



BMW Championship

2015 BMW Championship

(The 3rd of 4 events in the FedExCup Playoffs)

Lake Forest, Ill.
Conway Farms Golf Club

Sept. 17-20, 2015

FedExCup Points: 2,000
Par/Yards: 35-36—71/7,198

Purse: \$8,250,000

First-Round Notes – Friday, September 18, 2015

Weather: Mostly cloudy with a high of 77 degrees. Winds light and variable.

Friday: The first round resumed at 7:34 a.m. CST on Friday and was completed at 9:23 a.m.. The second round began at 9 a.m.

Thursday: The first round was suspended at 4:22 p.m. Central due to a dangerous weather situation with 52 players still on the course. The decision to suspend for the day came at 5:10 p.m. It was also announced that round two tee times will be moved up to approximately 9 – 11 a.m. on Friday due to the threat of afternoon thunderstorms.

The BMW Championship has had a delay/suspension the last four years (2012/R3, 2013/R4, 2014/R1 and 2015/R1).

This is the first delay on TOUR since the second round of the PGA Championship. It is the 19th event of the season to have a delay/suspension of play.

First-Round Leaderboard		Age	Career TOUR Starts	TOUR Wins
Jason Day	61 (-10)	27 years, 10 months, 8 days	170	6
Jordan Spieth	65 (-6)	22 years, 1 month, 24 days	82	5
Daniel Berger	65 (-6)	22 years, 5 months, 13 days	31	0
Justin Thomas	65 (-6)	22 years, 4 months, 22 days	41	0
Harris English	65 (-6)	26 years, 1 month, 28 days	109	2
Kevin Na	65 (-6)	32 years, 0 months, 5 days	298	1
Bubba Watson	65 (-6)	36 years, 10 months, 15 days	231	8

Jason Day has 16 more starts on TOUR than the combined starts of Jordan Spieth, Daniel Berger and Justin Thomas.

FedExCup and the BMW Championship

The BMW Championship is the third of four events of the FedExCup Playoffs – with the entire season building toward this four-tournament stretch. There is more on the line than just the BMW Championship trophy – as players jockey for the coveted top-30 position to advance to the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola.

Each playoff event offers 2,000 FedExCup points to the winner, decreased by 500 points in 2015.

- The top 125 in the final PGA TOUR Season FedExCup standings following the Wyndham Championship qualified for The Barclays.
- The top 100 players on the FedExCup points list following The Barclays qualified for the Deutsche Bank Championship, with 25 players having been eliminated following the first week of the Playoffs.
- The top 70 on the points list following the Deutsche Bank Championship qualified for the BMW Championship.
- The top 30 on the points list following the BMW Championship qualify for the year-end TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola, with 40 players being eliminated from the Playoffs.
- A points reset will take place following the BMW Championship giving all 30 players in the field at the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola a mathematical chance to win the FedExCup. The top five players control their own destiny and can win the FedExCup with a victory at the TOUR Championship.

The top five

The top five in the FedExCup Playoff standings is the goal for players after the BMW Championship is played and the 70-man field has been trimmed to 30. The top five in the standings entering the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola will control their own destiny and will win the FedExCup with a victory at East Lake GC. Here's a look at the top five following the first round of the BMW Championship.

Current top five:

FEC Rank	Player	R1 standing at BMW Championship
1	Jason Day	1st
2	Jordan Spieth	T2
3	Rickie Fowler	T29
4	Henrik Stenson	T40
5	Bubba Watson	T2

First-Round Leader Statistics

Since 2000, the first-round leader/co-leader has won five of 15 times at the BMW Championship, most recently Rory McIlroy in 2012 and Justin Rose in 2011.

The first-round leader/co-leader has gone on to win five of 44 stroke-play events in the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season, most recently Bubba Watson at the Travelers Championship.

Jason Day

When play was suspended on Thursday evening, Jason Day was at 10-under and sitting off the fairway on his final hole (No. 9) after a 346 yard drive. He had 44 yards to the pin and ended up making par-4 on the final hole to finish with a PGA TOUR personal-best round of 61.

Day's four lowest rounds on TOUR have all come this year. He previously shot a 62 three times this season: Hyundai Tournament of Champions (T3), AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am (T4) and The Barclays (Won).

Day's year-by-year results in the FedExCup: 2008 (83), 2009 (48), 2010 (8), 2011 (12), 2012 (87), 2013 (17), 2014 (10).

Day is looking for his seventh TOUR win in his 170th PGA TOUR start at the age of 27 years, 10 months and 8 days.

Day has converted one of five previous first-round leads/co-leads on TOUR. His last first-round lead/co-lead was at the 2010 Deutsche Bank Championship (T2).

Day's PGA TOUR victories (6):

2010 AT&T Byron Nelson

2014 World Golf Championships-Dell Match Play

2015 Farmers Insurance Open, RBC Canadian Open, PGA Championship, The Barclays

Day is the 10th player to win both a Major Championship and FedExCup Playoffs event during their career and the fourth to do so in the same season:

Jason Day – 2015 PGA Championship, The Barclays

Adam Scott – 2013 Masters Tournament, The Barclays

Rory McIlroy – 2012 PGA Championship, Deutsche Bank Championship, BMW Championship

Tiger Woods – 2007 PGA Championship, BMW Championship, TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola

Tiger Woods has the most wins in FedExCup Playoffs events with three. Jason Day is looking to join eight other players with two wins in the Playoffs: Steve Stricker, Dustin Johnson, Phil Mickelson, Rory McIlroy, Camilo Villegas, Vijay Singh, Billy Horschel and Henrik Stenson.

International wins in the FedExCup Playoffs events by year:

2007	0
2008	4 (Vijay Singh-2, Camilo Villegas-2)
2009	0
2010	0
2011	1 (Justin Rose)
2012	2 (Rory McIlroy-2)
2013	3 (Adam Scott, Henrik Stenson-2)
2014	1 (Rory McIlroy)
2015	1 (Jason Day)

Since 2003, just five different players have won four or more times in a season

2015	4	Jordan Spieth
	4	Jason Day
2013	5	Tiger Woods
2012	4	Rory McIlroy
2009	6	Tiger Woods
2008	4	Tiger Woods
2007	7	Tiger Woods
2006	8	Tiger Woods
2005	6	Tiger Woods
	4	Vijay Singh
	4	Phil Mickelson
2004	9	Vijay Singh
2003	5	Tiger Woods
	4	Vijay Singh

Day's four-stroke lead ties the largest 18-hole lead on the PGA TOUR this season. After the first round of the World Golf Championships-Cadillac Championship, J.B. Holmes led by four strokes with a 10-under 62. Holmes finished second, one stroke behind Dustin Johnson.

Daniel Berger

Berger is currently the No. 3 ranked rookie in the FedExCup standings at No. 46.

Berger made eagle-2 on his last hole (No. 9) from 69 yards.

Berger has five top 10s in 29 starts on TOUR this season. His last top 10 came at the AT&T Byron Nelson in May (T10). He missed seven consecutive cuts from the Memorial to The Barclays before a T12 at the Deutsche Bank Championship ended the streak.

Berger is looking for his first career win on TOUR in his 31st start at the age of 22 years, 5 months, 13 days.

Trevor Immelman in 2006 is the last player to win the BMW Championship in his first appearance. A total of nine players have won the BMW Championship in their first start.

There have been 11 first time PGA TOUR winners this season: Ben Martin, Robert Streb, Nick Taylor, Brooks Koepka, James Hahn, Alex Cejka, David Lingmerth, Fabian Gomez, Danny Lee, Troy Merritt, Shane Lowry.

Berger is looking to join Nick Taylor (Sanderson Farms Championship) as the only rookies to win on TOUR this season.

Jordan Spieth

After consecutive missed cuts at The Barclays and Deutsche Bank Championship, Masters and U.S. Open champion Jordan Spieth sits T2 (-6).

Spieth recorded an ace on No. 2 with a 7-iron from 184 yards during round one. His only other ace on TOUR came at the 2013 Puerto Rico Open.

Spieth followed up his ace with a chip-in birdie-3 on No. 3 from 78 feet, 6 inches.

Spieth is looking for his sixth career win on TOUR in his 82nd start at the age of 22 years, one month and 24 days.

The BMW Hole-In-One Scholarship provides a four-year Evans Scholarship in honor of the first PGA TOUR player to record a hole-in-one during the BMW Championship. All proceeds from the BMW Championship benefit the Evans Scholars Foundation, which has provided more than 10,000 caddies with full tuition and housing scholarships since 1930. Since the inception of the BMW Championship in 2007, the event tournament has raised more than \$19.6 million for the Evans Scholars Foundation. In 2014, Melyzjah Smith of Aurora, Colorado, was named the recipient of the BMW Hole-In-One Scholarship after Hunter Mahan recorded a hole-in-one on the par 3, 17th hole during the 2013 BMW Championship at Conway Farms Golf Club in Lake Forest, Illinois.

As the Official Mortgage Sponsor of the PGA TOUR, Quicken Loans will award one year's worth of mortgage payments to Adrian B. from Kenmore, Washington to commemorate Spieth's aces. The Quicken Loans' Hole-In-One Sweepstakes awards one year's worth of mortgage payments to a randomly selected entrant for every ace during official PGA TOUR events from the Waste Management Phoenix Open through the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola. Fans can enter the sweepstakes by visiting www.pgatour.com/quickenloans. Participants in the 2014 Sweepstakes must re-register to be eligible in 2015.

Multiple wins by players age 22 and under:

14	Horton Smith (1928-30)
7	Tiger Woods (1996-98)
5	Jordan Spieth (2013-15)

Justin Thomas

Thomas is currently the highest-ranked rookie in the current FedExCup standings (No. 35). A rookie has never won a FedExCup Playoffs event.

Thomas is looking for his first TOUR win in his 41st start at the age of 22 years, 4 months and 22 days.

Miscellaneous Notes

Kevin Na celebrated his birthday earlier this week (September 15, 1983), while Ryan Palmer will celebrate his on September 19 (1976).

Defending FedExCup champion Billy Horschel is T40 after an opening 71. He sits 67th in the FedExCup standings and is projected to need a top-3 finish to move into the top 30 and have the opportunity to defend his TOUR Championship title next. Nick Price is the last player to win back-to-back at the BMW Championship (1993 and 1994). Eight players have recorded consecutive victories at the BMW Championship.

World No. 1 ranked golfer Rory McIlroy shot a 3-under 68 in round one at the BMW Championship. McIlroy won the 2012 BMW Championship at Crooked Stick Golf Club in Carmel, Indiana.

The last time the BMW Championship visited Conway Farms Golf Club in 2013, Zach Johnson shot a final round 65 and won by two shots over Nick Watney. The 2013 BMW Championship was a Monday finish due to heavy rain on Sunday.

Players on various FedExCup bubbles:

- 30. Louis Oosthuizen (four points ahead of No. 31 Davis Lingmerth)
- 70. George McNeill (Alex Cejka was eliminated at No. 71, four points behind McNeill)

Five of the seven winners on the fall segment of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season are currently inside the top 30: Bubba Watson (5); Charley Hoffman (6); Robert Streb (12); Sangmoon Bae (23); and Ben Martin (25). Just outside the top 30 is Ryan Moore (39). Nick Taylor finished No. 101 in the FedExCup standings.

Hunter Mahan is the only player in the FedExCup era to advance each season to the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola and make all 35 starts in the Playoffs. With a T4 finish at TPC Boston, he moved from No. 91 entering the Deutsche Bank Championship to No. 52 to keep his streak alive. Here's a look at his year-by-year FedExCup finishes:

Name	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Hunter Mahan	15 th	18 th	27 th	18 th	7 th	19 th	20 th	6 th	52 nd (current)

Past FedExCup Champions Remaining in 2015 FedExCup Playoffs:

Player	Year Won	Current Rank
Jim Furyk	2010	No. 9
Bill Haas	2011	No. 27
Brandt Snedeker	2012	No. 18
Henrik Stenson	2013	No. 4
Billy Horschel	2014	No. 67

Year-by-year look at FedExCup winners and their performance throughout the Playoffs in the years they won:

Year	FedExCup Champion	Barclays	Deutsche Bank	BMW	Coca-Cola
2014	Billy Horschel	MC	T2	Won	Won
2013	Henrik Stenson	T43	Won	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	2 nd
2008	Vijay Singh	Won	Won	T44	T22
2007	Tiger Woods	N/A	T2	Won	Won

Charley Hoffman, Bubba Watson, Jim Furyk, Hunter Mahan and Ernie Els are the only five players to have competed in the first eight BMW Championships. While Els did not qualify for the Playoffs this season, the other four players are in this week's field. Mickelson qualified for the BMW Championship each of the first eight seasons, but did not compete in 2007.

Four players ranked between No. 71-100 at the Deutsche Bank Championship played their way into the top 70 to advance to the BMW Championship. Here's the list of players who moved inside the top 70:

Player	FEC before DBC	BMW R1	FEC after DBC
Hunter Mahan	91	T18	52
Keegan Bradley	71	T18	63
Jerry Kelly	94	T40	65
Will McGirt	88	T40	68

Of the eight players who entered The Barclays ranked No. 101 – 125 in the FedExCup standings, Zac Blair is the only one who has advanced to the BMW Championship:

Player	FEC before DBC	BMW R1	FEC after DBC
Zac Blair	No. 45	T32	51
Luke Donald	No. 87	DNP	80 (eliminated)
Spencer Levin	No. 80	DNP	82 (eliminated)
Camilo Villegas	No. 99	DNP	84 (eliminated)
Johnson Wagner	No. 92	DNP	87 (eliminated)
Jason Dufner	No. 82	DNP	88 (eliminated)
Carlos Ortiz	No. 83	DNP	93 (eliminated)
Mark Wilson	No. 85	DNP	95 (eliminated)

Top-10-finishes leaders (FedExCup Playoffs):

Name	Top 10s
Jim Furyk	16
Steve Stricker	13
Sergio Garcia	11

Most rounds in the 60s in the Playoffs:

Name	Sub-70s
Jim Furyk	69
Steve Stricker	62
Adam Scott	61
Phil Mickelson	57
Hunter Mahan	55
Matt Kuchar	55

Most rounds at par or better in the Playoffs:

Name	Par-or-Better
Jim Furyk	105
Phil Mickelson	87
Bubba Watson	86
Zach Johnson	82

Rookies in the FedExCup

Nine rookies finished the season ranked within the top 125 in FedExCup points, with four having advanced to this week's BMW Championship:

Player	BMW R1	FedExCup rank
Justin Thomas	T2	No. 35
Tony Finau	T50	No. 41
Daniel Berger	T2	No. 46
Zac Blair	T32	No. 51
Scott Pinckney	DNP	Eliminated from the Playoffs after Deutsche Bank Championship
Carlos Ortiz	DNP	Eliminated from the Playoffs after Deutsche Bank Championship
Adam Hadwin	DNP	Eliminated from the Playoffs after The Barclays
Nick Taylor	DNP	Eliminated from the Playoffs after The Barclays
Jon Curran	DNP	Eliminated from the Playoffs after The Barclays

All six rookies who qualified for the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola went on to win Rookie of the Year honors:

Year	Player	FedExCup Finish
2013	Jordan Spieth	7 th
2012	John Huh	29 th
2011	Keegan Bradley	20 th
2009	Marc Leishman	20 th
2008	Andres Romero	28 th
2007	Brandt Snedeker	20 th

Bogey-free Rounds

R1: Harris English (65), Kevin Na (65), Patrick Reed (68), Nick Watney (68)

Last year at Cherry Hills Country Club there were no bogey-free rounds in round one.

Scoring Averages at the par-71 Conway Farms Golf Club:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
Thursday	35.588	34.588	70.176	--

Jim Furyk withdrew after six holes in round one with a left wrist injury. Furyk's only other WD from a PGA TOUR event was at the 1995 BMW Championship (a span of 477 starts). He made his 544th start on TOUR this week.

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