



**2015 Barracuda Championship**  
(The 41<sup>st</sup> of 43 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Reno, Nev.  
Montr  ux Golf & CC

August 6-9, 2015  
Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,472

FedExCup Points: 300 (to the winner)  
Purse: \$3,100,000

**Second-Round Notes – Friday, August 7, 2015**

*Weather: Overcast, with light rain showers throughout the day. Highs reached into the lower 70s. Winds W-SW 10-20 mph.*

**36-Hole Cut:** 74 players at +9 from a field of 132 professionals.

**Modified Stableford Scoring**

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

**Second-Round Leaderboard**

Andres Gonzales	5-21—26
Brendan Steele	8-18—26

**Brendan Steele**

Making his fourth-consecutive start in the Barracuda Championship, Brendan Steele collected 18 points in round two, temporarily tying the record for most single-round points in the event. Moments after his 18-point day, Andres Gonzales posted a 21-point day to claim a share of the lead with Steele.

Steele offset his only bogey through 36 holes at the par-3 third hole with an eagle at No. 2 and seven birdies.

In his three previous starts at Montreux G&CC, Steele finished T8 in 2012, 4<sup>th</sup> in 2013 and T25 last year.

In the third round of 2013, Steele collected a then-record total of 17 points, all of which came on the back nine.

Steele is in search of his second career PGA TOUR title this week (2011 Valero Texas Open).

Steele has collected three top-10 finishes in 19 starts this season, the best being a share of second place at the CareerBuilder Challenge in Palm Springs.

The only other occasion in which Steele had a 36-hole lead/co-lead was at the 2011 Valero Texas Open, which resulted in his lone TOUR victory.

**Andres Gonzales**

Washington state native Andres Gonzales made 11 birdies and one bogey in round two, good for a single-day record of 21 points. Gonzales birdied six holes on his inward nine (Nos. 1-9) en route to the record round.

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His 10-under 62 ties his career-low round from the second round of the 2013 Frys.com Open. Gonzales made a return to the PGA TOUR this season by virtue of his 22<sup>nd</sup>-place finish on last year's Web.com Tour priority list. On that Tour last year, Gonzales opened with a 9-under 62 en route to a convincing four-stroke win at the Utah Championship, his second Web.com Tour victory.

Gonzales is making his 26<sup>th</sup> start of the season this week, where he collected his career-best finish of T3 at the OHL Classic at Mayakoba.

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).

Making his 70<sup>th</sup> start on the PGA TOUR, Gonzales has never been higher than T6 after 36 holes.

#### **Second-Round Lead Notes**

Last year, Nick Watney held a 3-point lead over eventual winner Geoff Ogilvy with 26 points after the second round. Watney ultimately finished T8 with 34 points.

The second-round leader/co-leader has gone on to win the Barracuda Championship six of 16 times, most recently Matt Bettencourt in 2010.

#### **J.J. Henry**

2012 Barracuda Championship winner J.J. Henry added 11 points to 13 garnered in round one, good for a total of 24. En route to his 2012 victory, Henry had 22 points and was two off the points. He claimed the victory by a point over Alexandre Rocha with 43 points.

Henry is making his 11<sup>th</sup> start in the Barracuda Championship, where he has collected four top-10 finishes; 2012/1<sup>st</sup>, 2009/T9, 2005/T4 and 2002/T3. In only the Valero Texas Open has he amassed as many top-10 finishes.

Henry is in search of his third career PGA TOUR title and first since winning in Reno in 2012. His first TOUR win came at the 2006 Travelers Championship.

Henry is making his 26<sup>th</sup> start of the season and remains in search of his first top-10 finish. His best showing is T11 at the Farmers Insurance Open.

Henry is currently ranked 150<sup>th</sup> in the FedExCup standings, with 319 points. Ryo Ishikawa currently holds the 125<sup>th</sup> spot with 421 points.

Since his PGA TOUR rookie year of 2001, Henry has managed to finish inside the top 125 in earnings every season until last season.

#### **Geoff Ogilvy**

Defending champion Geoff Ogilvy was able to amass just six points through two rounds, resulting in a missed cut.

With 350 FedExCup points currently (ranked No. 144), Ogilvy needs to finish inside No. 125 or better after the Wyndham Championship in two weeks to avoid missing his first start in the Playoffs.

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**Miscellaneous**

First-round leader Zack Sucher wasn't able to mount much of a charge in round two, making five bogeys over four birdies, good for just three points. At +21, he will head into the weekend five points back.

The Barracuda Championship and World Golf Championships-Bridgestone Invitational begin the final, three-week stretch of the PGA TOUR Season leading up to The Barclays, the first event in the FedExCup Playoffs. The top 125 players on the FedExCup points list following the Wyndham Championship will qualify for The Barclays.

If not otherwise qualified, this week's winner of the Barracuda Championship will earn an invitation to next week's PGA Championship at Whistling Straits.

**Noteworthy players outside the top 125 in the Barracuda Championship field**

<b>Player</b>	<b>FEC standing</b>	<b>R2 Position (Points)</b>
Luke Guthrie	139	MC
Sam Saunders	140	MC
Geoff Ogilvy	144	MC
David Toms	152	6 <sup>th</sup> (22)

There are eight past champions of the Barracuda Championship in this week's field: Geoff Ogilvy/2014 (MC), J.J. Henry/2012 (T3), Matt Bettencourt/2010 (T39), John Rollins/2009(T67), Parker McLachlin/2008 (MC), Vaughn Taylor/2004, 2005 (T21), Chris Riley/2002 (T39) and Scott Verplank/2000 (MC).

Bogey-free rounds:

R1: Zack Sucher (63), Jonas Blixt (66) and Brendan Steele (68).

R2: Roberto Castro (66), Rod Pampling (69) and Michael Thompson (69).