

# 2015 RBC Canadian Open **Broadcast Window & Pre-Tournament Notes**





# ShotLink Keys to Victory for Tim Clark

RBC Canadian Open champion Tim Clark recorded his 2<sup>nd</sup> career win on TOUR in his 284<sup>th</sup> start. Tim Clark averaged just 266.9 yards from the tee on Royal Montreal ranking 2<sup>nd</sup> to last in the field. This marked the shortest average driving distance by a TOUR winner last season. However, he was the most accurate player from the tee finding the fairway 83.9% of the time marking the best driving accuracy percentage by a TOUR winner last season.

Clark ranked T-4<sup>th</sup> for greens in regulation and 4<sup>th</sup> for proximity to the hole averaging just over 27 feet to the pin on all approach shots. However, when he missed a green in regulation he successfully salvaged par or better a field leading 18 of 20 times (1<sup>st</sup> in the field). Clark was a perfect 7 for 7 from the greenside bunkers averaging 4' 0" on all 7 of his bunker shots for the week (4<sup>th</sup> closest in the field from greenside bunkers).

YTD Stats Entering Week vs. '14 RBC Canadian Open Stats				
Stat	YTD Rank Entering RBC	YTD Stat Entering RBC	RBC Rank	RBC Stat
Driving Distance	191 <sup>st</sup>	269.8	71 <sup>st</sup>	266.9
Driving Accuracy Pct.	3 <sup>rd</sup>	73.75%	1 <sup>st</sup>	83.93%
Greens in Regulation Pct.	116 <sup>th</sup>	64.38%	T4	72.22%
Proximity to Hole	1 <sup>st</sup>	31' 8"	4 <sup>th</sup>	27' 1"
Sand Save Percentage	8 <sup>th</sup>	60.22%	T1	100.00%
Proximity to Hole - Sand	T21	8' 1"	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4' 0"
Scrambling	84 <sup>th</sup>	58.50%	1 <sup>st</sup>	90.00%
Strokes Gained: Putting	122 <sup>nd</sup>	112	2 <sup>nd</sup>	+1.617
3-Putt Avoidance	110 <sup>th</sup>	3.08%	T1	.00%
Putting from 4-8'	59 <sup>th</sup>	69.44%	1 <sup>st</sup>	93.33%
Putting from - 10-15'	188 <sup>th</sup>	20.71%	1 <sup>st</sup>	66.67%

**Tim Clark** 

Entering the week, Clark ranked 122<sup>nd</sup> on FOUR for Strokes Gained: Putting.

lowever. he outperformed the field by +1.6 strokes per ound on the greens anking 2<sup>nd</sup> for Strokes Gained: Putting.

Clark finished the week off in style with 8 one-putts on his final nine holes of the event including an impressive back nine 30 to beat Jim Furyk by 1 shot. On his opening nine holes Clark failed to make a putt from over 5 feet losing over 1 shot to the field with his putter.

Tim Clark on the Greens in the Final Round 2014 RBC Canadian Open

Stat	Front 9	Back 9		
Strokes Gained-Putting	-1.034	+4.201		
One-Putts	4	8		
Putts Made Over 5 Feet	0	9		
Total Feet of Putts Made	22' 9"	88' 8"		

Clark's back nine consisted of 8 one-putts, all 9 putts made from outside 5 feet, nearly 89 feet of putts made and outperforming the field by over 4 strokes with his putter alone.



# 2013 Course & Hole Statistics Glen Abbey GC

#### Courses with the Toughest Fairways to Hit

Rank	Course	%
1	Torrey Pines (North)	47.01
2	Waialae CC	48.03
3	Torrey Pines (South)	49.59
4	Glen Abbey GC	51.14
5	Quail Hollow Club	51.73

In 2013, Glenn Abbey ranked as the 4<sup>th</sup> toughest fairways to hit on TOUR. 2013 RBC Canadian Open winner, Brandt Snedeker ranked 58<sup>th</sup> for the week hitting 44.64% (25 of 56) of his fairways.

#### Courses with the Shortest Fairway Proximity

Rank	Course	Avg
1	Glen Abbey GC	27' 3"
2	Annandale GC	27' 7"
3	PGA West (Palmer)	28' 5"
4	TPC Southwind	28' 6"
5	TPC Deere Run	28' 10"

# Fairway Proximity Leaders 2013 RBC Canadian Open

Rank Player		Proximity
1	Ernie Els	20' 7"
2	Steve LeBrun	22' 1"
3	Jim Furyk	22' 2"
3	Brandt Snedeker	22' 2"
5	Charley Hoffman	22' 3"

Glen Abbey GC ranked  $1^{st}$  in 2013 for courses with the shortest proximity to the hole from the sand. Bob Estes led the field for the week averaging 2' 10" from the sand on 7 shots out of the trap.

#### Courses with the Shortest Proximity to Hole – Greenside Bunkers

Rank	Course	Proximity
1	Glen Abbey GC	7' 9"
2	Colonial CC	7' 10"
3	Harbour Town Golf Links	8' 0"
4	Muirfield Village GC	8' 1"
5	Pebble Beach Golf Links	8' 4"

# **Courses with Most Eagles**

Rank	Course	Par	Yds	Avg Score	Eagles
1	Glen Abbey GC	72	7253	71.603	61
2	Riviera CC	71	7349	71.85	58
3	Trump Intrntl GC - Puerto Rico	72	7506	70.229	53
4	TPC Scottsdale	71	7216	68.954	50
5	Waialae CC	70	7044	68.901	46



# 2013 Course & Hole Statistics Glen Abbey GC

Rank	Course	Hole	Par	Yardage	%
1	Redstone GC (Tournament)	18	4	488	25.4
2	Glen Abbey GC	18	5	524	22.3
3	Congressional CC	16	5	579	21
4	Redstone GC (Tournament)	4	5	566	20.8
5	TPC Louisiana	7	5	561	20.6

# Holes with the Highest Fairway Bunker Tendency from the Tee

The 18<sup>th</sup> hole at Glen Abbey had the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest percentage of players finding the fairway bunker on TOUR. A total of 101 players found the fairway bunker on the par 5, including 2013 Champion Brandt Snedeker in rounds 1 & 4.

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Rank	Hole	Par	Yds	Avg Scr	Avg O/U	Eagle	Birdie	Par	Bogey	<b>Dbl Bogey</b>	Other
14	01	4	417	3.941	059	0	92	310	50	6	1
17	02	5	527	4.597	403	15	194	213	34	3	0
7	03	4	437	4.089	+.089	0	71	283	100	3	2
10	04	3	197	3.002	+.002	1	74	320	52	11	1
13	05	4	433	3.972	028	1	86	301	67	4	0
4	06	4	458	4.159	+.159	0	69	279	86	22	3
9	07	3	156	3.052	+.052	0	81	287	79	10	2
2	08	4	485	4.216	+.216	1	40	288	120	9	1
11	09	4	414	3.983	017	1	81	304	71	2	0
Front 9 Totals		35	3524	35.011	0.011	19	788	2585	659	70	10
Front 9 Avg			391.56	3.89	+ 0.001	2.11	87.56	287.22	73.22	7.78	1.11
5	10	4	443	4.113	+.113	1	50	308	96	4	0
6	11	4	452	4.109	+.109	1	71	286	81	18	2
3	12	3	202	3.168	+.168	0	46	302	100	10	1
15	13	5	558	4.664	336	8	198	198	50	5	0
1	14	4	457	4.248	+.248	0	40	292	103	21	3
12	15	3	141	2.980	020	0	74	328	50	6	1
18	16	5	516	4.575	425	11	212	199	36	0	1
8	17	4	436	4.074	+.074	1	77	281	88	11	1
16	18	5	524	4.660	340	20	191	188	49	7	4
Back 9 Totals		37	3729	36.591	-0.409	42	959	2382	653	82	13
Back 9 Avg			414.33	4.07	- 0.045	4.67	106.56	264.67	72.56	9.11	1.44
TOTAL			7253	71.602	-0.398	61	1747	4967	1312	152	23
AVG			402.94	3.98	- 0.022	3.39	97.06	275 <b>.</b> 94	72.89	8.44	1.28

Most Aces in an	Event on	TOUR	since 1983

Year	Event	# of Aces
2009	RBC Canadian Open	8
2004	John Deere Classic	5

# Most Aces On a Hole in a PGA TOUR Event since 1983

Year	Event	Hole	# of Aces
2009	RBC Canadian Open	15	4
2006	THE PLAYERS Championship	13	4
1992	Buick Classic	6	4
1989	U.S. Open Championship	6	4



# Broadcast Window Notes 2015 RBC Canadian Open (FedExCup Summary)

### **FedExCup Summary**

There are only 5 week's remaining in the FedExCup regular season to earn enough points to qualify for the Playoffs. However, in the 5 remaining weeks there are 6 tournaments where players can earn FedExCup points.

During the week of the WGC-Bridgestone Invitational players that didn't qualify have an opportunity to play in the Barracuda Championship (300 points to the winner). Each one of these events gives players an opportunity to earn FedExCup points to move them in position to qualify for the 2014-15 FedExCup Playoffs.

#### Top 125 Bubble Entering Week # 36

Rank	Player	Points
120	S.J. Park	410
121	Andres Gonzales	408
122	Vijay Singh	406
123	Mark Wilson	402
124	Scott Langley	394
125	Stewart Cink	389
126	Tom Gillis	384
127	Blayne Barber	380
128	Alex Prugh	378
129	Brian Stuard	377
130	Billy Hurley III	373

Entering Week #35, only 37 points separate 120<sup>th</sup> to 130<sup>th</sup> in the standings. However, only 5 points separate the 125<sup>th</sup> position from the 126<sup>th</sup> position.

In 2014, it took 438 points to finish in the 125<sup>th</sup> position to get into the Playoffs (Robert Allenby). 1 point separated Robert Allenby from Nicholas Thompson who was in the 126<sup>th</sup> position at 437 points.

#### Highest Ranked Players Entering 2014 RBC Canadian Open to Qualify for 2014 FedExCup Playoffs

Player	Entering Week	Final '14 FEC Finish
Andres Romero	126 <sup>th</sup>	110 <sup>th</sup>
Nick Watney	134 <sup>th</sup>	94 <sup>th</sup>
Gonzalo Fdez-Castano	138 <sup>th</sup>	119 <sup>th</sup>
Geoff Ogilvy	158 <sup>th</sup>	90 <sup>th</sup>

Last year entering the 2014 RBC Canadian Open, 4 players who ranked outside the top 125 played their way into the FedExCup Playoffs over the next 5 weeks.

# Andres Romero Outside Looking in Last 3 Seasons Entering RBC Canadian Open

Year	Entering RBC Canadian Open	Final FEC Finish	A a
This Season	166th	??	ł
Last Season	126th	110th	p
2013	147th	120th	C

Andres Romero finds himself in the same position as the last 2 seasons, outside of the top 125 (126<sup>th</sup>) neaded into the RBC Canadian Open. Romero blayed his way into the FedExCup Playoffs in each of the last 2 seasons.

# Highest Ranked Players to Qualify for the TOUR Championship Entering the '14 RBC Canadian Open

Player	Entering '14 RBC Canadian	2014 FEC Finish
Geoff Ogilvy	158 <sup>th</sup>	<b>29</b> <sup>th</sup>
Morgan Hoffman	120 <sup>th</sup>	26 <sup>th</sup>
Hunter Mahan	74 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>
Billy Horschel	61 <sup>st</sup>	Won
Cameron Tringale	48 <sup>th</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup>

Last year, Geoff Ogilvy entered the RBC Canadian Open ranked 158<sup>th</sup> in the FEC standings and went on to finish 29<sup>th</sup> in the FedExCup standings.



# Players Currently Outside the Top 125 Who have Qualified for FedExCup Playoffs Every Year

Player	Current Ranks
Ernie Els	179 <sup>th</sup>
Steve Stricker	177 <sup>th</sup>
Freddie Jacobson	156 <sup>th</sup>
Brian Davis	151 <sup>st</sup>
K.J. Choi	148 <sup>th</sup>
Aaron Baddeley	146 <sup>th</sup>
Bo Van Pelt	144 <sup>th</sup>
Geoff Ogilvy	136 <sup>th</sup>

In the 8 year history of the FedExCup Playoffs, there are 30 players who have qualified every season. Of those 30 players, 8 are currently on the outside looking in to make it for a 9<sup>th</sup> consecutive season.

Ernie Els is the highest ranked player at 179<sup>th</sup> seeking to make another big move entering the FedExCup Playoffs (see Els FEC Playoff performance in his featured pairing below).



# Broadcast Window Notes 2015 RBC Canadian Open (featured groups)

# <u>Jason Day</u>

Coming off back-to-back top 10 finishes in his last two starts (T-9<sup>th</sup> U.S. Open & T-4<sup>th</sup> The Open Championship) Jason Day currently ranks 16<sup>th</sup> in the FedExCup standings. Day is set to make his 14<sup>th</sup> start this season and 3<sup>rd</sup> at the RBC Canadian Open.

Birdie Average Leaders	
2014-15 PGA TOUR Season	

Rank	Player	Average	In 44 rounds this season, Ja
1	Jordan Spieth	4.60	birdies for an average of 4.5
2	Jason Day	4.57	improved this average since
3	Justin Rose	4.48	average of 3.58 birdies per
4	Jimmy Walker	4.34	Jason Day is making one m
5	Dustin Johnson	4.31	average of 3.52.

In 44 rounds this season, Jason Day has made a total of 201 birdies for an average of 4.57 birdies per round. Day has improved this average since last season ranking 63<sup>rd</sup> making an average of 3.58 birdies per round.

ason Day is making one more birdie per round than the TOUR verage of 3.52.

\*Field Avg. 3.52

### Bounce Back Leaders 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season

Rank	Player	%	
1	Brooks Koepka	34.04	
2	Jason Day	32.99	
3	Bubba Watson	28.71	
4	Kevin Na	28.57	
5	Jordan Spieth	28.37	1

Jason Day ranks 2<sup>nd</sup> on TOUR in bounce back percentage this season making an under par score 32.99% of the time after making a bogey or worse on the previous hole.



# Luke Donald

Luke Donald is set make his 16<sup>th</sup> start on TOUR and 8<sup>th</sup> start at the RBC Canadian Open this week. Donald currently ranks 118<sup>th</sup> in the FedExCup standings on the strength of 2 top 10's and 4 top 25's this season.

### Luke Donald Career in FedExCup

Year	FEC Rank	
This Season	118th	
Last Season	89th	
2013	28th	
2012	9th	
2011	3rd	
2010	3rd	
2009	30rd	
2008	105th	
2007	31th	

Luke Donald started his FedExCup career missing the top 30 in his first 2 years, then making it into the top 30 in his next consecutive 5 seasons. Donald is in search of making it to the TOUR Championship for the  $6^{th}$  time in his career.

In his last two starts on TOUR, Luke Donald has finished T-7<sup>th</sup> at the Travelers Championship and T-12<sup>th</sup> at The Open Championship. In his last 8 rounds, he has 6 rounds in the 60's and has played 7 of the 8 under par.

#### Luke Donald First 13 Events vs. Last 2

Stat	First 13	Last 2
Best Finish	T7	T7
Rounds Played	43	8
Rounds In the 60's	16	6
Score to Par	+17	-20

Donald's 20 under par in his last 2 starts is 37 shots better than his previous 13 starts on TOUR.

# Ranking Inside the Top 30 of Strokes Gained-Putting (Since 2005)

Player	# of Years
Donald, Luke	9
Gay, Brian	9
Baddeley, Aaron	9

Since 2005, Luke Donald, Brian Gay and Aaron Baddeley are the only 3 players that have ranked inside the top 30 in Strokes Gained: Putting in the last 9 out of 10 seasons.

#### Proximity to Hole from Sand Leaders 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season

Rank	Player	Distance	1
1	Luke Donald	6' 3"	] [
2	Roberto Castro	6' 6"	(
3	Steven Alker	7' 0"	3
4	Vijay Singh	7' 1"	
T5	3 players	7' 3"	

No one hits it closer out of greenside bunkers than Luke Donald. This season, Luke Donald is averaging 6' 3" to the hole out of greenside bunkers. His 6' 3" average is over 3 feet shorter than the TOUR average of 9' 7".



# Graham DeLaet

Currently ranked 83<sup>rd</sup> in the FedExCup standings, Graham DeLaet is making his 7<sup>th</sup> appearance at the RBC Canadian Open with his best finish coming last year finishing T-7<sup>th</sup>.

Last season at Royal Montreal, Graham DeLaet ranked inside the top 20 in several categories including Total Driving. For the week, Graham combined distance and accuracy ranking 10<sup>th</sup> in Driving Distance & T-14<sup>th</sup> in Driving Accuracy ranking 3<sup>rd</sup> for Total Driving. In every opportunity that Graham had in Going for the Green he took it ranking T-1<sup>st</sup> in Going for Green Percentage. DeLaet went on to make birdie or better 70% of the time when Going for the Green (7 birdies of 10 attempts).

Stat	Rank	Value	Field Avg.
Driving Distance	10th	290.3	281.0
Driving Accuracy Percentage	T14th	69.64%	62.59
Total Driving	3rd	24	72
Greens in Regulation Percentage	T16th	68.06%	60.55
Going for the Green	T1st	100.00%	47.58
Going for the Green – Birdie or Better %	20 <sup>th</sup>	70.00%	56.53
Proximity to Hole	5th	27' 9"	34' 9"
Fairway Proximity	5th	24' 4"	31' 8"

#### Graham DeLaet Tee-to-Green at RBC Canadian Open vs. the Field

# **Brooks Koepka**

Brooks Koepka currently ranks 18<sup>th</sup> in the FedExCup Standings on the strength of 1 win (WMPO) 5 top 10's and 9 top 25 finishes this season. Koepka is coming off of 3 straight top 25 finishes in his last 3 starts, including a T-10<sup>th</sup> at last weeks The open Championship.

Brooks ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in Greens in Regulation at The Open Championship, hitting 64 of 72 (88.89%) for the week. This marked the 2<sup>nd</sup> time in his career where he has ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in Greens In Regulation (2015 AT&T Byron Nelson).

#### Brooks Koepka Most Greens hit in an Event on TOUR

YearTournament# of Greens Hit2015The Open Championship642015AT&T Byron Nelson582015U.S. Open562015Waste Management Phoenix Open542014Frys.com Open54

#### Total Eagle Leaders 2014-15 PGA TOUR

Last week. Brooks hit 6 more

Greens In Regulation than his

previous best of 58 at the 2015

AT&T Byron Nelson.

Rank	Player	# of Eagles
1	Brooks Koepka	15
2	Hideki Matsuyama	13
2	Justin Thomas	13
4	Matt Kuchar	11
4	Jhonattan Vegas	11
4	J.B. Holmes	11
4	Danny Lee	11

Brooks Koepka leads the TOUR in total Eagles making 15 in 56 rounds played this season. Koepka has 10 more eagles than the TOUR average of 5.



# **Scott Piercy**

2012 RBC Canadian Open Champion, Scott Piercy is set to make his 6<sup>th</sup> RBC Canadian Open start this week.

Scott Piercy picked up his 2<sup>nd</sup> career PGA TOUR victory at the 2012 RBC Canadian Open. Piercy was dialed in the par 5's at Hamilton G&CC with a score of 8 under par (T-1<sup>st</sup> with J.B. Holmes). On the greens he ranked 4<sup>th</sup> for Strokes Gained: Putting (+1.8), and was 1 of 2 players not to miss a putt from 4 to 8 feet for the week (McGirt) going a perfect 11 for 11 from this distance.

Scott Piercy recorded his third PGA TOUR victory in his 185<sup>th</sup> start at the inaugural Barbasol Championship last week. Piercy started the week ranked 42<sup>nd</sup> in the FedExCup standings and moved into the 21<sup>st</sup> position after his victory.

**Strokes Gained: Tee-to-Green:** Scott Piercy led the field in Strokes Gained: Tee-to-Green outperforming the field by +3.684 per round. This marked the second time where Scott has led the field in this category in his career.

#### **Strokes Gained: Scott Piercy**

Stat	Rank	Value
SG: Tee-to-Green	1 <sup>st</sup>	+3.684
SG: Putting	$49^{th}$	+0.119
SG: Total	1 <sup>st</sup>	+3.803

For the week, Scott Piercy ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in Strokes Gained: Tee-to-Green & 49<sup>th</sup> in Strokes Gained: Putting, marking the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest ranked player in SG: Putting to win this season (James Hahn, Northern Trust Open 50<sup>th</sup>).

#### Scott Piercy Career Best Strokes Gained: Tee-to-Green

Year	Tournament	SG: Tee-to-Green	Scott Piercy had his career best
2015	Barbasol Championship	+3.684	performance in Strokes Gained: Tee
2012	John Deere Classic	+3.124	Green at the Barbasol Championshi
2013	HP Byron Nelson Championship	+2.764	<ul> <li>outperforming his previous best at the 2012 John Deere Classic by a half a</li> </ul>
2013	the Memorial Tournament	+2.648	= stroke (+0.56).
2013	Sony Open in Hawaii	+2.397	

Scott Piercy ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in Fairway Proximity averaging 24' 2" to the flagstick from the fairway. His 24' 2" is nearly 6 feet closer than the field average of 30 feet.

Piercy made his  $5^{th}$  longest putt in his career on the  $2^{nd}$  hole in the final round making a 57' 10" birdie putt.

#### Scott Piercy vs. The Field 2015 Barbasol Championship

Stat	Rank	Value	Field Avg.				
Driving Distance	3 <sup>rd</sup>	306.6	288.9				
Greens In Regulation	T-1	87.50%	70.41%				
Proximity to Hole	10 <sup>th</sup>	28' 3"	33' 5"				
Fairway Proximity	4 <sup>th</sup>	24' 2"	30' 0"				
Putting From > 25'	7 <sup>th</sup>	14.29%	4.34%				
Longest Putt Made	10 <sup>th</sup>	57' 10"	82' 6" (Longest)				
Par 4 Birdie or Better %	T-2	34.09%	17.29%				



# **Graeme McDowell**

Graeme McDowell currently enters the week ranked 155<sup>th</sup> in the race for the FedExCup and is seeking to make it to the TOUR Championship for the first time in his career. Graeme is set to make his 4<sup>th</sup> RBC Canadian Open start, finishing T-9<sup>th</sup> in 2014.

#### Putting From > 25 Feet Leaders 2014-15 PGA TOUR

Rank	Player	%
1	Graeme McDowell	12.35%
2	Cameron Smith	10.29%
3	Matt Jones	10.00%
4	Will Wilcox	8.97%
5	Fabian Gomez	8.96%

Graeme McDowell currently leads the TOUR in Putting from over 25 feet, making 10 of 81 attempts (12.35%) from this distance.

# Strokes Gained Ranks

This Season vs. Last Season						
Last This Stat Season Season						
SG: Tee-to-Green	68 <sup>th</sup>	174 <sup>th</sup>				
SG: Putting	1 <sup>st</sup>	66 <sup>th</sup>				
SG: Total	13 <sup>th</sup>	157 <sup>th</sup>				

Last season, Graeme McDowell ranked 68<sup>th</sup> in Strokes Gained: Tee-to-Green & 1<sup>st</sup> in Strokes Gained: Putting. However, this season Graeme has been struggling with his ball striking and putting ranking 174<sup>th</sup> in Strokes Gained: Tee-to-Green & 66<sup>th</sup> in Strokes Gained: Putting.

# **Bubba Watson**

Currently 3<sup>rd</sup> in the FedExCup standings, Bubba Watson is coming off only his 2<sup>nd</sup> missed cut of the season. In his 12 starts in the 2014-15 PGA TOUR season, Bubba has 5 top 10's and 8 top 25's. Bubba is 1 of 30 players who have made it to the FedExCup Playoffs in every season of Playoff existence and is 1 of 6 who have made it into the top 70 since 2007.

# Players to Make it to the BMW Championship (Top 70) in Every Season of the FedExCup

Player	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
*Watson, Bubba	5	37	13	26	22	53	30	37
Hoffman, Charley	53	61	69	41	4	37	68	50
Furyk, Jim	4	14	15	36	1	4	5	11
Mickelson, Phil	68	9	5	15	13	2	7	3
Mahan, Hunter	6	20	19	7	18	27	18	15
Els, Ernie	41	68	26	67	9	16	13	19

\*Currently 3<sup>rd</sup> in the standings

Bubba Watson leads the TOUR in Driving Distance (All Drives), averaging 305.4 yards off the tee. Watson is averaging 25 yards longer than the TOUR average of 280 yards.

#### Driving Distance (All-Drives) Leaders 2014-15 PGA TOUR

Rank	Player	Distance				
1	Bubba Watson	305.4				
2	Dustin Johnson	302.4				
3	J.B. Holmes	298.8				
4	Jason Day	297.0				
5	Patrick Rodgers	296.9				

\*TOUR Average 280.0



# **Jim Furyk**

Jim Furyk currently ranks 25<sup>th</sup> in the FedExCup standings and is seeking to stay inside the top 30 and make it to the TOUR Championship for the 8<sup>th</sup> time. In his seven trips to the TOUR Championship, Jim Furyk has yet to finish outside of the top 15. In fact, Furyk is 1 of 2 players (Phil Mickelson) to rank inside the top 15 of the FedExCup for 7 PGA TOUR seasons.

WOSt TIMES No	most times trained inside the top to on toolt in the redexcup standings							2
Player	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Furyk, Jim	4 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>	50		4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>
Mickelson, Phil	68 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>

#### Most Times Ranked Inside the Top 15 on TOUR in the FedExCup Standings

2006 & 2007 RBC Canadian Open champion, Jim Furyk is set to make his 13th start at this event. Furyk came one shot shy of getting in a playoff for his 3rd RBC Canadian Open title last season. Furyk led the field in Strokes Gained: Tee-to-Green and Greens in Regulation at last year's event outperforming the field by +3.212 strokes per round Tee-to-Green and hit 81.94% of his Greens in Regulation.

# Strokes Gained: Tee-to-Green Leaders 2014 RBC Canadian Open

Rank	Player	SG: Tee-to-Green
1	Jim Furyk	+3.212
2	Gonzalo Fdez-Castano	+2.868
3	Graeme McDowell	+2.807
4	Tim Clark	+2.476
5	Michael Putnam	+2.288

#### **Greens In Regulation Leaders** 2014 RBC Canadian Open

Rank	Player	%
1	Jim Furyk	81.94
2	Justin Hicks	79.17
3	Gonzalo Fdez-Castano	73.61
4	Will Wilcox	72.22
4	Tim Clark	72.22

No one on TOUR averages closer to the hole on approach shots than Jim Furyk. This season, Jim Furyk is averaging 31' 8" to the hole on all approach shots to the green. His 31' 8" from the hole is 4 feet closer than the TOUR average of 35' 8".

# Proximity to Hole Leaders 2014-15 PGA TOUR

Rank	Player	Proximity to Hole
1	Jim Furyk	31' 8"
2	Jason Bohn	31' 10"
3	Russell Knox	32' 2"
3	Jason Gore	32' 2"
5	Lucas Glover	32' 7"
5	Chez Reavie	32' 7"
*TOI	IR Average 35'	8"

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#### **Most Bogey-Free Rounds** PGA TOUR Since 2000

Player	# of Rounds	
Furyk, Jim	143	
Howell III, Charles	121	
Kelly, Jerry	106	
Gay, Brian	93	
Woods, Tiger	90	

Since 2000, Jim Furyk has played 1,299 rounds on the PGA TOUR. Of his 1,299 rounds played he has recorded 143 of them bogey-free. Furyk's 143 bogey-free rounds is 22 more than the next best player Charles Howell III with 121.



# **Tim Clark**

Defending RBC Canadian Open Champion, Tim Clark currently ranks 104<sup>th</sup> in the FedExCup standings on the strength of 1 top 10 and 2 top 25 finishes this season. Clark is set to make only his 9<sup>th</sup> start of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR season and 5<sup>th</sup> RBC Canadian Open appearance.

# 2014 RBC Canadian Open Victory:

Clark finished the week off in style with 8 one-putts on his final nine holes of the event including an impressive back nine 30 to beat Jim Furyk by 1 shot. On his opening nine holes Clark failed to make a putt from over 5 feet losing over 1 shot to the field with his putter.

#### Tim Clark on the Greens in the Final Round 2014 RBC Canadian Open

Stat	Front 9	Back 9	
Strokes Gained-Putting	-1.034	+4.201	
One-Putts	4	8	
Putts Made Over 5 Feet	0	9	
Total Feet of Putts Made	22' 9"	88' 8"	

Clark's back nine consisted of 8 one-putts, all 9 putts made from outside 5 feet, nearly 89 feet of putts made and outperforming the field by over 4 strokes with his putter alone.

# Ernie Els

The furthest any player has gone starting the Wyndham Championship outside the cut line since 2009 (new point structure) is Ernie Els in 2011. Els started the Wyndham Championship ranked 126<sup>th</sup> in the standings and went onto finish 67<sup>th</sup> in the standings in 2011.

Last season, Ernie was ranked 115<sup>th</sup> entering the RBC Canadian Open and rallied finishing 41<sup>st</sup> in the final FedExCup standings.

This season, Ernie ranks 179<sup>th</sup> marking the furthest outside of the top 125 in the FedExCup standings he has ever been at this point in the season. Ernie is 1 of 30 players who have never finished outside of the top 125 in any season of the year end FedExCup standings.

# Players Currently Outside the Top 125 Who have Qualified for FedExCup Playoffs Every Year

Player	Current Ranks	Ir
Ernie Els	179 <sup>th</sup>	tł
Steve Stricker	177 <sup>th</sup>	S
Freddie Jacobson	156 <sup>th</sup>	tł
Brian Davis	151 <sup>st</sup>	
K.J. Choi	148 <sup>th</sup>	E
Aaron Baddeley	146 <sup>th</sup>	s
Bo Van Pelt	144 <sup>th</sup>	F
Geoff Ogilvy	136 <sup>th</sup>	

In the 8 year history of the FedExCup Playoffs, there are 30 players who have qualified every season. Of those 30 players, 8 are currently on the outside looking in to make it for a 9<sup>th</sup> consecutive season.

Ernie Els is the highest ranked player at **179<sup>th</sup>** seeking to make another big move entering the FedExCup Playoffs.

Ernie Els is set to make his 7<sup>th</sup> RBC Canadian Open start, last season Ernie moved from 116<sup>th</sup> to 105<sup>th</sup> in the FedExCup standings with a T-12<sup>th</sup> place finish at this event. In his 6 starts at the RBC Canadian Open, Ernie has 4 top 25 finishes and 2 missed cuts.

#### Ernie ElsCareer Finishes at RBC Canadian Open

Year	Tournament Finish	
2014	T12	
2013	T21	
2012	CUT	
2011	T17	
1998	CUT	
1996	T20	



# Matt Kuchar

Matt Kuchar is making his 19<sup>th</sup> PGA TOUR start of 2014-15 PGA TOUR season. He currently ranks 34<sup>th</sup> in the race for the FedExCup on the strength of 3 top 10's and 9 top 25 finishes. Kuchar is making his 9<sup>th</sup> appearance at the RBC Canadian Open; he has finished inside the top 5 in his last two starts at this event (T-4<sup>th</sup> 2014 & T-2<sup>nd</sup> 2013).

In the last two PGA TOUR seasons, Matt Kuchar has struggled leading into the RBC Canadian Open, not finishing inside the top 10 in his last 5 PGA TOUR starts. season.

# Matt Kuchar Previous 5 Starts Leading into 2014 & 2015 RBC Canadian Open

Stat	2014	2015
Rounds Under Par	8 of 18	10 of 18
Top 25's	2	1
Top 10's	0	0
Best Finish	T-12 (U.S. Open)	T-12 (U.S. Open)

Kuchar used this event last season to snap his 5 consecutive events without a top 10 finish. Kuchar is in a similar spot this season going top 10-less in his last 5 starts entering this week.

# Most top 10's Since 2010

Player	Top 10's	S
Kuchar, Matt	51	C
Dustin Johnson	42	٧
Rory McIlroy	42	te
Jim Furyk	41	

Since 2010, no one has more top 10's than Matt Kuchar. In 136 events on TOUR, he has accumulated 51 top 10's including 5 wins.

When Kuchar tees it up he has a 37.50% chance of finishing inside the op 10 of a PGA TOUR event.

# Hunter Mahan

Hunter Mahan had the 36-hole lead the last time this event was at Glen Abbey at the 2013 RBC Canadian Open and had to withdraw after getting a call from his wife who was due with their first child at any moment. At this event Hunter has 2 top 10's (2007 finishing T-5<sup>th</sup> & 2004 finishing T-4<sup>th</sup>) and 4 top 25 finishes.

Year and Course	Finish	
2014 Royal Montreal	CUT	
2013 Glen Abbey GC	W/D	
2012 Hamilton G&CC	T48	
2011 Shaughnessy G&CC	T34	
2010 St. George's G&CC	T17	
2007 Angus Glen GC	Т5	
2006 Hamilton G&CC	T60	
2005 Shaughnessy G&CC	T24	
2004 Glen Abbey GC	T4	
2003 Hamilton G&CC	T42	
Scoring Average	69.67	

# Hunter Mahan's Career at RBC Canadian Open

Hunter Mahan FedExCup Standings Last Season vs. This Season

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Year	Entering RBC Canadian Open	FedExCup Finish	
Last Season	68 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	
This Season	71 <sup>st</sup>	??	

Last season, Hunter ranked 68<sup>th</sup> in the FedExCup and eventually went on a late season run finishing 6<sup>th</sup>. This season, he looks to start his run a little sooner currently ranked 71<sup>st</sup> in the FEC standings.