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2015 Barracuda Championship Tournament Notes

Dates: August 3 – August 9, 2015

Where: Montreux Golf & CC, Reno, Nevada

Par/Yards: 36-36--72/7,472 yards

Field: 132

2014 champion: Geoff Ogilvy

Purse: \$3,100,000/\$558,000 (winner)

FedExCup: 300 points to the winner

Format: 72-hole Modified Stableford

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FedExCup and the Barracuda Championship

With only three weeks and four events remaining before the start of the FedExCup Playoffs, the Barracuda Championship will again play a key role in determining who qualifies for The Barclays, the first event in the FedExCup Playoffs. The top 125 players on the FedExCup points list following the Wyndham Championship, August 17-23, will qualify for The Barclays.

The last two winners, Geoff Ogilvy (2014) and Gary Woodland (2013) have qualified for the Playoff finale, the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola.

A look at the 2014 Barracuda Championship

Last year, in his third start at the Barracuda Championship and first since 2002, Australian Geoff Ogilvy began the final round with a three-point lead, but found himself trailing Justin Hicks by three points as he played the par-5 13th hole. The tide turned on that hole as Ogilvy drained a 26'8" eagle putt to gain five points and move two ahead of Hicks. Ogilvy would go on to a five-point victory over Hicks, his eighth on the PGA TOUR. Of Ogilvy's 49 points last year, 14 came on the par-5 13th hole, with eagles on Friday and Sunday and birdies on Thursday and Saturday.

More on Geoff Ogilvy

Ogilvy's victory came in his 99th start since his last win at the 2010 Hyundai Tournament of Champions. His win gained his entry back to Kapalua, where he is a two-time winner.

With the win, Ogilvy collected 300 FedExCup points and moved from No. 151 to well inside the top 100 in the FedExCup standings, eventually netting him a start in the season-ending TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola.

With the win, Ogilvy became the first international winner in the 16-year history of the Barracuda Championship.

So far this season, Ogilvy has collected one top-10 finish in 13 starts (T7 Wells Fargo Championship). The Barracuda Championship will mark his first start on TOUR since finishing T40 at The Open Championship three weeks ago.

Barracuda Championship and the Modified Stableford scoring format

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The Barracuda Championship changed its format from stroke play to Modified Stableford in 2012, a format not utilized on the PGA TOUR since The INTERNATIONAL ended after 2006. The Modified Stableford scoring system allocates points based on the number of strokes taken at each hole, with the goal of achieving the highest overall number of points. The tournament includes a traditional 36-hole cut of low 70 and ties. The following is a breakdown of how points are awarded in a Modified Stableford scoring system:

Score	Points
Double eagle	+8 points
Eagle	+5 points
Birdie	+2 points
Par	0 points
Bogey	-1 point
Double bogey or worse	-3 points

Noteworthy players outside the top 125 in the Barracuda Championship field

Player	FEC standing	Notes
Luke Guthrie	139	Has advanced to the Playoffs both of his first two years on TOUR.
Sam Saunders	140	Grandson of Arnold Palmer and PGA TOUR rookie.
Geoff Ogilvy	144	Defending Barracuda champion. Has never missed the Playoffs.
David Toms	152	TOUR veteran has finished outside top 125 just once since 1994 (2008).

A glance at the field

- Special Temporary Member Patrick Rodgers was ranked at the world's No. 1 amateur before turning professional last year. The two-time all-American at Stanford University was also the recipient of last year's Ben Hogan Award, given annually to the top men's player in college and amateur events. He was also the recipient of last year's Jack Nicklaus award as the nation's top Division I golfer. Rodgers has made nine cuts in 14 starts on TOUR this season, with a T2 at the Wells Fargo Championship his best finish. Rodgers, a Web.com Tour member, ranks 17th on that tour's money list thanks to an early-season victory at the Colombia Championship.
- Like Rodgers, Georgia Tech product Ollie Schniederjans rose to the world's top-ranked amateur before turning professional recently following a 12th-place finish at The Open Championship. Schniederjans made his professional debut at the RBC Canadian Open two weeks ago, finishing T22. He followed that up with a T15 last week at the Quicken Loans National, where he at one point held the lead during the second round. If Schniederjans is unable to earn his TOUR card for 2015-16 playing on sponsor exemptions, he can still qualify for the Web.com Tour Finals by earning the equivalent of No. 200 on the FedExCup points list through the Wyndham Championship. Schniederjans currently has 115 points while No. 200 has a total of 86 points.
- Austin Cook finished T7 at the RBC Canadian Open two weeks ago earn a spot in the Barracuda Championship. Cook, a conditional member of the Web.com Tour, has two top-10s in just five PGA TOUR starts this year. The 24-year-old is a 2013 graduate of the University of Arkansas.
- Retief Goosen and Ryo Ishikawa shared the first-round lead last week at the Quicken Loans National after matching rounds of 8-under 63. The two-time U.S. Open Champion Goosen faded to T46 while Ishikawa finished T10.
- Seven major championship winners, representing all four majors; Ben Curtis (2003 Open Championship), John Daly (1991 PGA Championship, 1995 Open Championship), David Duval (2001 Open Championship), Retief Goosen (2009 U.S. Open), Trevor Immelman (2008 Masters Tournament), Geoff Ogilvy (2006 U.S. Open) and David Toms (2001 PGA Championship).

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- Eight past champions of the Barracuda Championship: Geoff Ogilvy (2014), J.J. Henry (2012), Matt Bettencourt (2010), John Rollins (2009), Parker McLachlin (2008), Vaughn Taylor (2004, 2005), Chris Riley (2002) and Scott Verplank (2000).
- Will Wilcox comes to this week's Barracuda Championship riding a wave of momentum. Over the last three weeks, he finished T8 at the John Deere Classic and solo second a week later at the Barbasol Championship in his home state of Alabama. Wilcox drained a 55-foot birdie putt on the 72nd hole at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail (Grand National) to claim the runner-up finish. His first top-10 finish of the season came at the Puerto Rico Open (T6). At last week's Quicken Loans National, Wilcox finished T21.
- In three previous starts at the Barracuda Championship, Brendan Steele collected top-10 finishes in 2012 (T8) and 2013 (4th). He finished T25 last year. Steele has amassed three top-10 finishes this season; T2/CareerBuilder Challenge, T8/Valero Texas Open and T9/Wells Fargo Championship.
- 2004 and 2005 Barracuda Championship Vaughn Taylor is amidst his strongest season on the PGA TOUR in years, having claimed five top-25 finishes in just nine starts. His best among them is a T10 at the Barbasol Championship three weeks ago. En route to that finish, Taylor posted an 8-under 63 in round three at Grand National in Opelika/Auburn.

Miscellaneous Barracuda Championship Notes

- The International (1986-2006) was the only other event in modern PGA TOUR history to employ the Modified Stableford scoring format.
- Seven players have made the Barracuda Championship their first PGA TOUR victory in the 15-year history of the event: Notah Begay III (1999), Chris Riley (2002), Vaughn Taylor (2004), Will MacKenzie (2006), Parker McLachlin (2008), Matt Bettencourt (2009) and Scott Piercy (2011).
- Since its 1999 inception, U.S.-born players had won every Barracuda Championship (15), before last year.
- The only two-time winner of the Barracuda Championship is Vaughn Taylor (2004, 2005).
- There have been three playoffs in Barracuda Championship history (2000, 2002 and 2004).
- The 54-hole leader/co-leader of the Barracuda Championship has gone on to victory 10 times in the 15-year history of the event, most recently Geoff Ogilvy last year.

The rookie class of 24 players includes 21 players who began the season under the age of 30. Canadian Nick Taylor, a 2013 graduate of the PGA TOUR Canada and a 2014 graduate of the Web.com Tour, got off to a hot start by winning the Sanderson Farms Championship in October. Rookie members in the top 50 in the FedExCup standings include Justin Thomas (37), Tony Finau (40) and Daniel Berger (41).

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