



# BMW Championship

## 2015 BMW Championship

(The 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

## Third-Round Notes – Saturday, September 19, 2015

*Weather: Sunny and cooler. High of 68 degrees. Winds N 8-15 mph.*

Saturday: Due to heavy overnight thunderstorms, round three tee times ranged from 10 a.m. – noon in threesomes off two tees. A total of 2.5" of rain fell overnight, bringing the two-day total to 4.05".

For the second consecutive round, players utilized lift, clean and place due to wet conditions.

Third-Round Leaderboard		Age (on Sunday)	Career TOUR Starts	TOUR Wins
Jason Day	61-63-69—193 (-20)	27 years, 10 months, 8 days	170	6
Scott Piercy	67-65-67---199 (-14)	36 years, 10 months, 14 days	190	3
Daniel Berger	65-64-70—199 (-14)	22 years, 5 months, 13 days	31	0
Rory McIlroy	68-65-67—200 (-13)	26 years, 4 months, 16 days	98	11

### 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 third round of the BMW Championship.

### **Current top five:**

FEC Rank	Player	R3 standing at BMW	Projected FEC
1	Jason Day	1st	1
2	Jordan Spieth	T11	2
3	Rickie Fowler	T5	3
4	Henrik Stenson	T18	4
5	Bubba Watson	T27	5

### Third-Round Leader Statistics

The third-round leader/co-leader has gone on to win 18 of 44 stroke-play events this season, most recently Jason Day at The Barclays.

The third-round leader/co-leader has won 61 of 106 times at the BMW Championship (57.55 percent). Most recently, Billy Horschel carried a three-stroke 54-hole lead over Ryan Palmer to a two-stroke win over Bubba Watson in 2014.

### Miscellaneous BMW Championship Stats that may be relevant Sunday

The largest comeback at the BMW Championship after 54 holes is seven strokes (Tom Kite in 1986).

The largest margin of victory at the BMW Championship is 10 strokes (Mike Brady in 1922).

The BMW Championship has had 11 wire-to-wire winners (no ties), most recently Camilo Villegas (2008) and Tiger Woods (2003).

Only two players have led the first three rounds at the BMW Championship and failed to win: Ray Mangrum (1936) and Bob Dickson (1976).

### **Jason Day**

One day after tying the PGA TOUR record for low opening 36 holes (61-63—124), Jason Day added a third-round 2-under 69 to move to a six-stroke lead over Scott Piercy and Daniel Berger with 18 holes to play at the BMW Championship.

Day's lowest opening 54-hole totals on the PGA TOUR:

193 – 2015 *BMW Championship*

195 – 2009 Colonial National Invitational Tournament (finished 4<sup>th</sup>)

196 – 2010 Deutsche Bank Championship (finished T2)

198 – 2010 AT&T Byron Nelson (won)

Jason Day's 193 total shatters the previous low opening 54-hole record at the BMW Championship by four strokes: 197 – Camilo Villegas (2008), Tiger Woods (2009), Billy Horschel (2014).

Day's 193 total through three rounds is also a new 54-hole record for any three rounds at the BMW Championship. The previous mark was 195, set by Tiger Woods during the second through fourth rounds in 2007.

Prior to Day's 193 this week, the previous low opening 54-hole record on TOUR this season was 194 (Jimmy Walker at the Sony Open in Hawaii). Walker still owns the low 54-hole score this season (191; rounds two through four at the Sony Open in Hawaii).

Day's six-shot lead is the largest lead after 54 holes on TOUR this season. The previous mark was held by J.B. Holmes, who led by five at the World Golf Championships-Cadillac Championship.

By comparison to Day's six-stroke 54-hole lead, the largest at the BMW Championship is nine (Walter Hagen in 1927).

Day is 3/9 on converting 54-hole leads to victories, including his last two at The Barclays and PGA Championship.

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

Day is seeking to become the first player during the FedExCup era to win The Barclays and Deutsche Bank Championship in the same season.

Day is hoping to join Jordan Spieth at the Masters as the only wire-to-wire winners 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)

### **Scott Piercy**

Scott Piercy posted a third-consecutive round in the 60s (67-65-67) to move to T2 at 14-under 199. After entering the week No. 44 in the FedExCup standings, he is currently projected to move to No. 13.

Piercy is in search of his fourth PGA TOUR victory in his 190<sup>th</sup> start: 2011 Barracuda Championship, 2012 RBC Canadian Open, 2015 Barbasol Championship.

Piercy's win earlier this year at the Barbasol Championship represents one of four top-10 finishes on TOUR this season. It has been a bit of a struggle since winning that event, finishing T79 at the RBC Canadian Open, T48 at the PGA Championship, T62 at The Barclays and missing the cut at the Deutsche Bank Championship.

Piercy is making his fifth start at the BMW Championship: 2005 (T40), 2011 (T65), 2012 (T37), 2013 (T69).

### **Daniel Berger**

One day after matching his low round on the PGA TOUR (64), Daniel Berger followed up with a third-round 1-under 70 to move to T2 at 14-under 199.

Berger is currently the No. 3 ranked rookie in the FedExCup standings at No. 46 (projected No. 15).

No rookie has ever won a FedExCup Playoffs event.

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

### **Rory McIlroy**

World No. 1 ranked golfer Rory McIlroy stands in solo fourth place at 13-under 200, seven strokes behind Jason Day. McIlroy won the 2012 BMW Championship at Crooked Stick Golf Club in Carmel, Indiana.

McIlroy is in search of his 12<sup>th</sup> PGA TOUR victory in his 98<sup>th</sup> career start. A win Sunday would come at the age of 26 years, 4 months and 16 days.

PGA TOUR Victories (11):

2010 – Wells Fargo Championship

2011 – U.S. Open

2012 – The Honda Classic, PGA Championship, Deutsche Bank Championship, BMW Championship

2014 – The Open Championship, World Golf Championships-Bridgestone Invitational, PGA Championship

2015 – World Golf Championships-Cadillac Match Play, Wells Fargo Championship

McIlroy is making his fifth BMW Championship start: 2010 (T37), 2012 (Won), 2013 (T59), 2014 (T8).

### **Rickie Fowler**

Rickie Fowler, currently No. 3 in the FedExCup standings, posted a second-consecutive 5-under 66 to move to 12-under 201, eight strokes behind Jason Day.

Fowler is seeking to join Rory McIlroy (2012) as the only players to win the Deutsche Bank Championship and BMW Championship in the same season.

Fowler is in search of his fourth PGA TOUR victory in his 151<sup>st</sup> career start. A win Sunday would come at the age of 26 years, 9 months and 7 days.

All three of Fowler's wins on TOUR have been in come-from-behind fashion:

2012 Wells Fargo Championship

2015 THE PLAYERS Championship

2015 Deutsche Bank Championship

Fowler is making his 20<sup>th</sup> start in the FedExCup Playoffs this week, with top-10 finishes coming at The Barclays (T9/ 2013, 2014), Deutsche Bank Championship (Won/2015), BMW Championship (T4/2014) and TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola (8<sup>th</sup>/2014).

Along with two wins this season on the PGA TOUR, Fowler also won the Scottish Open on the European Tour.

Fowler is making his sixth BMW Championship start: 2010 (T45), 2011 (48), 2012 (T41), 2013 (T39), 2014 (T4).

### **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 54	Projected FEC
Scott Piercy	44	T2	13
Daniel Berger	46	T2	15
Kevin Na	34	T5	22
Harris English	32	T8	26
Justin Thomas	35	T8	29

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 54	Projected FEC
Bill Haas	27	T32	31
Louis Oosthuizen	30	T18	32
Russell Knox	29	T41	34
Ben Martin	25	69	35
Jason Bohn	28	T54	37

Kevin Na celebrated his birthday earlier this week (September 15, 1983), while Ryan Palmer (1976) carded a 2-over 73 Saturday on his birthday.

After consecutive missed cuts at The Barclays and Deutsche Bank Championship, Masters and U.S. Open champion Jordan Spieth sits T11 at 10-under 203.

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 T8 this week at 11-under.

Defending FedExCup champion Billy Horschel is T41. He sits 67<sup>th</sup> in the FedExCup standings (projected to No. 66) 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 (one of eight players to win consecutive times at the BMW Championship) is the last player to win back-to-back (1993 and 1994).

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. Johnson is currently T37 at 4-under 209.

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 (currently projected No. 45 in the FedExCup) 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 <sup>th</sup>	18 <sup>th</sup>	27 <sup>th</sup>	18 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	52 <sup>nd</sup> (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 R3	FEC after DBC	Projected FEC
Hunter Mahan	91	T18	52	45
Keegan Bradley	71	T25	63	58
Jerry Kelly	94	T63	65	68
Will McGirt	88	T51	68	69

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 R3	FEC after DBC
Zac Blair	No. 45	T59	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	57
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 R3	FedExCup rank
Justin Thomas	T8	No. 35 (projected No. 29)
Tony Finau	T54	No. 41 (projected No. 46)
Daniel Berger	T2	No. 46 (projected No. 15)
Zac Blair	T59	No. 51 (projected No. 59)
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 <sup>th</sup>
2012	John Huh	29 <sup>th</sup>
2011	Keegan Bradley	20 <sup>th</sup>
2009	Marc Leishman	20 <sup>th</sup>
2008	Andres Romero	28 <sup>th</sup>
2007	Brandt Snedeker	20 <sup>th</sup>

#### **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)

R3: Brendan Steele (68)

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
Saturday	35.072	35.580	70.652	69.401

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