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The Barclays 2014

Dates: August 19-24, 2014

Where: The Ridgewood Country Club, Paramus, N.J.

Par/Yards: 35-36--71/7,319 yards

2013 champion: Adam Scott

Purse: \$8,000,000/\$1,440,000 (winner)

FedExCup: 2,500 points to the winner

Format: 72-hole stroke-play

Website: www.thebarclaysgolf.com

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Field: 122 (Dustin Johnson, Jason Dufner and Steve Stricker are not competing) – Committed field is attached subject to change following the FedExCup standings update following the Wyndham Championship.

Pre-tournament press conference schedule

Tuesday, August 19

- 11 a.m. – Jimmy Walker
- 12 p.m. – Matt Kuchar
- 12:30 p.m. – Bubba Watson
- 1 p.m. – PGA TOUR Commissioner Tim Finchem
- 2:45 p.m. – Phil Mickelson (outside, post-Military Appreciation Ceremony)

Wednesday, August 20

Approximately 12:30 p.m. (post-7:30 a.m. pro-am shotgun):

- Rory McIlroy
- Adam Scott
- Rickie Fowler

TBD:

Jim Furyk, Camilo Villegas

A look at The Barclays 2013

Teeing off in the final round one hour and 20 minutes before 54-hole leaders Gary Woodland and Matt Kuchar, Masters champion Adam Scott posted a 5-under 66, giving him an early clubhouse lead at Liberty National with a total of 273. Scott's lead held up as Justin Rose, with a birdie putt for the outright win on the 72nd hole, three-putted, and Gary Woodland and Tiger Woods both missed birdie putts on the last. Rose, Woodland, Woods and Graham DeLaet all tied for second. Scott's six-stroke come-from-behind victory was the largest in tournament history and the ninth of his career. Scott joined Rory McIlroy and Tiger Woods as the only players to win a major championship and a FedExCup Playoffs event in the same season.

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Scott's come-from-behind win continued a recent trend at the tournament, as the leader entering the final round has not gone on to win The Barclays since Steve Stricker in 2007.

The Ridgewood Country Club

The Barclays returns to The Ridgewood Country Club for the third time, the club having hosted the event in 2008 (Vijay Singh) and 2010 (Matt Kuchar). In addition to two installments of The Barclays, the course – an A.W. Tillinghast design – has hosted the 1935 Ryder Cup (United States), 1974 U.S. Amateur (Jerry Pate), 1990 U.S. Senior Open (Lee Trevino) and 2001 Senior PGA Championship (Tom Watson). The Ridgewood Country Club, founded in 1890, is one of the oldest country clubs in America. The club enjoys a rich and storied history that includes the tenure of George Jacobus, the club's Golf Professional from 1914 until 1964. George was the first American-born President of the PGA of America and, through his friendship with Bobby Jones, was able to bring Byron Nelson to the club as his Assistant Golf Professional in 1935. George was also a close friend of noted golf course architect A.W. Tillinghast, who designed the 27-hole golf course that opened in 1929.

The Championship Course is a composite of the more difficult holes from the three original nine-hole courses and was developed specifically for The Barclays tournaments.

The Barclays course rotation through 2016

Continuing with the rotation set in recent years on playing some of the area's best courses, The Barclays returns to Plainfield Country Club and Bethpage State Park as host venues in upcoming years.

The future confirmed course rotation is:

- 2015 – Plainfield Country Club, Edison, N.J.
- 2016 – Bethpage State Park's Black Course, Farmingdale, N.Y.

FedExCup and The Barclays

- Each playoff event offers 2,500 FedExCup points to the winner.
- The top-125 players on the final PGA TOUR Season FedExCup points list (following the Wyndham Championship) qualify for The Barclays.
- The top-100 players on the FedExCup points list following The Barclays qualify for the Deutsche Bank Championship.
- The top-70 players on the FedExCup points list after the Deutsche Bank Championship advance to the BMW Championship, contested at Cherry Hills Country Club in Cherry Hills, Co., for the first time.
- 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.
- Any player in the field at The Barclays can mathematically move inside the top five in the points standings with a runner-up finish or victory.

The Top Five

No. 1 – Rory McIlroy

Rory McIlroy's leads the FedExCup standings thanks to an amazing stretch of golf, including his four rounds in the 60s at Valhalla GC that carried him to a one-stroke victory at the 96th PGA Championship. His fourth major championship capped off a streak of three consecutive victories (The Open Championship, Bridgestone Invitational, PGA Championship), making him the first player to perform the feat since Tiger Woods won five consecutive starts at the conclusion of the 2007 season and beginning of the 2008 season.



Mcllroy was No. 35 in the FedExCup standings after the U.S. Open, and has since rocketed up the list with his three consecutive wins: to No. 11 after The Open Championship; to No. 3 after the Bridgestone Invitational; and to No. 1 after the PGA Championship. His best previous position heading into the FedExCup Playoffs was No. 3 in 2012, the same year he went on to win two Playoffs event (Deutsche Bank Championship and BMW Championship), eventually finishing No. 2 in the FedExCup to Brandt Snedeker.

Mcllroy will be making his fourth start at The Barclays; his best finish thus far at the event was a T19 last year at Liberty National. Mcllroy's first start at The Barclays came in 2010 at The Ridgewood Country Club; he finished T56.

No. 2 – Jimmy Walker

By February 10, Jimmy Walker had already enjoyed a career-year on the PGA TOUR with his third win of the season at the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am. Walker won the first event of the season at the Frys.com Open and never looked back. With nine top-10 finishes to go along with his three wins, Walker led the FedExCup standings for 36 of the first 37 weeks of the season, including a record 30 straight weeks, starting with his victory at the Sony Open in Hawaii. He now trails Rory Mcllroy by 89 points.

In addition to his victories, Walker performed well in some of the season's biggest events with a T6 at THE PLAYERS, a T7 at the PGA Championship, a T8 at the Masters Tournament and a T9 at the U.S. Open.

Walker is trying to reach the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola for the first time in his career. His best finish at The Barclays came in 2011 (T18). This will be his sixth time playing at The Barclays. He finished T52 at Ridgewood in 2010.

No. 3 – Bubba Watson

Bubba Watson is No. 3 in the FedExCup standings, his best position entering the FedExCup Playoffs in his career, thanks to victories at the Masters Tournament and the Northern Trust Open, along with seven top-10 finishes, tying his career best.

Watson is one of five players with multiple victories this year, joined by Rory Mcllroy (3), Jimmy Walker (3), Patrick Reed (2) and Martin Kaymer (2). Watson finished T31 at The Barclays when it was played at Ridgewood in 2010.

No. 4 – Matt Kuchar

Winner of The Barclays in 2010 the last time it was held at The Ridgewood Country Club, Matt Kuchar enters the FedExCup Playoffs at No. 4 in the FedExCup standings, a year removed from starting last year's Playoffs ranked No. 2. Kuchar has been one of the most consistent players on the PGA TOUR since 2009, with six of his seven career wins and a TOUR-best 52 top-10 finishes. Kuchar finished last year No. 3 in the FedExCup standings.

No. 5 – Jim Furyk

With eight top-10 finishes that included three runner-ups, Jim Furyk rounds out the top five in the FedExCup standings. The only player in the top five yet to win in 2014, Furyk knocked on the door all season long. The 2010 FedExCup champion finished second at the Wells Fargo Championship, THE PLAYERS and the RBC Canadian Open, along with top-10 finishes at both the U.S. Open and the PGA Championship. Furyk's history at The Barclays dates back to 1991 with 18 previous starts and includes runner-up finishes in 1998 and 2005. In 2010, Furyk was set to play The Barclays at Ridgewood, but was unfortunately disqualified after being late for his pro-am time (that policy has since changed).

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Furyk is second in career top-10 finishes in FedExCup Playoffs events

Most top-10s in the FedExCup Playoffs (Since 2007)

Players	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Total
Stricker, Steve	3	1	3	3	0	0	3	13
Furyk, Jim	0	3	3	1	1	2	2	12
Villegas, Camilo	3	3	1	1	2	0	0	10
Mickelson, Phil	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	10
Woods, Tiger	3	0	3	0	0	3	1	10
Donald, Luke	0	0	1	2	3	2	1	9
Garcia, Sergio	2	3	1	0	0	1	2	9
Johnson, Dustin	0	0	1	2	1	4	1	9
Scott, Adam	1	0	0	2	2	2	1	8
Snedeker, Brandt	0	0	1	1	2	3	1	8

Additional Notes

The three players who have participated in the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola all seven years since the inception of the FedExCup in 2007 finished in the top 10 at the PGA Championship. Runner-up **Phil Mickelson** jumped from 84th to 42nd in the FedExCup standings while **Steve Stricker** (122nd to 99th) and **Hunter Mahan** (65th to 59th) also improved in the FedExCup standings thanks to T7 finishes. Each are currently outside the top 30 in the standings and each are ranked the lowest they have ever started the Playoffs.

Player	Phil Mickelson	Steve Stricker	Hunter Mahan
2007 Finish	3 rd	2 nd	15 th
2008 Finish	7 th	14 th	18 th
2009 Finish	2 nd	3 rd	27 th
2010 Finish	13 th	7 th	18 th
2011 Finish	15 th	18 th	7 th
2012 Finish	5 th	20 th	19 th
2013 Finish	9 th	20 th	3 rd
Current Rank	42 nd	99 th	59 th

Hunter Mahan is the only player who has made all 28 starts in the FedExCup Playoffs.

There are four players in the top 10 in the standings and seven in the top 21 who are connected to colleges in Georgia.

College	Players (current rank)
University of Georgia	Bubba Watson (3), Chris Kirk (10), Brendon Todd (12), Harris English (16), Brian Harman (21)
Georgia Tech	Matt Kuchar (4)
Augusta State	Patrick Reed (9)

All six winners of the fall events on the 2013-14 PGA TOUR Season schedule are inside the top 30 in the FedExCup standings heading into the Playoffs: Jimmy Walker (2); Dustin Johnson (6); Chris Kirk (10); Harris English (16); Webb Simpson (18); and Ryan Moore (19). Johnson is not competing in the FedExCup Playoffs.

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Only seven rookies – one per season – have advanced all the way to the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola, the finale of the FedExCup Playoffs. All seven went on to win Rookie of the Year honors in each respective season.

Best rookie performances in the FedExCup Playoffs

Year	Rookie	Finish
2013	Jordan Spieth	7 th
2012	John Huh	29 th
2011	Keegan Bradley	20 th
2010	Rickie Fowler	32 nd
2009	Marc Leishman	20 th
2008	Andres Romero	28 th
2007	Brandt Snedeker	20 th

Two rookies have a shot at joining that group, having finished the season ranked within the top 125 in FedExCup points and earning their first start at The Barclays:

- Chesson Hadley (70)
- Brice Garnett (117)

Phil Mickelson

After a career-long drought of tournaments without a top-10 finish, Phil Mickelson finished second to Rory McIlroy at the PGA Championship in his bid to win his sixth career major championship. The runner-up finish moved Mickelson from 84th to 42nd in the FedExCup standings, greatly boosting his chances of making it deep into the Playoffs. Mickelson is one of three players who have qualified for the season-ending TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola every year since the inception of the FedExCup in 2007, and he is the only player with top-15 finishes in the final FedExCup standings in all seven years. However, this will be Mickelson's lowest ranking heading into the FedExCup Playoffs in his career. On average, he started the Playoffs ranked 5.857, with his previous lowest rank heading to The Barclays coming in 2012 when he was No. 14, the only time he was ranked outside of the top six.

Camilo Villegas

With 10 career top-10 finishes and two victories in FedExCup Playoff events, Camilo Villegas won for the first time in four years on the PGA TOUR with his victory at the final regular season event at the Wyndham Championship to move from No. 105 to No. 37 in the standings. The win was the Colombian's fourth win on the PGA TOUR. In 2008, Villegas won back to back FedExCup Playoffs events at the BMW Championship and the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola. Villegas' best finish at The Barclays is a T6 in 2011.

Henrik Stenson

Henrik Stenson's T3 finish at the PGA Championship helped the 2013 FedExCup champion move from No. 92 to No. 67 on the points list, just in time for the FedExCup Playoffs. The Swede will have work to do at The Barclays in order to continue his Playoffs journey and have a shot to defend his title at East Lake this September, as only the top 90 advance to the second Playoffs event in Boston. Last year, Snedeker became the first FedExCup champion to make it back to the TOUR Championship the following year.

Miscellaneous Notes

- Sang-Moon Bae moved from No. 126 in the standings to No. 120 thanks to birdies on the 16th and 18th holes to secure a T14 finish at the Wyndham championship.
- In the history of the FedExCup Playoffs, the highest-ranked player entering The Barclays to go on to qualify for the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola was Heath Slocum in 2009 at No. 124. Slocum

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finished No. 8 on the strength of a victory at The Barclays. The only other player to advance to the TOUR Championship after starting the FedExCup Playoffs outside the top 100 was Kevin Streelman in 2010 at No. 102.