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2014 TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola Pre-Tournament Notes

Dates: September 8-14, 2014

Where: East Lake Golf Club, Atlanta, Ga.

Par/Yards: 35-35--70/7,319 yards

Field: 29 (Dustin Johnson, No. 30, is not competing)

2013 champion: Henrik Stenson

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

FedExCup: 2,500 points to the winner

Format: 72-hole stroke-play

Twitter name: @playofffinale

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TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola Interview Schedule (FedExCup rank)

Tuesday, September 9

- **Noon** – Bubba Watson (No. 3)
- **1 p.m.** – PGA TOUR Commissioner Tim Finchem’s “State of the TOUR” press conference, followed by the Payne Stewart Award announcement

Wednesday, September 10

- **9 a.m.** – Rory McIlroy (No. 4)
- **11 a.m.** - Chris Kirk (No. 1)
- **3 p.m.** – Billy Horschel (No. 2)

- TBD - Jim Furyk (No. 7)
- TBD – Morgan Hoffmann (no. 21)

A look at the 2013 TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola

In his first career start at the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola, Henrik Stenson entered the final round with a four-shot advantage over Dustin Johnson and turned in a final-round 68 for a three-stroke, wire-to-wire victory over Jordan Spieth and Steve Stricker, securing the 2013 FedExCup. Stenson is just the third wire-to-wire (no ties) winner in TOUR Championship history and the first in the FedExCup era, as well as the first to do so at East Lake (Tom Watson, 1987, Oak Hills); Curtis Strange, 1988, Pebble Beach). He joined past FedExCup winners Brandt Snedeker (2012), Bill Haas (2011), Jim Furyk (2010), Tiger Woods (2007, 2009) and Vijay Singh (2008). Stenson is the only European player to win the FedExCup.

TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola storylines

The TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola is the culmination of the PGA TOUR’s FedExCup season and the final of four FedExCup Playoffs events. Road to the TOUR Championship info:

- The top 125 players on the Regular Season FedExCup points list qualified for The Barclays (won by Hunter Mahan).

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- The top 100 players on the FedExCup points list following The Barclays qualified for the Deutsche Bank Championship (The Barclays was won by Hunter Mahan).
- The top 70 players on the points list following the Deutsche Bank Championship qualified for the BMW Championship (The Deutsche Bank Championship was won by Chris Kirk).
- The top 30 players following the BMW Championship advance to the TOUR Championship. (The BMW Championship was won by Billy Horschel).
- Each Playoff event offers 2,500 FedExCup points to the winner.
- A points reset took place following the BMW Championship, giving all players in the field at the TOUR Championship a mathematical chance to win the FedExCup.

The top five players in the FedExCup standings entering the TOUR Championship control their own destiny and will win the FedExCup title should they go on to victory at East Lake.

No. 1 – Chris Kirk

No. 2 – Billy Horschel

No. 3 – Bubba Watson

No. 4 – Rory McIlroy

No. 5 – Hunter Mahan

FedExCup Champions since 2007

2007 – Tiger Woods

2008 – Vijay Singh

2009 – Tiger Woods

2010 – Jim Furyk

2011 – Bill Haas

2012 – Brandt Snedeker

2013 – Henrik Stenson

2013 TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola and FedExCup winner Henrik Stenson did not reach the TOUR Championship by Coca to defend his title. Brandt Snedeker is the only TOUR Championship and FedExCup winner (2012) to return to East Lake the year after winning the season-long points race.

Chris Kirk – No. 1

Chris Kirk is in prime position for his first-ever start at the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola, thanks to a win at the Deutsche Bank Championship two weeks ago that moved him from No. 17 in the FedExCup rankings to No. 1. The former University of Georgia standout – one of four in the field (Bubba Watson, Russell Henley, Brendon Todd) – was 10 shots off the first-round lead at TPC Boston after an opening-round 71, but closed with rounds of 66-64-66 to edge Geoff Ogilvy, Henley and Billy Horschel by two shots to win his third PGA TOUR title and second of the season (The McGladrey Classic). Kirk's final two rounds at the Deutsche Bank Championship included 12 birdies and no bogeys as he played alongside World No. 1 Rory McIlroy, who finished T5.

Kirk's win at The McGladrey Classic in November moved him to No. 4 in the FedExCup standings, and he remained inside the top 10 throughout the season for the next 34 weeks (before dropping to No. 17 after The Barclays). Kirk has totaled 11 top-25 finishes over the course of the season, including a runner-up finish at the Sony Open in Hawaii and a T4 at the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide Insurance.

Kirk is hoping to follow in the footsteps of last year's TOUR Championship and FedExCup winner, Henrik Stenson, and become the sixth player to win the tournament in his first appearance (Tom Watson, 1987; Chad Campbell, 2003; Bart Bryant, 2005; Bill Haas, 2011).

Year	Final Rank	Began Playoffs Rk	Barclays	Deutsche Bank	BMW	TOUR Champ
2011	42	33	Cut (41)	T31 (43)	T31(42)	
2012	49	80	T46 (81)	T35 (66)	T12 (49)	
2013	34	31	Cut (47)	T17 (37)	T24 (34)	

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To win the FedExCup- No. 1 Chris Kirk

- If he wins the TOUR Championship, he wins the FedExCup
- Has a reasonable chance of winning with a top-five finish
- Can finish as low as 29th and still have a mathematical chance of winning

Billy Horschel – No. 2

After a breakout season last year when Billy Horschel won his first TOUR title and made it to the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola for the first time, he returns to East Lake thanks to a surge in the FedExCup Playoffs. Horschel nearly won the Deutsche Bank Championship with four rounds in the 60s, but a poor shot on the final hole dropped him into a tie for second. The runner-up finish, however, vaulted him from No. 82 in the FedExCup standings to No. 20. Less than one week later, he was hoisting the BMW Championship trophy for his second PGA TOUR win, thanks to another four rounds in the 60s (68-66-63-69) and steady play down the stretch. The victory boosted Horschel into the coveted top-five heading into the TOUR Championship.

Horschel’s other top finishes this season were a pair of T6s at the Hyundai Tournament of Champions and the FedEx St. Jude Classic. Horschel finished T7 in his first TOUR Championship start last year, helping him to a final FedExCup rank of 16th.

Year	Final Rank	Began Playoffs Rk	Barclays	Deutsche Bank	BMW	TOUR Champ
2011	170					
2012	143					
2013	16	6	CUT (17)	T70 (22)	T18 (22)	T7 (16)
2014		69	CUT (82)	T2 (20)	1 (2)	

To win the FedExCup - No. 2 Billy Horschel

- If he wins the TOUR Championship, he wins the FedExCup
- Has a reasonable chance of winning with a top-three finish
- Can finish as low as a 2-way tie for 6th and still have a mathematical chance of winning

Bubba Watson – No. 3

Bubba Watson is enjoying the best season in his nine years on the PGA TOUR. He won the 2014 Northern Trust Open in February, thanks to a pair of stellar 64s on the weekend at The Riviera Country Club. Then he followed up that impressive showing by claiming his second green jacket at the Masters Tournament; his final-round 69 was the lowest score among the contenders. In addition, Watson has posted three runner-up finishes (Waste Management Phoenix Open, World Golf Championships-Cadillac Championship, BMW Championship) and a third-place finish (the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide Insurance) this season. His runner-up finish at last week’s BMW Championship – just his third career top-10 in a FedExCup Playoffs event – helped him jump from No. 6 to No. 3 in FedExCup points, and he enters the TOUR Championship ranked in the top 10 for the first time in his career.

Watson’s No. 6 rank heading into the TOUR Championship is the best of his four previous starts in the event. He has now made the FedExCup finale five of eight times. His best finish at East Lake was a T5 in 2013, when he finished a career-best 13th in the FedExCup.

Year	Final Rank	Began Playoffs Rk	Barclays	Deutsche Bank	BMW	TOUR Champ
2007	37	33	CUT (36)	CUT (41)	T18 (37)	
2008	30	56	T12 (30)	T44 (27)	T28 (29)	30 (30)
2009	53	54	CUT (72)	T32 (59)	T15 (53)	
2010	22	8	T31 (9)	T37 (12)	T50 (18)	T17(22)
2011	26	8	CUT (16)	T16 (12)	T53 (18)	T23 (26)
2012	13	5	T10 (7)	CUT (10)	T12 (11)	T5 (13)
2013	37	38	T13 (27)	T67 (40)	T24 (37)	

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To win the FedExCup - No. 3 Bubba Watson

- If he wins the TOUR Championship, he wins the FedExCup
- Has a reasonable chance of winning with a second-place finish
- Can finish as low as T4 and still have a mathematical chance of winning

Rory McIlroy – No. 4

Northern Ireland’s Rory McIlroy is fourth in the FedExCup standings thanks to an amazing stretch of golf, including 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.

McIlroy 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. He has been steady in the FedExCup Playoffs with a T22 at The Barclays, a T5 at the Deutsche Bank Championship and a T8 at the BMW Championship, his 11th top-10 finish of the season. In addition to his three wins, he finished T2 at The Honda Classic after a sudden-death playoff eventually won by Russell Henley.

McIlroy’s best finish in the FedExCup came in 2012 when he won two Playoff events and was just edged by Brandt Snedeker for the FedExCup title.

Year	Final Rank	Began Playoffs Rk	Barclays	Deutsche Bank	BMW	TOUR Champ
2010	36	21	T56 (28)	T37 (29)	T37 (36)	
2012	2	3	T24 (4)	1 (1)	1 (1)	T10 (2)
2013	50	49	T19 (3)	T47 (41)	T59 (50)	
2014		1	T22 (2)	T5 (2)	T8 (4)	

To Win the FedExCup - No. 4 Rory McIlroy

- If he wins the TOUR Championship, he wins the FedExCup
- Has a reasonable chance of winning with a second-place finish
- Can finish as low as T3 and still have a mathematical chance of winning

Hunter Mahan – No. 5

Hunter Mahan began the FedExCup Playoffs in an unfamiliar position. As the lone player to tee it up in every Playoffs event in the history of the FedExCup, Mahan is accustomed to starting the Playoffs with the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola well in his sites. However, he began this year’s road to East Lake at No. 62 in the standings at the start of The Barclays and in need of a solid finish to get back to Atlanta. Mahan began the final round one-stroke off the lead, and with birdies on four of his last six holes, he claimed his sixth career PGA TOUR victory to move to No. 1 in the standings at the time (the Oklahoma State alum is now fifth in the standings).

Mahan has six top-10 finishes on the season thus far. In addition to his win at The Barclays, he finished T4 at the Waste Management Phoenix Open, sixth at the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, T7 at the PGA Championship and T9 at both the World Golf Championships-Accenture Match Play Championship and World Golf Championships-Cadillac Championship.

In 2011, Mahan nearly won the FedExCup if not for one of the more memorable shots in FedExCup history when Bill Haas escaped from the water on the second playoff hole to save par and eventually defeat Mahan for the FedExCup title.

Year	Final Rank	Began Playoffs Rk	Barclays	Deutsche Bank	BMW	TOUR Champ
2007	15	15	T17 (16)	MC (19)	T30 (20)	T5 (15)
2008	18	31	T31 (25)	T15 (20)	T8 (16)	T17 (18)
2009	27	14	T20 (15)	T36 (21)	T38 (23)	24 (27)

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2010	18	7	T31 (7)	T33 (8)	T37 (15)	T15 (18)
2011	7	20	T43 (24)	T8 (18)	T42 (21)	2 (7)
2012	19	6	CUT (12)	T39 (14)	70 (23)	T8 (19)
2013	20	21	T25 (21)	T13 (18)	T4 (15)	T20 (20)
2014		62	1 (1)	64 (3)	T59 (5)	

To win the FedExCup - No. 5 Hunter Mahan

- If he wins the TOUR Championship, he wins the FedExCup
- Can finish as low as a 2-way tie for 2nd and still have a mathematical chance of winning

TOUR Championship and FedExCup Notes

Here is a year-by-year look at FedExCup champions and their performance throughout the FedExCup Playoffs in the years they won:

FedExCup Champion	The Barclays	Deutsche Bank	BMW Champ.	TOUR Champ.
2013 Henrik Stenson	T43	1	T33	Won
2012 Brandt Snedeker	2 nd	6 th	T37	Won
2011 Bill Haas	T24	T61	T16	Won
2010 Jim Furyk	DNP	T37	T15	Won
2009 Tiger Woods	T2	T11	Won	2nd
2008 Vijay Singh	Won	Won	T44	T22
2007 Tiger Woods	N/A	T2	Won	Won

Survive and Advance

Eight players in the field began the FedExCup Playoffs ranked outside of the top 30 in the FedExCup standings and played their way into the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola.

Player	Current Rank	Started the Playoffs
Billy Horschel	No. 2	No. 69
Hunter Mahan	No. 5	No. 62
Jason Day	No. 10	No. 34
Cameron Tringale	No. 19	No. 61
Russell Henley	No. 20	No. 50
Morgan Hoffmann	No. 21	No. 124
Geoff Ogilvy	No. 25	No. 90
Gary Woodland	No. 29	No. 32

Miscellaneous Field Notes

Jimmy Walker (No. 6), Patrick Reed (No. 18), Chris Kirk (No. 1), Bubba Watson (No. 3), Martin Kaymer (No. 14) and Rory McIlroy (No. 4) all have multiple victories this season and made the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola field.

Two players entered the BMW Championship ranked outside the top 30 and played their way into the TOUR Championship field:

Player	BMW Championship finish	Entered BMW Championship	Current FedExCup Rank
Ryan Palmer	T4	No. 37	No. 23
Morgan Hoffman	3 rd	No. 68	No. 21

Hunter Mahan (No. 3) is the only player to advance to the TOUR Championship in each of the first eight years of the FedExCup competition. Mahan won his first FedExCup Playoffs event in his 28th Playoffs start this season at The Barclays.

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Most Top 10s in the FedExCup Playoffs (Since 2007)

Players	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Total
Furyk, Jim	0	3	3	1	1	2	2	2	14
Stricker, Steve	3	1	3	3	0	0	2	1	13
Garcia, Sergio	2	3	1	0	0	1	2	2	10
Villegas, Camilo	3	3	1	1	2	0	0	0	10
Mickelson, Phil	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	0	10
Woods, Tiger	3	0	3	0	0	3	1	0	10
Donald, Luke	0	0	1	2	3	2	1	0	9
Scott, Adam	1	0	0	2	2	2	1	1	9

In 2011, Bill Haas became the first player in his 20s to win the FedExCup title at the age of 29 years, 4 months and 1 day.

Jim Furyk (No. 7) is the highest-ranked player without a victory on the PGA TOUR in 2014. There are a total of 10 players in the field without a victory on the PGA TOUR: Rickie Fowler (No. 10); Jordan Spieth (No. 11); Sergio Garcia (No. 13); Bill Haas (No. 16); Cameron Tringale (No. 19); Morgan Hoffmann (No. 21); Ryan Palmer (No. 23); Kevin Na (No. 24); and Gary Woodland (No. 29).

Most players without a victory in the TOUR Championship field (FedExCup era)

- 12, 2007
- 11, 2010 and 2014
- 10, 2009, 2011 (including eventual FedExCup and TOUR Championship winner Bill Haas) 2013 and 2014
- 9, 2008
- 4, 2012

All major championship winners have qualified for the TOUR Championship. Masters winner Bubba Watson is No. 3, U.S. Open champion Martin Kaymer is No. 14, the Open Championship and PGA Championship winner Rory McIlroy is 4th.

A total of nine players are making their first appearance at the TOUR Championship this week. They are: Chris Kirk, Patrick Reed, Cameron Tringale, Russell Henley, Hideki Matsuyama, Brendon Todd, Martin Kaymer, Morgan Hoffmann and Jimmy Walker. With a victory, they would join Chad Campbell (2003), Bart Bryant (2005), Bill Haas (2011) and Henrik Stenson (2013) as players to win the TOUR Championship in their first appearance (not including Tom Watson's win at the first TOUR Championship in 1987).

Jim Furyk is playing in the event for the 17th time in his career, tying Phil Mickelson for the most in tournament history.

There are three past champions of the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola in the field: Bill Haas (2011), Jim Furyk (2010) and Adam Scott (2006).

Here is the age breakdown for the 2014 TOUR Championship field:

20-29	15
30-39	12
40+	2

More than half of the field (15 of 29 players) are in their 20s. Players in the field who are in their 20s include Chris Kirk, Rory McIlroy, Rickie Fowler, Jordan Spieth, Jason Day, Gary Woodland, Patrick Reed, Martin Kaymer, Cameron Tringale, Morgan Hoffmann, Webb Simpson, Russell Henley, Billy Horschel, Hideki Matsuyama and Brendon Todd.

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Winners of the TOUR Championship in their 20s include:

- Tiger Woods (1999, 23 years, 10 months, 1 day)
- David Duval (1997, 25 years, 11 months, 24 days)
- Adam Scott (2006, 26 years, 3 months, 20 days)
- Camilo Villegas (2008, 26 years, 8 months 21 days)
- Billy Mayfair (1995, 29 years, 2 months 23 days)
- Bill Haas (2011, 29 years, 4 months and 1 day)
- Chad Campbell (2003, 29 years, 5 months, 9 days)

Henrik Stenson (2013, Sweden) and Vijay Singh (2008, Fiji) are the two international winners of the FedExCup. Six international winners have won the TOUR Championship: Mike Weir (2001, Canada); Vijay Singh (2002, Fiji); Retief Goosen (2004, South Africa); Adam Scott (2006, Australia); Camilo Villegas (2008, Colombia); and Henrik Stenson (2013, Sweden).

There are nine international players in the field representing six countries outside of the United States:

- Northern Ireland – Rory McIlroy (No. 4)
- Australia – Jason Day (No. 10), Adam Scott (No. 12), John Senden (No. 17), Geoff Ogilvy (No. 25),
- Germany – Martin Kaymer (No. 14)
- Spain – Sergio Garcia (No. 13)
- England – Justin Rose (No. 26)
- Japan – Hideki Matsuyama (No. 28)

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