



**2015 Deutsche Bank Championship** (The 2<sup>nd</sup> of 4 events in the FedExCup Playoffs)

Norton, Mass.	September 4-7, 2015
TPC Boston	-

FedExCup Points: 2,000 Purse: \$8,250,000 Par/Yards: 36-35—71/7,242

# Second-Round Notes – Saturday, September 5, 2015

Weather: Sunny and cooler, with a high of 79 degrees. Winds ENE 5-10 mph.

**36-Hole Cut:** 75 players at 3-over 145 from a field of 98 professionals, tying the highest-cut record in Deutsche Bank Championship history (2006, 2014). The highest cut on the PGA TOUR this season is 6-over 150 from the Valero Texas Open.

### Second-Round Leaderboard

Charley Hoffman	130 (-12)
Brendon de Jonge	133 (-9)

## 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).

## Charley Hoffman, No. 17 in the FedExCup

2010 Deutsche Bank Championship winner Charley Hoffman made nine birdies and one bogey in round two, en route to an 8-under 63. The score represents his lowest in the event since a final-round, 9-under 62 in 2010.

This marks Hoffman's first outright lead after 36 holes on the PGA TOUR. He was tied for the lead at the halfway point at the 2011 Valero Texas Open (finished T2) and 2013 RBC Heritage (finished T6).

Hoffman's 3-stroke lead is the largest after 36 holes in Deutsche Bank Championship history. In 2003 and 2004, Adam Scott and Vijay Singh led by two strokes, respectively.

R2 at a glance: 11 of 14 fairways, 14 of 18 greens, 24 putts.

In 2010, Hoffman began the third round at 11-under 131. He trailed Jason Day and Brandt Snedeker by one stroke.

Hoffman's 22-under 262 in 2010 tied Vijay Singh's 72-hole scoring record at the Deutsche Bank Championship (2008).

With a win this week, Hoffman would join Singh (2004, 2008) as multiple winners of the event.

Through 36 holes this week, Hoffman is 6-under-par on TPC Boston's final three holes. His only two bogeys, one in each round, both came on par threes (No. 3/R1, No. 8/R2).

This marks Hoffman's 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive start in the Deutsche Bank Championship, with the 2010 victory his only top-10 finish.

In his nine previous starts at TPC Boston, Hoffman's third round scoring average of 68.33 is his lowest of any cumulative round at TPC Boston and exactly two strokes stronger than his final-round average.

Hoffman is one of just nine players to advance to the Deutsche Bank Championship all nine years of the FedExCup era. He is joined by only Bubba Watson, Jim Furyk, Phil Mickelson, Hunter Mahan and Ernie Els as those to have competed in all eight BMW Championships. Els has already been eliminated this season and Mahan is in jeopardy of being eliminated (projected 83).

In 2012, Hoffman sank a clutch 12-foot putt for par on the 72<sup>nd</sup> hole to claim the 70<sup>th</sup> and final spot among those to advance to the following week's BMW Championship.

Hoffman's year-by-year finishes in the FedExCup: 2014 (53), 2013 (61), 2012 (69), 2011 (41), 2010 (4), 2009 (37), 2008 (68), 2007 (50).

Hoffman's 17<sup>th</sup>-place standing in the FedExCup coming into the week is a result of six-top10 finishes in 25 starts. The highlight among them was his third career PGA TOUR victory last fall at the OHL Classic at Mayakoba. Hoffman also claimed runner-up finishes at the CareerBuilder Challenge and AT&T Byron Nelson. Hoffman claimed his first-ever top 10 in a major championship, T9, at the Masters Tournament.

Vijay Singh (2004), Olin Browne (2005) and Rory McIlroy (2012) are the only second-round leaders/co-leaders at the Deutsche Bank Championship to carry that lead on to victory.

#### Brendon de Jonge, No. 56 in the FedExCup

First-round leader Brendon de Jonge made five birdies and two bogeys, including one at the par-5 18<sup>th</sup>, to post a 3under 68.

In Friday's first round, de Jonge found just four of 14 fairways in regulation. His biggest improvement on the course in round two was off the tee, where he hit nine of 14 fairways.

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

de Jonge has made it to the Deutsche Bank Championship in the FedExCup Playoffs each year since 2010. He advanced to the third of the four Playoffs events, the BMW Championship, from 2010-2013. After last year's Deutsche Bank Championship, he was outside the top 70 at No. 91 and failed to move on to Cherry Hills Country Club.

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

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

#### Rickie Fowler, No. 22 in the FedExCup

With a pair of 4-under 67s to start his sixth-consecutive Deutsche Bank Championship, Rickie Fowler will head into the weekend trailing Charley Hoffman by four strokes.

Fowler's round included eight birdies, two bogeys and a double bogey at the par-3 11<sup>th</sup>.

Fowler's only missed fairway in round two came at the par-4 ninth. Through 36 holes, he has hit 24 of 28 fairways in regulation. For the second straight day, he has needed 29 putts to complete his round.

Fowler remains in search of his first top-20 finish at TPC Boston, with last year's T23 being his strongest showing.

Fowler is in search of his third win of the season and second on the PGA TOUR. He previously won THE PLAYERS Championship and Scottish Open on the European Tour. Three of his top-10 finishes on the PGA TOUR this season have come in World Golf Championships; T3/HSBC Champions, T9/Dell Match Play and T10/Bridgestone Invitatioal. He finished T12 at the Cadillac Championship.

## Jason Day, No. 1 in the FedExCup

With back-to-back, 3-under 68s, Jason Day has now posted his last 22 rounds at par-or-better, with 21 of those being under-par. During that stretch, dating to the first round of The Open Championship, he is a collective 79-under par.

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).

This marks Day's eighth-consecutive start in the Deutsche Bank Championship, where he owns top-10 finishes in 2010 (T2), 2011 (T3) and 2014 (T7).

Following rounds of 66-68—134 to start last year's Deutsche Bank Championship, Day held a share of the 8under lead with Ryan Palmer.

With a victory this week, Day could overtake the World's No. 1 spot, provided Rory McIlroy isn't second alone and Jordan Spieth finishes no better than a two-way tie for second.

Should Day overtake the World's No. 1 spot this week, it would mark the third time the top spot has been held by three different players in three successive weeks:

1992: March 15 March 22 March 29	Ian Woosnam Fred Couples Nick Faldo
1997: June 8 June 15 June 22	Greg Norman Tiger Woods Ernie Els

### Additional Player Notes

Defending champion **Chris Kirk** followed a 3-over 74 in round one with a 2-under 69 in round two. At 1-over 143, he will head into the weekend 13 shots back. He was five off the pace after 36 holes en route to last year's win.

World No. 1 and 2012 Deutsche Bank Championship winner **Rory McIlroy** struggled in round three, making bogey on four of his last six holes to finish with a 3-over 74. Through 36 holes, he is at 2-over 144.

In 18 rounds now at TPC Boston, today marked McIlroy's third over-par score. He took a 5-over 76 in round two of 2010 and 1-over 72 in the final round of 2013.

**Jordan Spieth** followed an opening-round, 4-over 75 with a 73 in round two to miss a second-consecutive cut for just the first time as either an amateur or professional on the PGA TOUR. He made 12 straight pars, before taking a pair of bogeys at Nos. 13 and 14.

This marks Spieth's fourth-consecutive, over-par round on TOUR (missed the cut last week at The Barclays with rounds of 74-73). The last time he had more than three straight over-par rounds was in 2013, from round two of The Open Championship through round two of the PGA Championship.

With his birdie at the last hole today, Spieth extended his streak of carding at least one birdie per round to 208.

Defending FedExCup champion **Billy Horschel**, currently No. 53 in the FedExCup, opened with rounds of 71-68—141 (-1). Since the inception of the FedExCup, only 2012 winner Brandt Snedeker made it back to the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola the following year.

**Hunter Mahan** is the only player in the FedExCup era to advance each season to the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola and make all 34 starts in the Playoffs. At No. 91 in the standings, Mahan is projected to need a 10<sup>th</sup> place finish or better to advance in the Playoffs. At even-par 142 through 36 holes (T42), Mahan is currently projected No. 83.

#### FedExCup Implications

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	Thru 36	Projected FEC
Keegan Bradley	71	T14	61
Alex Cejka	73	T27	65
Charles Howell III	74	T27	66
Jason Dufner	82	T21	68
Luke Donald	87	T18	69

Players inside the top 70 now projected to fall outside the number to advance to the BMW Championship:

Player	Current FEC	Thru 36	Projected FEC
George McNeill	59	MC	71
Marc Leishman	61	MC	72
Jim Herman	64	MC	75
Fabian Gomez	67	T69	79
Boo Weekley	70	T69	82

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 stand after 36 holes at TPC Boston:

Player	Current FEC	Thru 36	Projected FEC
Zac Blair	No. 45	T21	No. 38
Spencer Levin	No. 80	T59	No. 84
Jason Dufner	No. 82	T21	No. 68
Carlos Ortiz	No. 83	T34	No. 76
Mark Wilson	No. 85	T69	No. 91
Luke Donald	No. 87	T18	No. 69
Johnson Wagner	No. 92	T69	No. 96
Camilo Villegas	No. 99	T59	No. 98

### Miscellaneous Notes

Bogey-free rounds

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

R2: Jim Furyk (65), Zach Johnson (65), Cameron Tringale (66), Troy Merritt (67), Justin Thomas (70), Gary Woodland (70)

Scoring Averages at the par-71 TPC Boston:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	36.408	35.296	71.704	
R2:	35.755	34.745	70.500	71.102

A.M. Scoring Average: 69.66 P.M. Scoring Average: 71.38

The par-3 11<sup>th</sup> hole played the toughest Saturday, yielding a 3.194 average. The par-4 fourth was the easiest hole of the day at 3.673.