



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

Second-Round Notes – Friday, September 18, 2015

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

Saturday: Due to the threat of heavy overnight thunderstorms, round three tee times will range from 10 a.m. – noon in threesomes off two tees.

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. and was completed at 3:57 p.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.

Second-Round Leaderboard		Age	Career TOUR Starts	TOUR Wins
Jason Day	61-63—124 (-18)	27 years, 10 months, 8 days	170	6
Brendon Todd	66-63—129 (-13)	30 years, 1 month, 29 days	116	1
Daniel Berger	65-64—129 (-13)	22 years, 5 months, 13 days	31	0

The top three on the leaderboard have each made a walk-off eagle this week. Berger made eagle on his last (No. 9) on Thursday in the first round. Todd and Day both eagled No. 18 in today's second round.

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	R2 standing at BMW Championship
1	Jason Day	1st
2	Jordan Spieth	T4
3	Rickie Fowler	T19
4	Henrik Stenson	T12
5	Bubba Watson	T19

Second-Round Leader Statistics

Since 2000, the second-round leader/co-leader has won four of 15 times at the BMW Championship, most recently Justin Rose in 2011.

The second-round leader/co-leader has gone on to win nine of 44 stroke-play events this season, most recently Bubba Watson at the Travelers Championship.

The second-round leader/co-leader has won 40 of 107 times at the BMW Championship (37.38 percent).

Jason Day

Day followed up his round of 61 with a 63 in round two to reach 18-under 124 for the tournament. He will take a five shot lead into the third round. His round was highlighted by an eagle-3 on No. 18 when he made a 43 foot, 8 inch putt to close his round.

Day's 124 ties the TOUR record for low opening 36 holes, is a BMW Championship 36-hole record and is the best 36-hole score on TOUR this season.

- Breaks BMW Championship (112-year history) record held by Morgan Hoffmann who had a 125 last year at the BMW Championship at Cherry Hills CC.
- Ties the PGA TOUR opening 36 hole record by Pat Perez (2009 CareerBuilder Challenge/20-under) and David Toms (2011 Crowne Plaza Invitational at Colonial/16-under).

Day's four lowest rounds on TOUR have all come this year. He shot a career-best 61 in the opening round this week. 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 five shot lead ties Jordan Spieth (Masters) for the largest lead after 36 holes on TOUR this season.

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 not converted any of his six previous second-round leads/co-leads on TOUR. His last second-round lead was this season at the Zurich Classic of New Orleans (T4).

Day at the BMW Championship: 2009/T59; 2010/T54; 2011/T49; 2013/T4; 2014/WD (back).

There have been 11 wire-to-wire winners at the BMW Championship with the last coming in 2008 (Camilo Villegas). Jordan Spieth at the Masters is the only wire-to-wire winner on TOUR this season.

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

BMW Championship 18-hole scoring records:

59	Jim Furyk	2013
61	Matt Kuchar	2013
61	Jason Day	2015 (R1)

Brendon Todd

Todd shot a second round, 8-under 63 to move to 13-under for the tournament. His round was highlighted by an eagle-3 on his last hole (No. 18) from 81 yards.

Todd's lone TOUR win came last year at the AT&T Byron Nelson.

Todd entered the week at No. 48 in the FedExCup standings and is in need of a top-3 finish to earn a return trip to the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola. Last year, he finished No. 27 in the FedExCup standings.

Todd has made 21 of 26 cuts this season with four top 10s.

Three former Georgia Bulldogs have won four events this season on TOUR (Patrick Reed/Hyundai Tournament of Champions, Chris Kirk/Colonial National Invitational Tournament and Bubba Watson/WGC-HSBC Champions, Travelers Championship). Last season, Georgia Bulldogs accounted for eight victories on TOUR.

Ten former Georgia Bulldogs have won on the PGA TOUR. Bubba Watson leads that contingent with eight titles.

Daniel Berger

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

No rookie has ever won a FedExCup Playoffs event.

Berger's 64 matched his low round on TOUR (2015 The Honda Classic and 2015 AT&T Byron Nelson).

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. His third career top 10 was a playoff loss to Padraig Harrington at The Honda Classic this year.

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.

Berger is a native of Plantation, Florida and currently resides in Jupiter. He grew up shagging balls at The Dye Preserve in Jupiter for playing privileges.

Berger's father, Jay, was a professional tennis player and at one point was ranked in the top 10 in the world. He is now head of men's tennis for the U.S. Tennis Association. He was head coach of the 2012 U.S. Olympic tennis team.

Berger earned his PGA TOUR card via the 2014 Web.com Tour, finishing 28th on the priority list.

If Berger wins, he would be the first player to win the BMW Championship and not be in the top 5 of the FedExCup standings heading into the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola.

Year	Player	Entering BMW	Entering TC
2014	Billy Horschel	20	2
2013	Zach Johnson	27	4
2012	Rory McIlroy	1	1
2011	Justin Rose	34	3
2010	Dustin Johnson	6	2
2009	Tiger Woods	2	1
2008	Camilo Villegas	25	2
2007	Tiger Woods	3	1

Miscellaneous Notes

Players ranked between No. 31-70 this week need a good finish to move into the top 30 in the standings to move on to the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola. Here's a list of players who are currently projected to move inside the top 30:

Player	Current FEC	Thru 36	Projected FEC
Daniel Berger	46	T2	12
Brendon Todd	48	T2	15
Kevin Na	34	T4	22
Justin Thomas	35	T6	25
Harris English	32	T9	28

Players inside the top 30 now projected to fall outside the number to advance to the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola:

Player	Current FEC	Thru 36	Projected FEC
Daniel Summerhays	26	T52	32
Louis Oosthuizen	30	T34	33
Ben Martin	25	T62	34
Jason Bohn	28	T52	38
Russell Knox	29	T52	39

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

After consecutive missed cuts at The Barclays and Deutsche Bank Championship, Masters and U.S. Open champion Jordan Spieth sits T4 at 11-under.

Justin Thomas is currently the highest-ranked rookie in the current FedExCup standings (No. 35). Thomas is looking for his first TOUR win in his 41st start at the age of 22 years, 4 months and 22 days. Thomas is T6 this week at 10-under.

Defending FedExCup champion Billy Horschel is T46. 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 stands T9 (-9) after the second round of 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

Charley Hoffman, Bubba Watson, Jim Furyk, Hunter Mahan and Ernie Els are the only five players to have competed in the first nine BMW Championships as part of the FedExCup Playoffs. 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 nine 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 R2	FEC after DBC
Hunter Mahan	91	T29	52
Keegan Bradley	71	T12	63
Jerry Kelly	94	T62	65
Will McGirt	88	T56	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 R2	FEC after DBC
Zac Blair	No. 45	T46	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	56
Matt Kuchar	56

Most rounds at par or better in the Playoffs:

Name	Par-or-Better
Jim Furyk	105
Phil Mickelson	88
Bubba Watson	87
Zach Johnson	83

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 R2	FedExCup rank
Justin Thomas	T6	No. 35
Tony Finau	T29	No. 41
Daniel Berger	T2	No. 46
Zac Blair	T46	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)

R2: Dustin Johnson (62), Matt Jones (66), Hideki Matsuyama (63), Rory McIlroy (65), George McNeill (65), Scott Piercy (65), Henrik Stenson (63)

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	--
Friday	33.377	34.552	67.929	68.787

Jim Furyk Update from his agent Andrew Whitlieb

Jim flew to the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York to see Dr. Andrew J. Weiland. Weiland, who has a history with Furyk's wrist injury, determined it to be a bone contusion. As such, Jim is not going to hit balls until early next week and is on a day-to-day basis. He will speak to Dr. Weiland again Tuesday, at which time they will assess his ability to compete at the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola.

Jim sends his best wishes to the BMW Championship and competitors. With this the venue of his historic 59, Conway Farms GC and the BMW Championship remain very significant to him and his career. He is also very appreciative of all the thoughts and wishes for a speedy recovery.

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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