



2015 Deutsche Bank Championship
(The 2nd of 4 events in the FedExCup Playoffs)

Norton, Mass.
TPC Boston

September 4-7, 2015

FedExCup Points: 2,000
Par/Yards: 36-35—71/7,242

Purse: \$8,250,000

First-Round Notes – Friday, September 4, 2015

Weather: Mostly sunny and cooler, with a high of 75 degrees. Winds NE 10-15 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

Brendon de Jonge	65 (-6)
Luke Donald	67 (-4)
Colt Knost	67 (-4)
Kevin Chappell	67 (-4)
Ian Poulter	67 (-4)
Matt Jones	67 (-4)
Harris English	67 (-4)
Charley Hoffman	67 (-4)
Henrik Stenson	67 (-4)
Rickie Fowler	67 (-4)

FedExCup and The Deutsche Bank Championship

- Projected Points needed to advance to the BMW Championship: 939
- One change was made to the Playoff points structure for 2014-15: Points are awarded 4X what they were during the PGA TOUR Season for a standard PGA TOUR event with 2,000 points awarded to the winner. Over the last six years, points had been awarded 5X, with 2,500 awarded to the winner of each event.
- The top 70 players on the FedExCup points list after the Deutsche Bank Championship advance to the BMW Championship, contested at Conway Farms Golf Club.
- The top 30 players following the BMW Championship will qualify for the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola. Prior to the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola, a points reset will take place, giving all players in the field a mathematical opportunity to win the FedExCup title. The top five players control their own destiny and would claim the FedExCup with a victory at East Lake.
- Vijay Singh is the only player to win the Deutsche Bank Championship and go on to the FedExCup title the same year (2008).

Brendon de Jonge, No. 56 in the FedExCup

Brendon de Jonge opened the Deutsche Bank Championship with a 6-under 65, good for a two-stroke lead over nine players (including 2010 Deutsche Bank Championship winner Charley Hoffman) at 4-under 67. de Jonge's scorecard included seven birdies and a lone bogey on the par-3 third hole.

The 65 for de Jonge is a 12-stroke improvement over opening with a 6-over 77 in 2014. Here's a look at his opening-round scores at the Deutsche Bank Championship: 2015 (65), 2014 (77), 2013 (69), 2012 (70), 2011 (68), 2010 (67).

R1 at a glance: 11 of 18 greens, 4 of 14 fairways, 1 of 2 sand saves, 6 of 7 scrambling, 23 putts.

This marks the fifth time de Jonge has held the first-round lead/co-lead on TOUR, but this week marks his first solo first-round lead. Of the previous four leads, he went on to finish T33 at the 2010 U.S. Open, T3 and T13, respectively, at the 2010 and 2011 Sanderson Farms Championship, and T22 at the 2015 Zurich Classic of New Orleans.

Having entered the week No. 56 in the FedExCup standings, here's a look at de Jonge's year-by-year finishes in the FedExCup: 2014 (91), 2013 (26), 2012 (57), 2011 (60), 2010 (51), 2009 (137), 2007 (175).

A win this week would be worth 2,000 points for de Jonge, moving him to a projected 4th place in the FedExCup.

This week marks the sixth start at TPC Boston for de Jonge (T74-2014, T9-2013, T60-2012, MC-2011, T45-2010).

The 65 for de Jonge equals his career-best score at TPC Boston (R2-2013).

This week marks the 30th start of de Jonge's season, with a playoff loss at The McGladrey Classic equaling his career-best finish (runner-up at the 2012 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open).

Since his rookie season on the PGA TOUR in 2007 (eight seasons), de Jonge has averaged 29.875 starts per year (high of 32 in 2010). This week marks his 239th start on TOUR.

First-Round Lead Notes

The only time the 18-hole lead has been higher at the Deutsche Bank Championship came in 2006 when Tiger Woods opened with a 66.

The first-round leader/co-leader has gone on to win 5 of 43 stroke-play events in this season, most recently Bubba Watson at the Travelers Championship.

Tiger Woods (2006) and Steve Stricker (2009) are the only first-round leaders/co-leaders at the Deutsche Bank Championship to carry that lead on to victory.

Jason Day, No. 1 in the FedExCup

The Barclays champion and current FedExCup leader Jason Day birdied his first three holes en route to a 3-under 68. Dating to the first round of The Open Championship, Day has now posted his last 21 rounds at par-or-better (with 20 of those being under-par). During that stretch, he is a collective 76-under par.

Day now owns eight under-par opening rounds in as many attempts at the Deutsche Bank Championship. His opening-round scoring average is 67.125 at his event.

With four wins, Day joins Jordan Spieth with the most wins on the PGA TOUR this season. Since 2010, the only players to record four or more wins in a season are Tiger Woods (2013, 5), Spieth (2015, 4), Day (2015, 4) and Rory McIlroy (2012, 4).

Day's stellar season became a career year when he added the 97th PGA Championship at Whistling Straits and last week's The Barclays to his wins at the Farmers Insurance Open and the RBC Canadian Open. He captured the PGA Championship in record-setting fashion, becoming the first player to finish a major at 20-under-par.

Overall, Day owns four wins in 17 starts this season. Here's a look at his last six starts on TOUR:

- T9 – U.S. Open
- T4 – The Open Championship
- 1 – RBC Canadian Open
- T12 – World Golf Championships-Bridgestone Invitational
- 1 – PGA Championship
- 1 – The Barclays

Here's a look at Day's year-by-year results in the FedExCup: 2008 (83), 2009 (48), 2010 (8), 2011 (12), 2012 (87), 2013 (17), 2014 (10), 2015 (currently No. 1).

Day at the Deutsche Bank Championship:

Year	Position	Rnd 1	Rnd 2	Rnd 3	Rnd 4	Total	To Par
2014	T7	66	68	69	71	274	-10
2013	T13	67	67	67	69	270	-14
2012	T51	68	73	72	71	284	E
2011	T3	67	69	67	68	271	-13
2010	T2	63	67	66	71	267	-17
2009	T19	68	66	72	68	274	-10
2008	T50	70	66	74	71	281	-3

Additional Player Notes

Defending FedExCup champion Billy Horschel, currently No. 53 in the FedExCup, opened with a 2-over 73. Since the inception of the FedExCup, only 2012 winner Brandt Snedeker made it back to the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola the following year.

Defending champion Chris Kirk opened with a 3-over 74 in his bid to become the first player to win in back-to-back seasons at the Deutsche Bank Championship. Vijay Singh (2004, 2008) is the only multiple winner of the event.

World No. 1 and 2012 Deutsche Bank Championship winner Rory McIlroy bogeyed his final two holes for a 1-under 70. He is making his fifth start at TPC Boston (T37/2010, 1st/2012, T47/2013, T5/2014).

Playing with Jason Day and Bubba Watson, Jordan Spieth (a four-time winner this season including the Masters Tournament and U.S. Open), struggled to a 4-over 75. It marks his third-consecutive over-par round on TOUR (missed the cut last week at The Barclays with rounds of 74-73). The last time Spieth had three straight over-par round was 2014, closing the U.S. Open with rounds of 72-73 and opening the Quicken Loans National with a 74.

Luke Donald (T2) and Jason Day (T11) both finished T2 and T3 at the 2010 and 2011 Deutsche Bank Championship.

Hunter Mahan is the only player in the last nine years of the FedExCup to advance each season to the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola and to make all 34 starts in the Playoffs. He opened Friday with a 69. At No. 91 in the standings, he is projected to need a 10th place finish or better to advance in the Playoffs (currently projected No. 77).

FedExCup Implications

Players on FedExCup Bubbles

Rank	Player	DBC R1	FedExCup projection
30	Justin Thomas	72	No. 35
70	Boo Weekley	74	No. 83
100	Jason Kokrak	76	No. 100

Players ranked between No. 71-100 this week need a good finish to move into the top 70 in the standings to move on to the BMW Championship. Here's a list of players who are currently projected to move inside the top 70:

Player	Current FEC	DBC R1	Projected FEC
Luke Donald	No. 87	67	No. 45
Colt Knost	No. 95	67	No. 47
Morgan Hoffmann	No. 72	69	No. 64
Jason Dufner	No. 82	69	No. 68
Alex Cejka	No. 73	70	No. 69
Charles Howell III	No. 74	70	No. 70

Here's the list of players who entered the week inside the top 70 but are now projected to fall outside the number to advance to the BMW Championship:

Player	Current FEC	DBC R1	Projected FEC
Jim Herman	No. 64	73	No. 71
Bryce Molder	No. 58	75	No. 72
George McNeill	No. 59	76	No. 74
Kevin Streelman	No. 65	73	No. 75
Fabian Gomez	No. 67	76	No. 80
Boo Weekley	No. 70	74	No. 83

Eight players entered The Barclays ranked No. 101 – 125 in the FedExCup standings and played their way into this week's Deutsche Bank Championship. Here's how they did during round one at TPC Boston:

Player	Current FEC	DBC R1	Projected FEC
Zac Blair	No. 45	70	No. 43
Spencer Levin	No. 80	73	No. 85
Jason Dufner	No. 82	69	No. 68
Carlos Ortiz	No. 83	74	No. 93
Mark Wilson	No. 85	71	No. 82
Luke Donald	No. 87	67	No. 45
Johnson Wagner	No. 92	72	No. 90
Camilo Villegas	No. 99	72	No. 94

Miscellaneous Notes

Bogey-free rounds

R1: Rickie Fowler (67), Ian Poulter (67), Hunter Mahan (69)

Scoring Averages at the par-71 TPC Boston:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	36.408	35.296	71.704	---

The par-4 14th hole played the toughest Friday, yielding a 4.327 average. The easiest was the par-4 fourth at 3.612.