Palmer	2 <sup>nd</sup>	No. 9

#### **Projected out of the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola**

<b>FEC Rank</b>	<b>Player</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Projected</b>
No. 28	Keegan Bradley	WD	No. 33

### **Third-Round Leader Statistics**

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

The third-round leader/co-leader has won 20 of 42 72-hole stroke-play events this season, most recently Rory McIlroy at the PGA Championship.

### **Billy Horschel**

Horschel shot a bogey-free 7-under 63 in the third round to take a three shot lead into the final round. Horschel drained a 31'11" putt on No. 18 to close with a birdie-3.

In winning the 2013 Zurich Classic of New Orleans, Horschel birdied six holes in a row (Nos. 7-12) and then drained a 26'8" putt for birdie-4 on the final hole en route to a final-round 8-under 64 and a one-stroke victory over D.A. Points.

Horschel's only previous third-round lead came at the 2013 Valero Texas Open where he finished T3.

Horschel moved from No. 82 to No. 20 in the FedExCup following a T2 finish last week at the Deutsche Bank Championship (his 100<sup>th</sup> PGA TOUR start and first top 10 since a T6 at the 2014 FedEx St. Jude Classic).

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

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 16<sup>th</sup> 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).

Horschel is looking to be the second former alum from the University of Florida to win on TOUR in the last four weeks. Camilo Villegas won the Wyndham Championship four weeks ago in Greensboro. Matt Every (Arnold Palmer Invitational) is the other Florida Gator to win on TOUR this season.

On Sunday, Horschel will be looking for his second TOUR win in 101 starts at the age of 27 years and 9 months.

Horschel has shown to be a momentum player. He finished T2 last week at the Deutsche Bank Championship. Below are his previous four starts prior to winning his first TOUR event at the 2013 Zurich Classic of New Orleans:

T2	Shell Houston Open
T3	Valero Texas Open
T9	RBC Heritage
Won	Zurich Classic of New Orleans

Horschel's wife Brittany is due to have their first child on September 27.

### **Ryan Palmer**

Palmer who played the third round in the final group of the day watched Billy Horschel drain a 32 foot putt on No. 18. Palmer followed suit by sinking his birdie putt on No. 18 from 30'2" to get within three shots of Horschel.

Palmer entered the week No. 37 in the FedExCup, but is projected to move to No. 9 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.

Palmer has come-from-behind to win two of his three career TOUR victories. He came from five shots (T13) back to win his first event at the 2004 FUNAI Classic at Disney. He came from one shot back to win his second TOUR event at the 2008 Ginn sur Mer Classic. He was tied for the lead when he won his third and last event at the 2010 Sony Open in Hawaii.

### **Rory McIlroy**

On the par-3 12<sup>th</sup> in round three, McIlroy recorded the sixth 4-putt of his TOUR career. McIlroy missed his first putt from 4'5", his second from 4'9", his third from 2' before making his fourth putt from 1'7".

It was McIlroy's first triple-bogey or worse since the first hole of the first round of the 2013 BMW Championship.

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

### **Morgan Hoffmann**

Hoffmann recorded the round of the week so far with an 8-under 62 in round three. The 62 catapulted him from T53 after round two all the way up the leaderboard to T10.

Hoffmann was one of seven players who entered The Barclays ranked No. 101 – 125 in the FedExCup standings and played their way into the Deutsche Bank Championship. Hoffmann is the only player among that group to advance to the BMW Championship. Hoffmann began the Playoffs at No. 124 in the FedExCup standings.

In the history of the FedExCup Playoffs only two players have advanced to the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola after starting the Playoffs outside of the cut line to make the second Playoffs event. In 2009, Slocum began the Playoffs at No. 124 before winning The Barclays and advancing to the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola. In 2010, Kevin Streelman began the Playoffs at No. 102 in the FedExCup standings and advanced to Atlanta.

### **Miscellaneous Notes**

Defending FedExCup champion Henrik Stenson is T23 after opening rounds of 68-69-72. He is projected at 50<sup>th</sup> 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.

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 McIlroy at the 2012 BMW Championship.

Hunter Mahan is the only player to have never missed a start in the FedExCup Playoffs (31 overall). He is a lock to advance to the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola next week in Atlanta.

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 is the lone rookie still competing in the FedExCup Playoffs (57). Prior to his T9 last week at the Deutsche Bank Championship, Hadley had missed 10 of 11 cuts. He is currently T10 in Denver. 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:

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

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	59
Adam Scott	58
Phil Mickelson	54
Hunter Mahan	52

Most rounds at par or better in the Playoffs:

Name	Par-or-Better
Jim Furyk	92
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 after BMW R3
Jim Furyk	2010	No. 8	No. 7
Bill Haas	2011	No. 17	No. 17
Henrik Stenson	2013	No. 55	No. 50

Bogey-free Rounds

R1: None

R2: Rickie Fowler (66)

R3: Billy Horschel (63), Bubba Watson (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
Round 3	33.848	35.576	69.424	70.212

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)

R3 (328 yards): 2/34 players were successful (Bubba Watson/birdie, Patrick Reed/birdie)

Phil Mickelson and Keegan Bradley withdrew following the second round.

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