



**2015 Deutsche Bank Championship**  
(The 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

## **Third-Round Notes – Sunday, September 6, 2015**

*Weather: Sunny, with a high of 83 degrees. Winds NNE 7-12 mph.*

### **Third-Round Leaderboard**

Henrik Stenson 67-68-65—200 (-13)  
Rickie Fowler 67-67-67—201 (-12)

### **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 (2008) and Henrik Stenson (2013) are the only players to win the Deutsche Bank Championship and go on to the FedExCup title the same year.

### **Henrik Stenson, No. 4 in the FedExCup**

2013 Deutsche Bank Championship winner and, shortly thereafter, FedExCup champion Henrik Stenson made three birdies and an eagle-two at No. 4 to make the turn in 31. On his inward nine, he made eight straight pars, before closing with a birdie to post a 6-under 65.

En route to his 2013 victory at TPC Boston, Stenson posted rounds of 67-63-66-66—262 (-22) to win by two strokes over Steve Stricker. He began the final round trailing Sergio Garcia by two strokes at 17-under par.

With a win at TPC Boston this week, Stenson would join Vijay Singh (2004, 2008) as the only repeat winners of the event.

Stenson is making his fourth start in the Deutsche Bank Championship this week. In 2007, he finished T55, first in 2013 and T26 last year.

Stenson is making his 13<sup>th</sup> start in a Playoffs event this week, having collected top-10 finishes at The Barclays last week (2<sup>nd</sup>), 2013 Deutsche Bank Championship (1<sup>st</sup>) and 2013 TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola (1<sup>st</sup>). In three starts in the BMW Championship, he has never finished better than T23 (2014).

Stenson's final standings in the FedExCup: 2010/141, 2011/180, 2012/111, 2013/1, 2014/52.

Stenson is making his 14<sup>th</sup> start on the PGA TOUR this season, having not missed a single cut. He has amassed five top-10 finishes; Arnold Palmer Invitational/2<sup>nd</sup>, The Barclays/2<sup>nd</sup>, Valspar Championship/4<sup>th</sup>, World Golf Championships-Cadillac Championship/T4 and WGC-Bridgestone Invitational/T6.

Stenson, an 11-time international winner, has claimed four PGA TOUR wins; 2007 WGC-Dell Match Play Championship, 2009 THE PLAYERS Championship, 2013 Deutsche Bank Championship and 2013 TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola.

This marks Stenson's third 54-hole lead on the PGA TOUR. At the 2013 TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola, he converted for the win, but finished second at this year's Arnold Palmer Invitational after having the 54-hole lead.

The 54-hole leader/co-leader has gone on to win just four of 12 times at the Deutsche Bank Championship (Adam Scott/2003, Vijay Singh/2004, Olin Browne/2005, Steve Stricker/2009).

This marks 141<sup>st</sup> start on the PGA TOUR. A win tomorrow would come at the age of 39 years, 5 months, 2 days.

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

For the third straight day, Rickie Fowler posted a 4-under 67 in his sixth-consecutive start at the Deutsche Bank Championship.

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

Fowler is making his 19<sup>th</sup> start in the FedExCup Playoffs this week, with top-10 finishes coming at the Barclays (T9/2013, 2014), BMW Championship (T4/2014) and TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola (8<sup>th</sup>/2014).

Fowler is in search of his third win of the season and second on the PGA TOUR. He previously won THE PLAYERS Championship on the PGA TOUR 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 Invitational. He finished T12 at the Cadillac Championship.

Prior to his win at TPC Sawgrass, Fowler's first and only other win on the PGA TOUR came at the 2012 Wells Fargo Championship.

Through 54 holes, Fowler is ranked second in Greens In Regulation, having hit 43 of 54 and in Strokes Gained: Total; 11.055.

### **Charley Hoffman, No. 17 in the FedExCup**

Second-round leader Charley Hoffman struggled in round three to a 5-over 76. Hoffman began the day with a three-stroke lead, but will begin Monday's final round six strokes behind at 7-under 206.

Despite a birdie at the first hole, Hoffman took bogeys on six of the ensuing eight holes, going out in 41.

In 2010, Hoffman began the final round four strokes off Jason Day's 17-under lead, before a final-round, 9-under 62 resulted in a five-stroke victory over Day, Luke Donald and Geoff Ogilvy.

The most glaring evidence of Hoffman's struggle was with the putter. In round two, Hoffman needed just 24 putts to complete his round. In today's third round, he had matched that number after just 12 holes. He ended the day with a total of 34 putts.

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

Brendon de Jonge wasn't able to mount much of a charge in round three, posting a 2-over 73. At 7-under 206, he will begin the final round six strokes back.

In each of the first two rounds, Brendon de Jonge played TPC Boston's front nine in 3-under par, making four birdies and one bogey each day. In round three, he made eight straight pars, before taking a bogey at No. 9.

de Jonge has made it to the FedExCup Playoffs each year since 2010, where 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.

### **Additional Player Notes**

FedExCup points' leader **Jason Day** couldn't mount much of a charge in round three, taking a 2-over 73. At 4-under 209, Day will head into the final round nine strokes back.

Defending champion **Chris Kirk** has steadily improved with each round. After opening with scores of 74-69, he posted a 4-under 67 in round three to get to 3-under 210. He will head into the final round 10 shots back. He was two strokes off the pace after 54 holes en route to last year's win.

The woes of World No. 1 and 2012 Deutsche Bank Championship winner **Rory McIlroy** continued in round three. A birdie at the par-5 18<sup>th</sup> saved him from posting back-to-back, over-par scores. His even-par 71 in round three finds him at 2-over 215 and 15 strokes back.

Despite a missed cut, **Jordan Spieth** could still regain the world's top spot, provided Jason Day doesn't win and Rory McIlroy finishes outside the top 10.

Defending FedExCup champion **Billy Horschel** struggled in round three taking six bogeys, a double bogey at the par-4 fourth and just two birdies to post a 6-over 77. Horschel began the week at No. 53 in the FedExCup

standings, but at 5-over 218 (T71), is projected to drop to No. 65. 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. With a nine-stroke improvement from round two, Mahan posted a 7-under 64 Sunday to get to 7-under 206 (T11) and is currently projected No. 67.

### **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:

<b>Player</b>	<b>Current FEC</b>	<b>Thru 54</b>	<b>Projected FEC</b>
Jerry Kelly	94	T6	60
Charles Howell III	74	T32	66
Hunter Mahan	91	T11	67
Keegan Bradley	71	T37	68
Hudson Swafford	93	T11	69

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

<b>Player</b>	<b>Current FEC</b>	<b>Thru 54</b>	<b>Projected FEC</b>
George McNeill	59	MC	71
Marc Leishman	61	MC	72
Jim Herman	64	MC	75
Fabian Gomez	67	T71	80
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 54 holes at TPC Boston:

<b>Player</b>	<b>Current FEC</b>	<b>Thru 54</b>	<b>Projected FEC</b>
Zac Blair	No. 45	T32	43
Spencer Levin	No. 80	T53	83
Jason Dufner	No. 82	T53	85
Carlos Ortiz	No. 83	T37	78
Mark Wilson	No. 85	T73	92
Luke Donald	No. 87	T32	79
Johnson Wagner	No. 92	T37	96
Camilo Villegas	No. 99	T53	93

### **Miscellaneous Notes**

Paul Casey withdrew prior to his third round with a back injury. Casey came into the week ranked 21<sup>st</sup> in the FedExCup standings and will safely advance to the BMW Championship in two weeks.

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)

R3: Henrik Stenson (65), Matt Kuchar (65), Kevin Kisner (66), Rickie Fowler (67), Sean O'Hair (67)

Scoring Averages at the par-71 TPC Boston:

	<b>Front 9</b>	<b>Back 9</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Cumulative</b>
R1:	36.408	35.296	71.704	---
R2:	35.755	34.745	70.500	71.102
R3:	35.283	34.567	69.850	70.476

The par-4 14th hole played the toughest in round three, yielding a 4.378 average. The par-5 18<sup>th</sup> was the easiest hole of the day, averaging 4.514.