



## 2015 RBC Canadian Open

(The 38<sup>th</sup> of 43 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Oakville, Ontario  
Glen Abbey Golf Club

July 20 – 26, 2015  
Par/Yardage: 35-37—72/7,253

FedExCup Points: 500 to the winner  
Purse: \$5,800,000 (\$1,044,000)

### Third-Round Notes – Saturday, July 25, 2015

*Weather: Mostly sunny, with a high of 80 degrees. Winds SW 12-18 mph.*

**54-hole cut:** 78 professionals made the 54-hole cut at 1-under-par. The 36-hole cut was 88 professionals and three amateurs at 2-under 142.

#### Third-Round Leaderboard

David Hearn	69-64-68—201 (-15)
Bubba Watson	68-67-68—203 (-13)
Jason Day	68-66-69—203 (-13)
Michael Putnam	71-65-68—204 (-12)
Brooks Koepka	68-68-68—204 (-12)

#### **David Hearn**

Canadian David Hearn carded a 4-under-par 68 in the third round of the RBC Canadian Open to grab the first 54-hole lead of his PGA TOUR career. Hearn is two shots in front of Bubba Watson and Jason Day.

The last Canadian to take a 54-hole lead into Sunday at the RBC Canadian Open was Mike Weir in 2004.

This is Hearn's fourth start in the RBC Canadian Open when hosted by Glen Abbey Golf Club. His final-round scoring average is 73.50. Hearn's final-round scoring average this year on TOUR is 69.53. Overall it is his 13<sup>th</sup> start in the RBC Canadian Open.

The last Canadian to win the RBC Canadian Open is Pat Fletcher in 1954 at Point Gray Golf and Country Club. In 2004, Mike Weir lost in a playoff to Vijay Singh in the 50-year anniversary of Fletcher's win. After his playing days, Fletcher was the Head Professional at Royal Montreal Golf Club.

Hearn is making his 167<sup>th</sup> career start on the PGA TOUR this week, where he remains in search of his first TOUR title. At The Greenbrier Classic earlier this month, Hearn played himself into a sudden-death playoff with Kevin Kisner, Robert Streb and eventual winner, Danny Lee. Hearn's other runner-up finish, also a P2 via sudden death, came at the 2013 John Deere Classic.

In addition to his playoff loss, Hearn's other top-10 finishes this year came at the Shriners Hospital for Children Open (T7) and Zurich Classic of New Orleans (T6). A top ten this week would be his 13<sup>th</sup> since joining the TOUR.

Hearn's lone victory on the Web.com Tour came at the 2004 Alberta Classic held at Redwood Meadows Golf and Country Club in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

Since 2000, just three of the 14 different winners of the RBC Canadian Open have made the title their first on the PGA TOUR – Nathan Green (2009), Chez Reavie (2008) and John Rollins (2002).

Hearn is looking to become the second Canadian to win on TOUR this season (Nick Taylor/Sanderson Farms Championship). Prior to Taylor's win the last Canadian-born player to win on TOUR was Mike Weir at the 2007 Frys.com Open. Stephen Ames (2009 Children's Miracle Network Classic) was the last Canadian resident to win on TOUR.

The last time two Canadians won in the same season was in 2007 (Mike Weir/Frys.com Open and Stephen Ames/Children's Miracle Network Classic).

Canadian players to win on TOUR include: Nick Taylor, Mike Weir, Stephen Ames (Trinidad-born), George Knudson, Al Balding (first Canadian to win on the PGA TOUR), Stan Leonard, Dave Barr, Dan Halldorson and Richard Zokol.

### **Third-Round Leader Stats**

Last year, Jim Furyk held a three-stroke advantage over Tim Clark heading into the final round. Clark fired a 65 on Sunday to edge out Furyk (69) by a single shot to take the trophy.

A total of 49 leaders or co-leaders after 54 holes have gone on to win in 105 previous playings of the RBC Canadian Open.

The third-round leader/co-leader has gone on to win 14 of 36 stroke-play events on TOUR this year, most recently Scott Piercy at the Barbasol Championship.

Since 2008, Brandt Snedeker (2013) and Chez Reavie (2008) are the only two 54-hole leaders to win the RBC Canadian Open.

The largest lead lost after 54 holes at the RBC Canadian Open is five strokes by Sam Snead in 1969.

### **Bubba Watson**

Bubba Watson closed with birdie-par-birdie to cap off a 4-under-par 68 that leaves him two back of Hearn.

Watson leads the field in Strokes Gained Tee to Green this week (9.837). He is also No. 1 in Greens in Regulation (43/54).

Watson is making his sixth start in the RBC Canadian Open this week. His best finish is a T14 at Hamilton Golf and Country Club in 2006 (65-71-68-69—273/-7).

Watson has come-from-behind in six of his eight victories on TOUR. His final-round scoring average in those six wins is 67.00.

Watson has played the final three holes in 8-under-par through the third round. Here's a breakdown of the final three holes.

Rd	No. 16	No. 17	No. 18
1	birdie	par	birdie
2	eagle	par	eagle
3	birdie	par	birdie

### **Jason Day**

Jason Day birdied six out of the last seven holes, including the last four, and fired a 3-under-par 69 to reach 13-under for the tournament.

On Sunday, Day will try and become the third Australian to win the RBC Canadian Open since 1984. Both Nathan Green (2009) and Greg Norman (1984,1992) were victorious at Glen Abbey GC.

Through 11 rounds at Glen Abbey GC, Day's scoring average is 69.82.

In February, Day came from behind to win the Farmers Insurance Open for his third victory on TOUR. Day started the final round two shots back of 54-hole leaders J.B. Holes and Harris English and carded a final-round 70 to get into a four-man playoff. Day defeated Holmes on the second extra hole with a par.

An RBC Golf Ambassador has won four of the last five RBC-sponsored events on TOUR:

2013 RBC Heritage	Graeme McDowell
2013 RBC Canadian Open	Brandt Snedeker
2014 RBC Heritage	Matt Kuchar
2014 RBC Canadian Open	----
2015 RBC Heritage	Jim Furyk

### **Camilo Villegas**

With an eagle at the par-5 18<sup>th</sup>, Camilo Villegas carded a 67 in the third round of the RBC Canadian Open to get within four strokes of the lead.

Out of four victories on TOUR, Villegas has come-from-behind twice in his career. Last year at the Wyndham Championship, Villegas trailed by four strokes heading into Sunday and fired a final-round 7-under-par 63 to win by

one over Bill Haas and Freddie Jacobsen. In 2010, Villegas fired a final-round 4-under-par 66 and overcame a five-stroke deficit at the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola to tie Sergio Garcia at the end of regulation. He went on to defeat Garcia in a playoff for his second TOUR victory in as many weeks.

This week marks Villegas fifth start in a RBC Canadian Open hosted by Glen Abbey GC. His final-round scoring average is 72.33.

### **Ollie Schniederjans**

Coming off of a T12 performance at The Open Championship in his last tournament as an amateur, Ollie Schniederjans is not a member of the PGA TOUR and is making his first start as a professional. He is playing this week courtesy of a sponsor exemption.

The last two sponsor invites to win on the PGA TOUR were Pdraig Harrington at this year's Honda Classic and Lee Westwood at the 2010 FedEx St. Jude Classic.

Should Schniederjans win he can accept membership on the PGA TOUR and become eligible to compete in the FedExCup Playoffs. His FedExCup points earned as a non-member and as a professional (excluding those won at World Golf Championship events as a non-member) are retroactive and will be counted on the official FedExCup points list.

Below are sponsor exemptions to win on TOUR since 1991:

Phil Mickelson	1991 Northern Telecom Open
Vijay Singh	1993 Buick Classic
Tiger Woods	1996 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open
David Gossett	2001 John Deere Classic
Adam Scott	2003 Deutsche Bank Championship
Jason Gore	2005 84 LUMBER Classic
Lee Westwood	2010 FedEx St. Jude Classic
Pdraig Harrington	2015 The Honda Classic

As a Junior and Senior at Georgia Tech, Schniederjans, was a first-team All-American and was also named ACC Player of the Year both years.

Seventeen players have won the RBC Canadian Open in their debut. The last player to accomplish the feat was Chez Reavie in 2008.

In June of 2014, he ascended to No. 1 in the World Amateur Golf Rankings. That same month he competed at the Air Capital Classic on the Web.com Tour and recorded a T5 performance.

### **Miscellaneous**

Second-round leader Chad Campbell struggled on Saturday and carded a 3-over-par 75 to drop back into a tie for sixth. Campbell will start the final round four strokes back of Hearn.

There are 15 Canadians in this week's field: Austin Connelly (MDF), Corey Conners (MC), Graham DeLaet (WD), Brad Fritsch (MC), Adam Hadwin (T20), Blair Hamilton (MDF), David Hearn (1), Richard Jung (MC), Taylor Pendrith (MC), Garrett Rank (MC), Justin Shin (MC), Roger Sloan (MC), Adam Svensson (T26), Nick Taylor (T66) and Billy Walsh (MC).

J.J Spaun(T57) is the lone Mackenzie Tour - PGA TOUR Canada member to make the cut in this week's RBC Canadian Open.

Spaun posted five straight top-10 finishes on the MacKenzie Tour, including three consecutive performances in the top three and a win at the Staal Foundation Open presented by Tbaytel.

There are seven past RBC Canadian Open champions in the field: Tim Clark/2014 (T48), Scott Piercy/2012 (MDF), Sean O'Hair/2011 (MC), Chez Reavie/2008 (T57), Jim Furyk/2006, 2007 (T6), Vijay Singh/2004 (MC) and Scott Verplank/2001 (T70).

For the third consecutive day, the par-5 16<sup>th</sup> ranked as the easiest hole with an average of 4.385, while the par-4 14<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> played the toughest on Saturday with a 4.31 scoring average.

Bogey-free rounds:

R1: Ricky Barnes (68), Martin Flores (68) and Chad Collins (70).

R2: Chad Campbell (63), David Hearn (64), Michael Putnam (65), Austin Connelly (65), Johnson Wagner (66), J.J. Henry (67), Eric Axley (68), Alex Cejka (70).

R3: Roberto Castro (67), Michael Putnam (68), Jim Furyk (68), Jonas Blixt (69), James Hahn (69).

Scoring Averages at the par-72 Glen Abbey GC:

	<b>Front 9</b>	<b>Back 9</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Cumulative</b>
R1:	35.006	36.123	71.129	--
R2:	34.779	36.452	71.231	--
R3:	35.033	36.265	71.287	71.205