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2015 Quicken Loans National Media Notes

Dates: July 27 – August 2, 2015
Where: Robert Trent Jones Golf Club, Gainesville, Virginia
Par/Yards: 71/7,385 yards
Field: 120
2014 Champion: Justin Rose
Purse: \$6,700,000/\$1,206,000
FedExCup Points: 500 points to the winner
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Five events remain before FedExCup Playoffs

Including this week's Quicken Loans National, just five events remain before the start of the FedExCup Playoffs. During the 43-tournament PGA TOUR Season played over 39 weeks, TOUR members earn points based on their performances, with a strong emphasis placed on winning and high finishes. Once the PGA TOUR Season concludes, the top-125 players on the points chart advance to the FedExCup Playoffs, a series of four \$8-million tournaments that feature a progressive cut, beginning with The Barclays in New York (125 players), continuing with the Deutsche Bank Championship in Boston (100 players) and the BMW Championship in Chicago (70 players). A reset takes place, seeding the top-30 players for the culminating TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola in Atlanta, where the FedExCup champion is crowned.

Quicken Loans Hole-in-One Sweepstakes

Quicken Loans will reward one person \$1 million if a player (first player to do so) aces the 16th hole at Robert Trent Jones Golf Club during tournament play from July 30-August 2. An additional \$25,000 will be donated to the charity of the professional golfer's choice. To enter the Quicken Loans Hole-In-One Sweepstakes, golf fans simply need to visit www.pgatour.com/QuickenLoans. Each person can enter the contest once. All qualified sweepstakes entrants are eligible to win the \$1 million grand prize.

Beyond the \$1 million hole, Quicken Loans will reward one year mortgages to selected winners for the rest of the tournament / season for aces made.

A look back at the 2014 Quicken Loans National

Justin Rose and Shawn Stefani entered the final round of the Quicken Loans National trailing 54-hole leader Patrick Reed by three strokes, with both carding a 1-under-par 70 to advance to the first-ever sudden-death playoff in tournament history. A par for Rose on the first extra hole, coupled with Stefani's double bogey, gave the Englishman his sixth PGA TOUR win. Perhaps the shot of the final round for Rose was a crucial 15'1" putt for bogey on the 72nd hole.

More on Justin Rose

- Rose's opened the first-round with a 3-over 74, but came back with a 6-under 65 in the second round, the low round of the week at Congressional Country Club.
- Rose won in his fifth start at the Quicken Loans National (2007-T30, 2009-T16, 2010-Won, 2011-T15, 2014-Won).
- Rose (2010, 2014) joined Tiger Woods (2009, 2012) as the only multiple winners of the Quicken Loans National.

- Rose (2010, 2014) is one of two international winners at the Quicken Loans National (K.J. Choi/2007).
- After winning the 2015 Zurich Classic of New Orleans, Rose has at least one PGA TOUR victory in six consecutive seasons (2010-2015), second only to Dustin Johnson's current total of eight straight seasons with a victory (2008-2015).

A glance at the field

- Eighteen of the top 50 in the FedExCup standings including No. 3 Jimmy Walker. Following the RBC Canadian Open, Walker dropped to No. 3 in the FedExCup standings. He had been No. 2 in the FedExCup standings the previous 15 weeks, trailing Jordan Spieth each of those weeks. Prior to that he held the No. 1 spot for 11 weeks. Over the last two seasons, Walker has held the No. 1 or No. 2 spot in the FedExCup standings for 65 of 78 weeks.
- Notable players in the field this week that are outside the top 125 in the FedExCup standings include: Vijay Singh (126), Camilo Villegas (130), Ryo Ishikawa (140), K.J. Choi (154), Ernie Els (181) and Tiger Woods (197).
- Two players in the top 6 in the Official World Golf Ranking (Rickie Fowler/5 and Justin Rose/6).
- Seven of the eight past champions of the Quicken Loans National: Justin Rose (2014 and 2010), Bill Haas (2013), Tiger Woods (2012 and 2009), Nick Watney (2011) and K.J. Choi (2007).

Notable players

- Tiger Woods, a two-time Quicken Loans National winner (2009, 2012) with 79 titles overall, continues his pursuit of Sam Snead's TOUR record of 82 victories. The two-time FedExCup champion (2007 and 2009) has five weeks remaining to climb from No. 195 into the top 125 and qualify for the FedExCup Playoffs. Last year, Woods missed his first cut in five starts at the Quicken Loans National.
- Jimmy Walker, who is No. 3 in the FedExCup standings, missed the cut in his last start in the Quicken Loans National in 2013. Walker has made 16 of 17 cuts on TOUR this season with a pair of wins and a pair of runner-up finishes.
- 26-year-old Rickie Fowler finished birdie, eagle, birdie, birdie to shoot a final-round 66 and finish at 12-under-par at THE PLAYERS to enter a three-hole aggregate playoff with Kevin Kisner and Sergio Garcia, eventually prevailing after four holes. The 5-under-par total over the last four holes is a PGA TOUR record since the TOUR began tracking hole-by-hole scores in 1983.
- Annapolis resident Billy Hurley III attended the U.S. Naval Academy and served as an officer in the United States Navy after graduation (2004-09). Hurley III was also a lieutenant aboard a U.S. Navy destroyer for part of 2010 in the Persian Gulf, helping protect Iraqi oil platforms.
- Past Quicken Loans champion Bill Haas is No. 26 in the FedExCup standings with a win at the CareerBuilder Challenge, but has missed his last two cuts on TOUR (Greenbrier Classic and The Open Championship).
- Exemptions include 2014 U.S. Amateur champion Gunn Yang, Special Temporary Member Patrick Rodgers and former Georgia Tech All-America Ollie Schniederjans, the former World No. 1 amateur.
- The three rookies that are inside the top 50 in the FedExCup standings are in the Quicken Loans National field, including Daniel Berger (No. 37), Tony Finau (No. 40) and Justin Thomas (No. 44).
 - Only six rookies have advanced all the way to the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola in the FedExCup era, with all six going on to win PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year:
 - 2015 – TBD
 - 2014 – None
 - 2013 – Jordan Spieth/7th
 - 2012 – John Huh/29th
 - 2011 – Keegan Bradley/20th
 - 2010 – None
 - 2009 – Marc Leishman/20th
 - 2008 – Andres Romero/28th
 - 2007 – Brandt Snedeker/20th

Tournament records

- The best 18-hole score in tournament history is 62 by Anthony Kim/2009, Hunter Mahan/2009 and Nick Watney/2011.
- The best 36-hole score in tournament history is 130 by Tiger Woods in 2009.
- The best 54-hole score in tournament history is 200 by Tom Pernice Jr./2008, Anthony Kim/2009, Tiger Woods/2009 and Justin Rose/2010.
- Tiger Woods (2009) and Nick Watney (2011) have the best 72-hole score with a 267.
- Last year saw the first playoff at the Quicken Loans National with Justin Rose defeating Shawn Strefani on the first extra hole.
- The best come-from-behind win at the Quicken Loans is three shots by Anthony Kim (2008) and Justin Rose (2014).

Quicken Loans 19th Hole Shot for Heroes Kick-Off Event with Tiger Woods and Rickie Fowler Wednesday, July 29th; Hole-In-One-House; 1:30 PM – 2:00 pm

PGA TOUR players Tiger Woods and Rickie Fowler, along with Quicken Loans CEO Bill Emerson, Military Warriors Support Foundation (MWSF) Executive Director Ken Eakes and media will tee-off from the 19th hole at the Quicken Loans National at Robert Trent Jones Golf Club for a chance to raise up to \$25,000 each, benefitting the MWSF. The “Shot for Heroes” event kicks off a tournament-long initiative which allows every attending fan take their own shot to raise money for the foundation. Tiger and Rickie will tee-off simultaneously when they take their shots.

Prizing for the “Shot for Heroes” includes:

- \$25,000 donated to MWSF and \$25,000 awarded to each golfer or fan who aces the hole.
- \$1,000 donated to MWSF if a shot lands within seven feet of the pin.
- \$250 donated to MWSF for each shot that lands on the green.
- \$50 donated to MWSF for each participant who attempts a shot.

The “Shot for Heroes” is open to all tournament attendees from July 29 – August 2. Throughout the tournament, each fan will have two attempts at getting the ball on the green – or better – to earn money that will go to MWSF to help provide support services to our veterans transitioning from military service to civilian life.

Quicken Loans National notes

On March 24, 2014 Quicken Loans took over as title sponsor of the event with a four-year agreement. The 2015 Quicken Loans National is being played at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Club in Gainesville, Va., and will return to Bethesda, Md., at Congressional Country Club in 2016, 2018 and 2020. TPC Potomac at Avenel Farms will host the 2017 Quicken Loans National.

Robert Trent Jones Golf Club and Presidents Cup history

Surrounded by Le Manassas, the Robert Trent Jones Golf Club opened in 1991 and hosted The Presidents Cup four times, won each time by the United States (1994, 1996, 2000 and 2005). Among players in the Quicken Loans National field, the top player in the current Presidents Cup standings for the United States is Jimmy Walker (No. 3) and for the International team is John Senden (No. 8). The 2015 Presidents Cup will be held October 5-11 at Jack Nicklaus Golf Club Korea in Incheon, South Korea.

Players in the Quicken Loans National field who competed at The Presidents Cup at RTJ: International Team

- Vijay Singh (1994, 1996, 2000, 2005)
- Robert Allenby (1994, 1996, 2000)
- Ernie Els (1996, 2000)
- Retief Goosen (2000, 2005)
- Tim Clark (2005)
- Angel Cabrera (2005)

United States

- Tiger Woods (2000, 2005)
- Justin Leonard (1996, 2005)
- Stewart Cink (2000, 2005)

About the Tiger Woods Foundation

The Tiger Woods Foundation has helped to break the cycle of poverty with college-access opportunities for low-income students. At Tiger Woods Learning Center satellites across the country, scholars in grades 5-12 are immersed in an interactive STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) curriculum, making the connection between school and career, while planning a road map to college. Tailored to the needs of the first-generation scholar, the Earl Woods Scholarship Program provides four-year college scholarships coupled with an unyielding support system. Through mentoring, professional development workshops and internships, a one-to-one philosophy ensures the success of our students in college and beyond. Learn more at tigerwoodsfoundation.org and @TWFoundation. Earlier this year, the Tiger Woods Foundation was once again awarded the coveted four-star rating from Charity Navigator, the leading independent charity evaluator.

2014-15 PGA TOUR Season Highlights

Nineteen of 38 tournaments in the 2014-15 season have been won by players in the top 25 in the Official World Golf Ranking at the time of their respective victories: Bubba Watson (7th at the WGC-HSBC Champions, 5th at the Travelers Championship), Patrick Reed (23), Jimmy Walker (17th at Sony Open in Hawaii, 13th at Valero Texas Open), Jason Day (8th at Farmers Insurance Open, 9th at RBC Canadian Open), Dustin Johnson (16), Jordan Spieth (10th at the Valspar Championship, 4th at the Masters, 2nd at U.S. Open and 2nd at John Deere Classic), J.B. Holmes (20), Jim Furyk (10), Justin Rose (8), Rickie Fowler (13), Rory McIlroy (1st at the WGC-Cadillac Match Play and 1st at the Wells Fargo Championship) and Zach Johnson (25).

On TOUR this season, 16 of the 38 stroke-play events have been determined by a playoff, most recently at The Open Championship (Zach Johnson).

The trend of young winners on TOUR has continued into the 2014-15 season as 12 of the 31 different winners have been under the age of 30, accounting for 17 wins, including:

- 25-year-old Rory McIlroy, with his win at the WGC-Cadillac Match Play joined Tiger Woods (29) and Jack Nicklaus (17) as the only players to win 10 events prior to their 26th birthday on TOUR in the last 75 years.
- 21-year-old Jordan Spieth, with his victories at the Valspar Championship, Masters Tournament, U.S. Open and John Deere Classic, became just the sixth player to win the Masters Tournament and U.S. Open in the same season. He came up one shot shy of a playoff at The Open Championship, dashing hopes for winning the third leg of the Grand Slam.
- 26-year-old Rickie Fowler finished birdie, eagle, birdie, birdie to shoot a final-round 66 and finish at 12-under-par at THE PLAYERS to enter a three-hole aggregate playoff with Kevin Kisner and Sergio Garcia, eventually prevailing after four holes. The 5-under-par total over the last four holes is a PGA TOUR record since the TOUR began tracking hole-by-hole scores in 1983.
- 24-year-old Patrick Reed became just the fifth player since 1991 to win four times before age of 25, joining Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson, Rory McIlroy and Sergio Garcia with his Hyundai Tournament of Champions win.
- Jason Day, 27, become the fourth multiple winner of the 2014-15 season with victories at the Farmers Insurance Open and RBC Canadian Open.

The rookie class of 24 players includes 21 players who began the season under the age of 30. Canadian Nick Taylor, a 2013 graduate of the PGA TOUR Canada and a 2014 graduate of the Web.com Tour, got off to a hot start by winning the Sanderson Farms Championship in October. Rookie members in the top 50 in the FedExCup standings include Daniel Berger (37), Tony Finau (40) and Justin Thomas (44).