



2015 Barbasol Championship

(The 37th of 43 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Opelika/Auburn, Ala. July 13-19, 2015
Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail at Grand National (Lake Course)

Purse: \$3,500,000 (\$630,000)
Par/Yards: 35-36—71/7,302
FedExCup: 300 (winner)

Final-Round Notes – Sunday, July 19, 2015

Weather: Partly cloudy, with thunderstorms in the afternoon. The high reached 96 degrees, with NW winds 5-10 mph.

Due to inclement weather, the final round was suspended from 1:09 p.m. until 2:28 p.m. CT.

The Barbasol marks the 10th event in the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season, and fifth-straight, to be impacted by inclement weather (including The Open Championship).

Final-Round Leaderboard

Scott Piercy	69-66-65-65—265 (-19)
Will Wilcox	66-70-65-67—268 (-16)

Scott Piercy

Following birdies on four of his last five holes in round three, Las Vegas native Scott Piercy kept the momentum going Sunday, opening with a pair of birdies at Nos. 1 and 2. Piercy sank an unlikely putt on the second hole from 57 feet. Ensuing birdies at Nos. 5, 6, 9, 13, 14 and 16 resulted in a 3-stroke win over Alabama native Will Wilcox.

Piercy claims his third career PGA TOUR victory at the age of 36 years, 8 months, 13 days in his 185th career start on the PGA TOUR. He previously won the 2011 Barracuda Championship and 2012 RBC Canadian Open.

Piercy claims his first victory in 55 PGA TOUR starts since his last win, and in his 22nd start of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season.

With the win, Piercy extends exempt status through the 2016-17 PGA TOUR Season.

Piercy earns 300 FedExCup points to move inside the top 30 in the FedExCup standings with 1,106 points. In 2014, it took 438 points to qualify for the PGA TOUR Playoffs for the FedExCup, 611 to qualify for the Deutsche Bank Championship, 968 for the BMW Championship and 1,769 for The TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola.

Piercy collects 300 points towards making the 2015 Presidents Cup's American Team.

Piercy's 65-65 (-12) finish is his best 36-hole stretch on the PGA TOUR since posting a 64-61 (-17) in the final two rounds of the 2013 Waste Management Phoenix Open en route to third-place honors.

With four rounds in the 60s this week (69-66-65-65), Piercy extends his streak of consecutive rounds in the 60s to nine, and 11 of his last 12.

Piercy's win in regulation snaps a streak of playoffs, which have dictated the outcome of the last three events on the PGA TOUR (Travelers Championship, The Greenbrier Classic and John Deere Classic).

Piercy's 3-stroke win is the largest margin of victory since Fabian Gomez won the FedEx St. Jude Classic last months by four strokes.

Piercy began the season on a Major Medical Extension, following surgery in 2014 to repair a torn flexor digitorum superficialis in his right arm. He had 14 events to earn 200 FedExCup points or \$300,710. Fulfilled that obligation with after just his third event of the 2014-15 season (OHL Classic at Mayakoba/T16).

Piercy's win marks his fourth top-10 finish in this season on the PGA TOUR (T7/Shriners Hospitals for Children Open, 2nd/Sony Open in Hawaii, 10th/Shell Houston Open and 1st/Barbasol Championship).

Piercy's win marks his 19th top-10 finish on the PGA TOUR, since joining in 2009.

Piercy becomes the 14th (of 35) player to convert a 54-hole lead/co-lead into victory this season on the PGA TOUR.

Of Piercy's three PGA TOUR victories, two have now been results of holding at least a share of the lead after 54 holes. He began the final round of the 2012 RBC Canadian open trailing Robert Garrigus by two strokes.

2014-15 PGA TOUR Season starts-made cuts-top-10s-wins: 22-13-4-1.

R1 at a glance: 10 of 13 fairways, 16 of 18 greens, 32 putts

R2 at a glance: 8 of 14 fairways, 15 of 18 greens, 30 putts

R3 at a glance: 11 of 14 fairways, 15 of 18 greens, 28 putts

R4 at a glance: 9 of 14 fairways, 17 of 18 greens, 31 putts

Scott Piercy

Birthdate: 11/6/1978

Birthplace/Resides: Las Vegas, Nevada/Las Vegas, Nevada

Family: Wife, Sara; Cole, Brennan, Jett

Height/Weight: 6-0/185

Turned Pro: 2001

Web.com Tour Graduate: 2008

Will Wilcox

Birmingham native Will Wilcox dropped a 60-foot bomb for birdie on his 72nd hole to claim solo-second at 16-under. He also birdied No. 17 en route to his final-round, 4-under 67. The runner-up finish better his previous career-best of T4 from the 2014 Greenbrier Classic.

Wilcox, who earned conditional status to the PGA TOUR this season after finishing No. 142 in 2013-14 FedExCup standings, was making his 13th start of the season. He has now collected top-10 finishes at the Puerto Rico Open (T6), last week's John Deere Classic (T8) and this week's Barbasol Championship (2nd). He came into the week ranked No. 128 in FedExCup points and is now expected to sit well within the top 100.

Because of travel delays this week, Wilcox was only able to play the front nine on Tuesday. Because of inclement weather Wednesday, he only got through the front nine again for the pro-am. Thursday's first round was the first time Wilcox ever laid eyes on Grand National's back nine, though it certainly proved no detriment. Wilcox played the back nine in -10, as opposed to -6 on the front.

Wilcox's 67 in today's final round is his eighth-consecutive sub-par score. En route to a T8 finish at last week's John Deere Classic, Wilcox posted rounds of 66-66-69-67—268 (-16). He posted scores this week of 66-70-65-67.

The 29-year-old Wilcox grew up just outside Birmingham in Pell City. He lived and worked temporarily in the Opelika/Auburn area at a pizza restaurant, rolling pizza dough. His mother played golf at Auburn University.

Wilcox played golf for the University of Alabama-Birmingham, before transferring to Clayton State in Georgia. There, Wilcox was a three-time All-America, winner of the Peach Belt Conference Championship and seven other college events. He also won the 2008 Alabama Amateur.

Ricky Barnes

Making his 202nd career start on the PGA TOUR this week, Ricky Barnes' T3 finish is his 13th top-10 finish on TOUR. His best among them is a T2 at the 2009 U.S. Open.

Barnes' T3 finish marks his first top-10 finish since the 2014 Barracuda Championship, contested under the Modified Stableford scoring format. His last top-10 finish in a stroke play event was at the 2014 Puerto Rico Open (T9).

Barnes, a 2003 University of Arizona grad, competed at Grand National in 2000 for the NCAA Division I Championship. His team was unable to mount enough of a charge to derail the Oklahoma State Cowboys, led by Charles Howell III, who was also in this week's field (T39).

Robby Shelton

Rising Alabama Crimson Tide junior Robby Shelton, T3, was making his second career start in a PGA TOUR event. He missed the cut last season at the U.S. Open. Shelton posted a 5-under 66 in round three and began today's final round two strokes back. His 4-under 67 in Sunday's final round was good for the top-5 finish.

Earlier this season at the Waste Management Phoenix Open, Jon Rahm (T5) became the first amateur to finish in the top 5 of a PGA TOUR event since Chris Wood (5th) at the 2008 Open Championship and Justin Rose (T4) at the 1998 Open Championship.

Because of his amateur status, Shelton's top-10 finish does not earn a spot into the next PGA TOUR event.

The last amateur to win a PGA TOUR event was Phil Mickelson at the 1991 Northern Telecom Open.

Austin Cook

24-year-old Arkansas native Austin Cook took advantage of his spot via Monday qualifying, finishing T6 with scores of 69-70-65-67—271 (-13). With his top-10 finish, Cook earns a spot into this week's RBC Canadian Open.

Not a member of the PGA TOUR, this week's Barbasol Championship marked Cook's fifth start on TOUR. He Monday qualified into four (2014 FedEx St. Jude Classic/T13, 2015 Shell Houston Open/T11, 2015 AT&T Byron Nelson/MC and 2015 Barbasol Championship/T6). Cook was given a sponsor invitation into the 2015 FedEx St. Jude Classic, where he finished T22.

The last Monday qualifier to win on the PGA TOUR was Arjun Atwal at the 2010 Wyndham Championship.

Mark Hensby

Making his first start on the PGA TOUR since missing the cut at the 2013 Sanderson Farms Championship, 43-year-old Australian Mark Hensby was playing this week out of the Past Champion category.

His T6 finish this week is his first top 10 since the 2008 AT&T Byron Nelson (T4).

Hensby was making his 177th start on the PGA TOUR, with his lone PGA TOUR victory coming at the 2004 John Deere Classic. This was just his 27th start on the TOUR since 2009.

In 2006, Hensby was involved in a car accident, which limited his play for the remainder of that season. He has been dealing with shoulder injuries for the past few years, also limiting his ability to play.

Miscellaneous Notes

Auburn resident Blayne Barber posted a fourth-consecutive round in the 60s, a 3-under 68, to finish T10. Following a T8 finish at the Zurich Classic of New Orleans, his best finish of the season, Barber missed his next five straight cuts leading up to this week.

The Barbasol Championship was the first PGA TOUR event in Alabama since the 1990 PGA Championship.

With only eight events remaining before the FedExCup Playoffs, the Barbasol Championship played an important role in the field for the first Playoffs event at The Barclays.

Players with ties to the State of Alabama remaining in the field include: Smylie Kaufman/Birmingham native (T66), Blayne Barber/Auburn (T10), Glen Day/born in Mobile, (T36), Steve Lowery/Alabama (76th), Robby Shelton/Alabama (T3), Zack Sucher/UAB (80th), Michael Thompson/Alabama (T39), and Will Wilcox/UAB (2nd).

Bogey-free rounds:

R1: Sam Saunders (64), David Toms (69), Austin Cook (69) and Tyrone Van Aswegen (70).

R2: Glen Day (63), Charlie Beljan (64), Derek Ernst (65), David Toms (66), Mark Hensby (64), Josh Teater (67) and Johnson Wagner (68).

R3: Steven Alker (65), Aaron Baddeley (64), Jason Gore (63), Roger Sloan (68) and Mark Wilson (68).

R4: Chris Stroud (66), Aaron Baddeley (67), Troy Matteson (68), Alex Prugh (69) and Mark Hensby (70).

Scoring Averages at the par-71 Grand National (Lake Course):

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	35.754	35.006	70.760	
R2:	34.991	35.378	70.369	70.567
R3:	34.264	35.302	69.566	70.329
R4:	34.589	34.937	69.526	70.175