



# 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

# Final Notes – Monday, September 7, 2015

Weather: Sunny, with a high of 90 degrees. Winds SW 8-15 mph.

## Final Leaderboard

| Rickie Fowler  | 67-67-68-269 (-15)    |
|----------------|-----------------------|
| Henrik Stenson | 67-68-65-70-270 (-14) |

## FedExCup and The Deutsche Bank Championship

- 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 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.

#### **Rickie Fowler**

Rickie Fowler shot a final round 3-under 68 to come from one shot back and defeat third-round leader Henrik Stenson at the Deutsche Bank Championship.

Fowler earns his third PGA TOUR victory at the age of 26 years, 8 months and 25 days in his 150th career start.

Fowler collects 2,000 points and moves from No. 22 to No. 3 in the FedExCup standings.

Today's victory guarantees Fowler a top-five spot heading into the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola, meaning that he controls his own destiny at East Lake and will win the FedExCup with a victory there.

Fowler has come-from-behind to win all three of his PGA TOUR events. His first two wins were via playoffs (2012 Wells Fargo Championship and 2015 THE PLAYERS Championship).

The last 54-hole leader to claim the victory at the Deutsche Bank Championship was Steve Stricker in 2009. The 54-hole leader/co-leader has gone on to win just four of 13 times at the Deutsche Bank Championship (Adam Scott/2003, Vijay Singh/2004, Olin Browne/2005, Steve Stricker/2009).

Fowler made his 19<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. 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.

Fowler's wins on TOUR: 2012 Wells Fargo Championship 2015 THE PLAYERS Championship 2015 Deutsche Bank Championship

2014-15 starts-made cuts-top-10s-wins: 19-15-6-2

PGA TOUR career starts-made cuts-top-10s-wins: 150-116-39-3

Fowler's scoring breakdown for the week: Par-3s (-1), Par-4s (-9), Par-5s (-5)

Fowler at the Deutsche Bank Championship: 2010/T41; 2011/T52; 2012/T74; 2013/MC; 2014/T23; 2015/Won

Fowler's results in the FedExCup: 2010/32; 2011/43; 2012/28; 2013/38; 2014/9

About Rickie Fowler: Height: 5-9 Weight: 150 Birthdate: December 13, 1988 Birthplace: Murrieta, California Residence: Jupiter, Florida Education: Oklahoma State University Turned Pro: 2009

Fowler records the 22nd win of the season by a player in their 20s, compared to 18 wins for players in their 30s, four wins for players in their 40s and one in the 50s.

Fowler's – Deutsche Bank Championship Statistics:

| Driving Accuracy         | 36/55  | 33rd |
|--------------------------|--------|------|
| Greens in Regulation     | 52/71  | 6th  |
| Total Putts              | 112    | T19  |
| Driving Distance         | 299.3  | T30  |
| Strokes Gained – Putting | +7.080 | 2nd  |

#### **Henrik Stenson**

Third-round leader Henrik Stenson shot a final round 1-under 70 to lose to Rickie Fowler by one shot at the Deutsche Bank Championship.

Stenson remains at No. 4 in the FedExCup standings.

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.

Stenson's final standings in the FedExCup: 2007/39, 2010/141, 2011/180, 2012/111, 2013/1, 2014/52.

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.

Stenson made his fourth start in the Deutsche Bank Championship this week. In 2007, he finished T55, first in 2013 and T26 in 2014.

Stenson made 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>), 2015 Deutsche Bank Championship (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 is making his 14<sup>th</sup> start on the PGA TOUR this season, having not missed a single cut. He has six 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, WGC-Bridgestone Invitational/T6 and Deutsche Bank Championship (2<sup>nd</sup>).

The Deutsche Bank Championship was 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 and Deutsche Bank Championship after having the 54-hole lead.

2014-15 starts-made cuts-top-10s-wins: 14-14-6-0

PGA TOUR career starts-made cuts-top-10s-wins: 141-112-31-4

David Lingmerth's win at the Memorial is the only victory by a Swedish player on TOUR this season. Sweden did not have a player win on the PGA TOUR last season (2013-14).

International wins in 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    | 2 (Adam Scott, Henrik Stenson)       |
| 2013-14 | 0                                    |
| 2014-15 | 1 (Jason Day)                        |
|         |                                      |

## Additional Player Notes

FedExCup points' leader **Jason Day** finished T12 at the Deutsche Bank Championship with rounds of 68-68-73-69. Day has three top 10s at TPC Boston (2010/T2, 2011/T3, 2014/T7) in eight starts.

Defending champion **Chris Kirk** finished T29 with rounds of 74-69-67-71. He drops two spots to No. 37 in the FedExCup standings.

2012 Deutsche Bank Championship winner **Rory McIlroy** finished T29 after rounds of 70-74-71-66. McIlroy has two tops 10s in five starts at TPC Boston (2012/1, 2014/T5). McIlroy is No. 17 in the FedExCup standings.

Defending FedExCup champion **Billy Horschel** finished 72nd at the Deutsche Bank Championship and will drop to No. 67 in the FedExCup standings. Since the inception of the FedExCup, only 2012 winner Brandt Snedeker made it back to the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola the following year.

Second-round leader and 2010 Deutsche Bank Championship winner **Charley Hoffman** battled back on the final day to finish third with rounds of 67-63-76-67. Hoffman is one of five players to advance to the BMW Championship each of the first nine seasons of the FedExCup Playoffs. Hoffman moves up to No. 6 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 34 starts in the Playoffs. He moved from No. 91 entering the Deutsche Bank Championship to No. 50 and will keep his streak alive. Mahan finished T4 this week at TPC Boston.

Charley Hoffman, Bubba Watson, Jim Furyk, Phil Mickelson, Hunter Mahan and Ernie Els are the only six players to have competed in the first eight BMW Championships. Els did not qualify for the Playoffs and will drop off this list.

## FedExCup Implications

Players ranked between No. 71-100 this week needed 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 moved inside the top 70:

| Player         | FEC before DBC | DBC | FEC after DBC |
|----------------|----------------|-----|---------------|
| Hunter Mahan   | 91             | T4  | 52            |
| Keegan Bradley | 71             | T25 | 63            |
| Jerry Kelly    | 94             | Т9  | 65            |
| Will McGirt    | 88             | T12 | 68            |

Will McGirt entered the week No. 88 in the FedExCup standings before moving up to No. 68. Outside the FedExCup cut line and with his back against the wall, McGirt used a 7-iron on the 17<sup>th</sup> hole to record an eagle-2 from 169 yards to jump up the FedExCup standings and secure a spot in the BMW Championship.

Jerry Kelly had three bogeys during a five-hole stretch entering the 18<sup>th</sup> hole, before he made birdie on the final hole to move inside the top 70 and advance to the BMW Championship. Kelly's birdie on the last hole knocked Alex Cejka out of the top 70.

Players inside the top 70 that fell outside the top 70 to advance to the BMW Championship:

| Player          | FEC before DBC | DBC | FEC after DBC |
|-----------------|----------------|-----|---------------|
| Marc Leishman   | 61             | MC  | 72            |
| Jim Herman      | 64             | MC  | 74            |
| Kevin Streelman | 65             | T69 | 75            |
| Boo Weekley     | 70             | T56 | 76            |

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 the Deutsche Bank Championship:

| Player          | FEC before DBC | DBC | FEC after DBC |
|-----------------|----------------|-----|---------------|
| Zac Blair       | No. 45         | T60 | 51            |
| Spencer Levin   | No. 80         | T56 | 82            |
| Jason Dufner    | No. 82         | T60 | 88            |
| Carlos Ortiz    | No. 83         | T65 | 93            |
| Mark Wilson     | No. 85         | T69 | 95            |
| Luke Donald     | No. 87         | T39 | 80            |
| Johnson Wagner  | No. 92         | T44 | 87            |
| Camilo Villegas | No. 99         | T33 | 84            |

Five players entered the Wyndham Championship outside the top 125 in the FedExCup standings and moved inside the top 125. No player outside the Playoffs bubble entering the Wyndham Championship has successfully negotiated his way to the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola.

| Player          | FEC Status | DBC Results                                 |
|-----------------|------------|---|
| Camilo Villegas | No. 84     | Eliminated after Deutsche Bank Championship |
| Davis Love III  | No. 86     | Eliminated after Deutsche Bank Championship |
| Jason Gore      | No. 92     | Eliminated after Deutsche Bank Championship |
| Ryo Ishikawa    | No. 122    | Eliminated after The Barclays               |
| Jonas Blixt     | No. 123    | Eliminated after The Barclays               |

## Players on various FedExCup bubbles

30. Louis Oosthuizen

70. George McNeill

Alex Cejka finished No. 71 in the FedExCup standings, finishing four points behind George McNeill and the No. 70 spot.

## Rookies in the FedExCup

Nine rookies finished the season ranked within the top 125 in FedExCup points and earned their first start at The Barclays. Of that group, six advanced to the Deutsche Bank Championship. Four of the rookies will advance to the BMW Championship.

| Player         | Deutsche Bank  | FedExCup rank   |
|----------------|----------------|---|
| Justin Thomas  | T56            | No. 35  |
| Tony Finau     | MC             | No. 41  |
| Daniel Berger  | T12            | No. 46  |
| Zac Blair      | T60            | No. 51  |
| Scott Pinckney | T60            | Eliminated from the Playoffs after Deutsche Bank Champions    |
| Carlos Ortiz   | T65            | Eliminated from the Playoffs after Deutsche Bank Championship |
| Adam Hadwin    | MC (Barclays)  | Eliminated from the Playoffs after The Barclays               |
| Nick Taylor    | T53 (Barclays) | Eliminated from the Playoffs after The Barclays               |
| Jon Curran     | MC (Barclays   | 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> |

## Miscellaneous Notes

The Quicken Loans Get in the Q Sweepstakes has provided 20 fans with a one month mortgage payment at the Deutsche Bank Championship this year. Three of the winners are from the New England area. Every time a player hit within seven feet of the pin at hole 16, a lucky fan won a monthly mortgage payment. For additional information - <u>http://www.pgatour.com/get-in-the-q.html</u>.

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)
R4: Fabian Gomez (64)

| Scoring Averages a | at the par-7 | 1 TPC Boston: |
|--------------------|--------------|---------------|
|--------------------|--------------|---------------|

|     | Front 9 | Back 9 | Total  | Cumulative |
|-----|---------|--------|--------|------------|
| 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     |
| R4: | 35.243  | 36.433 | 71.676 | 70.956     |

The par-4 14th hole played the toughest this week, yielding a 4.267 average. The par-5 18<sup>th</sup> was the easiest hole this week, averaging 4.698.