

2015 RBC Heritage Broadcast Window & Pre-Tournament Notes



ShotLink Keys to Victory for Matt Kuchar

After 3-putting from inside of 5 feet on the 17th hole for just the 6th time in his career since 2003 (in ShotLink era), Kuchar went onto hole out from the greenside bunker from 19 yards on the 72nd hole to reclaim the outright lead over Luke Donald.

Front Greenside Bunker on 18th at Harbour Town Golf Links

Since 2003, there have been 552 attempts from the front greenside bunker on the 18th hole at Harbour Town Golf Links. 294 of the 552 sand save attempts (54.3%) have been able to make par or better on the 18th hole.

18th Hole Scoring Breakdown

Front Greenside Bunker Harbour Town GL (since 2003)

Score	Value	% of all attempts
Birdie	7	1%
Par	287	52%
Bogey or Worse	258	47%
<i>Total Attempts: 552</i>		

1% chance of making birdie: In the 552 attempts from the front greenside bunker Kuchar was just the 7th player to make birdie. This works out to just 1% of all attempts finding the hole from the front greenside bunker on the 18th hole.

Matt Kuchar hit a field leading 73.6% of his greens in regulation en route to victory on a course with the toughest greens to hit on the 2013 PGA TOUR. This was Kuchar's 2nd consecutive victory on TOUR while leading the field for greens in regulation (he also led for greens in regulation in his last victory at the 2013 Memorial Tournament).

Matt Kuchar vs. The 2014 RBC Heritage Field

Stat	Kuchar Rank	Kuchar Stat	Field Average
Driving Accuracy Percentage	T7th	73.21%	64.87
Greens in Regulation Percentage	1st	73.61%	56.21
Proximity to Hole	3rd	30' 7"	36' 1"
Sand Save Percentage	T12th	71.43%	53.78
Scrambling	11th	73.68%	61.12
Strokes Gained: Putting	12th	1.165	- - -
Total Birdies	1st	19	8
Par 4 Scoring Average	1st	3.86	4.10
Par 4 Birdie or Better Leaders	T1st	25.00%	12.23

2013-14 Course & Hole Statistics Harbour Town Golf Links

Courses with the Shortest Drives (All Drives)

Rank	Course	All Drives
1	Harbour Town Golf Links	257.7
2	Pebble Beach Golf Links	265.3
3	Innisbrook Resort - Copperhead	266.4
4	Seaside Course	271.3
5	PGA National (Champion)	272.7

Courses with the Toughest Greens to Hit

Rank	Course	%
1	JW Marriott, TPC San Antonio	55.2
2	Harbour Town Golf Links	56.2
3	Pinehurst No. 2	56.5
4	Torrey Pines (South)	57.2
5	Trump National Doral	57.6

Most Greens Hit in Regulation by a Winner at Harbour Town GL since 1980

Year	Player	Rank	%	Greens Hit
1997	Price, Nick	1	75	54
2014	Kuchar, Matt	1	73.61	53
1992	Love III, Davis	1	73.61	53
1996	Roberts, Loren	3	70.83	51
1994	Irwin, Hale	8	70.83	51
1983	Zoeller, Fuzzy	1	70.83	51

Since 1980, the average winner of the RBC Heritage hits 46 greens in regulation at Harbour Town GL.

The most greens in regulation hit by a winner were Nick Price in 1997 hitting a total of 54.

2014 Champion Matt Kuchar led the field with 53 greens hit in regulation en route to victory.

Courses with the Lowest Birdie or Better % - Fairway

Rank	Course	%
1	Innisbrook Resort - Copperhead	15.3
2	Harbour Town Golf Links	16.8
3	Pebble Beach Golf Links	17
4	JW Marriott, TPC San Antonio	17.2
5	Torrey Pines (South)	18.4

Courses with the Shortest Scrambling Proximity to Hole

Rank	Course	%
1	PGA West (Palmer)	6' 5"
2	TPC Southwind	7' 0"
3	Harbour Town Golf Links	7' 2"
4	Waialae CC	7' 8"
5	PGA National (Champion)	7' 9"

Courses with the Easiest Scrambling from the Rough (Full Field – Single Course Event)

Rank	Course	%
1	Harbour Town Golf Links	62.9
2	JW Marriott, TPC San Antonio	59
3	TPC Southwind	58.4
4	Royal Montreal GC(Blue Course)	58.2
5	Colonial CC	57.7

Last year, 7 players were 100% in scrambling from the rough including Jim Furyk going 10 for 10 from the rough around the greens at Harbour Town GL.

2013-14 Course & Hole Statistics Harbour Town Golf Links

Toughest Back 9 on TOUR

Course	Total RTP
Pinehurst No. 2	1.706
Congressional CC	1.344
Augusta National GC	1.057
Torrey Pines (South)	1.055
Harbour Town Golf Links	1.026

Toughest Back 9 on TOUR (Non-Majors)

Course	Total RTP
Congressional CC	1.344
Torrey Pines (South)	1.055
Harbour Town Golf Links	1.026
Trump National Doral	0.863
Pebble Beach Golf Links	0.78

Courses with the Fewest Avg. Feet of Putts Made / Rd

Rank	Course	Avg.
1	Pebble Beach Golf Links	60' 4"
2	Harbour Town Golf Links	66' 6"
3	Riviera CC	67' 7"
4	Torrey Pines (South)	68' 5"
5	Innisbrook Resort - Copperhead	68' 7"

18th Hole at Harbour Town Golf Links

Stat	Rank	Value
Toughest 18th Holes	3rd	4.35
Easiest Fairways to Hit	1st	95.0%
Toughest Greens to Hit	T1	19.9%

The 18th hole at Harbour Town GL has the highest percentage of fairways hit on TOUR ranking 1st in easiest fairways to hit. However, the 18th hole also ranked 1st in toughest greens to hit on TOUR with only 19.9% of the field finding the putting surface.

Toughest Par 3's on TOUR

Rank	Course	Hole	Yds	Avg. Score
1	Augusta National GC	4	240	3.409
2	Pebble Beach Golf Links	12	202	3.394
3	Harbour Town Golf Links	14	192	3.393
4	Pinehurst No. 2	6	219	3.374
5	Torrey Pines (North)	12	234	3.353

Toughest Par 5's on TOUR

Rank	Course	Hole	Yds	Avg. Score
1	Monterey Peninsula CC	12	599	5.161
2	JW Marriott, TPC San Antonio	8	604	5.069
3	Harbour Town Golf Links	15	588	5.053
4	Torrey Pines (South)	13	614	5.039
5	Congressional CC	9	636	5.036

Broadcast Window Notes

2015 RBC Heritage *(featured groups)*

Matt Kuchar

Defending Champion of the RBC Heritage, Matt Kuchar is set to make his 12th start at this event. Kuchar currently ranks 26th in the FedExCup standings.

Most Top 10 Finishes Since Start of 2010

Player	# Top 10's
Kuchar, Matt	50
Johnson, Dustin	39
Furyk, Jim	38
Donald, Luke	38
Simpson, Webb	38
McIlroy, Rory	37

Consistency has been the key for Kuchar. Since 2010, no one has as many top 10 finishes as he has since 2010. Kuchar has collected 50 top 10 finishes (**38.8%** of his starts) in this time frame and has 2 this season.

2014-15 PGA TOUR Season Sand Save % Leaders

Rank	Player	%
1	Brendon Todd	69.01
2	Chad Collins	68.57
3	Luke Donald	67.86
4	Joost Luiten	67.86
5	Matt Kuchar	66.23

Matt Kuchar currently ranks 5th on TOUR in sand save percentage getting the ball up and down on 51 of 77 (66.23%) attempts from the sand.

2014-15 PGA TOUR One-Putt % Leaders

Rank	Player	%
1	Matt Kuchar	45.33
2	Jordan Spieth	45.32
3	Andrew Putnam	45.11
4	John Daly	44.75
5	Mike Weir	44.44

Matt Kuchar currently leads the TOUR in one-putt percentage (45.33%), one putting 359 of his 792 holes played this season.

Jordan Spieth

Coming off his 2015 Masters victory, Jordan Spieth collected his 3rd PGA TOUR victory and 2nd in his last 4 starts on TOUR. The Masters victory moved Jordan from 2nd to 1st in the FedExCup standings for the first time in his career.

Most top 5's Since 2013

Player	# of top 5's
Jordan Spieth	15
Matt Kuchar	14
Henrik Stenson	13
Dustin Johnson	12
Jason Day	12

Jordan recorded his 15th top 5 finish on TOUR. His 15 top 5's is the most since the start of the 2013 PGA TOUR season.

In 60 starts as a professional Jordan has finished inside the top 5, 25% of the time.

In the last 5 weeks on TOUR, Jordan ranks 1st in strokes gained: tee-to-green, 2nd in strokes gained: putting, 2nd in one-putt percentage, 1st in most under par and 1st in total birdies.

PGA TOUR Stats last 5 Events on TOUR

Stat	Rank
Strokes Gained: Tee-to-Green Total*	1st
Strokes Gained: Putting Total*	2nd
One-Putt %	2nd
Score to Par	1st
Total # of Birdies	1st

In the last 5 weeks on TOUR, no one is better from tee-to-green than Jordan Spieth. Jordan is +27.20 shots better than the TOUR in strokes Gained: tee-to-green. His performance on the greens has been fantastic one-putting 133 of 288 (46.2%) holes played on TOUR.

*Strokes Gained stats not available for Masters

Strokes Gained: Tee-to-Green & Putting last 5 Events on TOUR

Player	SG: Tee-to-Green Total
Spieth, Jordan	+27.20
Kokrak, Jason	+25.27
Johnson, Zach	+18.45
Na, Kevin	+18.18
Stenson, Henrik	+16.47

Player	SG: Putting Total
English, Harris	+13.98
Spieth, Jordan	+13.96
Hadley, Chesson	+12.71
Aphibarnrat, Kiradech	+12.13
Tringale, Cameron	+11.40

Score to Par Last 5 Events on TOUR

Player	Score to Par
Spieth, Jordan	-51
Stenson, Henrik	-31
McIlroy, Rory	-23
Casey, Paul	-22

Total # of Birdies last 5 Events on TOUR

Player	# of Birdies
Spieth, Jordan	84
Stefani, Shawn	68
Na, Kevin	62
Els, Ernie	60

Patrick Reed

In search of his 5th PGA TOUR victory since 2013, Patrick Reed has the 3rd highest number of wins in this timeframe.

Most Wins Since 2013 PGA TOUR

Player	Wins
Tiger Woods	5
Jimmy Walker	5
Patrick Reed	4

2014-15 PGA TOUR Scrambling Leaders

Rank	Player	%
1	Chad Collins	70.36
2	Patrick Reed	67.95
3	Justin Leonard	67.69
4	Bubba Watson	66.67
5	Jerry Kelly	66.53

Patrick Reed ranks 2nd on TOUR from around the greens salvaging par on 176 of 259 (67.95%) missed greens.

*Field Average 57.91%

Patrick Reed has improved in all 3 strokes gained categories since last season. Reed has gone from 92nd in strokes gained: tee-to-green to 16th, 51st in strokes gained: putting to 23rd and 67th in strokes gained: total to 8th this season.

Patrick Reed Strokes Gained Ranks Last Season vs. This Season

Stat	Last Season	This Season
Strokes Gained: Tee-to-Green	92nd	16th
Strokes Gained: Putting	51st	23rd
Strokes Gained: Total	67th	8th

Graeme McDowell

2013 RBC Heritage Champion, Graeme McDowell is set to make his 6th appearance at this event and 7th of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR season. Graeme currently ranks 143rd in the FedExCup on the strength of 1 top 10 (T-3rd WGC-HSBC Champions) finish this season.

2013 Victory at RBC Heritage:

In the first 3 rounds, McDowell made a total of 9 putts over 6 feet and was **+2.326** in strokes gained-putting. However, in the final round McDowell made 6 putts over 6 feet including a 19'6" par putt on hole 13 and a 7'6" birdie putt on his 16th hole outperforming the field by **+3.541** strokes and 1 stroke better than his first 3 rounds combined with his putter.

Graeme McDowell On the Greens 2013 RBC Heritage

Stat	First 3 Rounds	Final Round
Putts Made Over 6 Feet	9	6
SG: Putting	+2.326	+3.541

Graeme has steadily improved his putting the last 3 seasons. In 2012, Graeme ranked 160th on TOUR in strokes gained-putting losing -.299 strokes per round with his putter for a total of -11.377 strokes for the season.

Graeme McDowell Strokes Gained-Putting Since 2012

Year	Value	Rank
Last Season	+ .886	1st
2013	+ .135	71st
2012	-.299	160th

However, last season Graeme gained nearly a stroke a round on the greens (+.886) outperforming the TOUR by a total of +40.752 strokes with his putter in the 2013-14 TOUR season.

Webb Simpson

Webb Simpson is set to make his 6th start at the RBC Heritage. In his last start in 2013 he finished solo 2nd to Graeme McDowell. Webb currently ranks 51st in the FedExCup on the strength of 3 top 10's (T4 Shriners Hospitals, T7 Humana Challenge & T7 WGC-Cadillac Championship) and 4 top 25 finishes this season.

Webb Simpson Par 5 Scoring This Season

Stat	Value	Rank
Par 5 Scoring Average	4.44	2nd
Par 5 Birdie or Better %	58.0%	2nd

Webb Simpson ranks 2nd in par 5 scoring average and par 5 birdie or better percentage on TOUR. Webb has made birdie or better on 58 of 100 (58.0%) par 5's played this season.

Webb Simpson Tee-to-Green Ranks Last Season vs. This Season

Stat	Last Season	This Season
Driving Distance	T98	60th
Greens In Regulation	T77	15th
Proximity to Hole	T96	T14
Scrambling	T77	12th
Strokes Gained: Tee-to-Green	37th	7th

Webb Simpson has improved from 37th to 7th in strokes gained: tee-to-green outperforming the TOUR by +1.495 strokes per round this season.

Ernie Els

Ernie Els is set to make his 16th appearance at the RBC Heritage finishing inside the top 10, 7 times (1995, 1998, 2000, 2003, 2004, 2006 & 2007).

Ernie Els has been showing some signs of solid golf. In his last 3 starts on TOUR, he has made a total of 55 birdies, shot 10 rounds of par or better and has a scoring average of 70.75 compared to his first 5 starts this season making only 32 birdies, 5 rounds of par or better and a scoring average of 73.23.

Ernie Els First 5 Events vs. Last 3 Events on TOUR This Season

Stat	First 5	Last 3
Cuts Made	1	3
Top 25's	0	2
Total Birdies	32	55
Rounds Par or Better	5	10
Scoring Average	73.23	70.75

Jim Furyk

Jim Furyk is coming off his 1st missed cut since the 2013 British Open a span of 34 events. Since the start of the 2013-14 PGA TOUR season, only 6 players with 20 or more PGA TOUR starts have only 1 missed cut. Jim Furyk has the most starts among these 6 players with 27.

Fewest # of Missed Cuts Since Start of 2013-14 PGA TOUR Season (min 20 events)

Player	# of Starts	Cuts Made	Missed cuts
Furyk, Jim	27	26	1
Garcia, Sergio	23	22	1
Day, Jason	22	21	1
Scott, Adam	22	21	1
McIlroy, Rory	21	20	1
Stenson, Henrik	20	19	1

Since 2002, no one is more under par at Harbour Town Golf Links than Jim Furyk. Jim Furyk's 68 under par are 15 shots better than the next best player Boo Weekley at 43 under par.

Most Under Par at Harbour Town Since 2002

Player	Score to Par
Furyk, Jim	-68
Weekley, Boo	-43
Donald, Luke	-35
Baddeley, Aaron	-34
Austin, Woody	-27

Most Rounds in the 60's Since 2002

Player	# of Rounds
Furyk, Jim	25
Love III, Davis	17
Austin, Woody	16
Baddeley, Aaron	16
Donald, Luke	15
Cink, Stewart	15
Verplank, Scott	15
Baird, Briny	15
Weekley, Boo	15

In 44 rounds since 2002, Jim Furyk has carded 25 rounds in the 60's. His 25 rounds in the 60's are the most at Harbour Town in this timeframe.

Bill Haas

Bill Haas is set to make his 11th start at the RBC Heritage and 10th of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR season. Bill currently ranks 16th in the FedExCup standings on the strength of 1 win (Humana Challenge) and 5 top 10 finishes. Bill is coming off a T-12th place finish at last week's Masters Tournament.

Bill Haas was 1 of 2 players (Henrik Stenson) to rank inside the top 5 last week in driving accuracy (T4) and greens in regulation (T5).

Bill Haas Driving Accuracy and Greens In Regulation Ranks This Season vs. Masters Tournament

Stat	This Season	Masters
Driving Accuracy	83rd	T4
Greens In regulation	T81	T5

Bill Haas Career FedExCup Ranks

Year	FEC Rank
Currently	16th
2014	16th
2013	24th
2012	32nd
2011	Won
2010	31st
2009	41st
2008	73rd
2007	126th

Bill Haas currently ranks 16th in the FedExCup standings and is search to making it back to the TOUR Championship for the 4th time in the last 5 seasons.

Brandt Snedeker

2011 RBC Heritage Champion, Brandt Snedeker is set to make his 10th appearance at this event.

Brandt Snedeker has improved his play from around the greens this season going from 66th to 15th in scrambling salvaging par on 179 of 276 missed greens.

Brandt Snedeker Around the Greens Last Season vs. This Season

Stat	Last Season	This Season
Sand Save %	48.3% (117th)	57.3% (38th)
Scrambling	59.4% (66th)	64.8% (15th)

Zach Johnson

Zach Johnson is coming off a T-9th place finish at the Masters and is set to make his 11th start at the RBC Heritage. Zach's best finish at the RBC Heritage came in 2012 where he finished solo second.

Zach Johnson Stats at the Masters Rounds 1 & 2 vs. Rounds 3 & 4

Stat	Rounds 1 & 2	Rounds 3 & 4
Birdies or Better	8	10
Bogeys or Worse	7	3
3-Putts	3	0
Total Putts	61	56
Score to Par	Even	-8

Last week, Zach Johnson had two different first 2 rounds compared to his last 2 rounds. Zach had 2 more birdies or better, 4 fewer bogeys or worse and shot 8 strokes better in rounds 3 & 4.

Billy Horschel

Billy Horschel is set to make his 14th start of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR season and 3rd start at the RBC Heritage (best finish T-9th in 2013). Billy is seeking his 3rd top 25 of the season and currently ranks 58th in the FedExCup standings.

Billy Horschel PGA TOUR Record This Season vs. Last Season

Stat	Last Season	This Season
Events	13	13
Wins	0	0
Top 10's	1	1
Top 25's	5	2
Cuts Missed	4	4
FEC Position	58th	58th
FEC Finish	WON	??

At this time last season, Billy Horschel's play was nearly identical. In the same number of events he has the same number of top 10's, the same number of missed cuts and is ranked 58th in the FedExCup standings.

Billy Horschel Strokes Gained: Tee-to-Green Last Season vs. This Season

Year	Rank	Value
This Season	109th	-0.159
Last Season	46th	+0.451

This season, Billy Horschel has lost over a half stroke in strokes gained: tee-to-green compared to last season.

Ian Poulter

Ian Poulter is set to make his 190th career start on TOUR and 5th at the RBC Heritage. Ian currently ranks 39th in the FedExCup standings on the strength of 3 top 10's (T6 WGC-HSBC Champions, T3 Honda Classic & T6 Masters Tournament) and 6 top 25 finishes this season.

Ian Poulter Career In FedExCup

Year	FEC Finish
Currently	39th
2014	78th
2013	53rd
2012	39th
2011	87th
2010	39th
2009	31st
2008	112th
2007	57th

Ian Poulter finished T-6th at last week's Masters Tournament shooting 10 under par on the weekend. Ian had a solid ball striking week ranking T-17th in driving accuracy and led the field in greens in regulation hitting 81.94% (59 of 72).

2015 Masters Greens In Regulation Leaders

Rank	Player	%
1	Ian Poulter	81.94
2	Justin Rose	75.00
2	Jordan Spieth	75.00
4	Rory McIlroy	73.61
5	Henrik Stenson	72.22

Ian Poulter Career Events Ranked 1st in Greens In Regulation

Year	Tournament	Rank	%	Greens Hit
2015	Masters Tournament	1st	81.94	59
2006	THE PLAYERS Championship	1st	72.22	52
2015	The Honda Classic	1st	70.83	51
2005	WGC-Bridgestone Invitational	1st	68.06	49

Ian Poulter led the field for greens in regulation for the 4th time in his career marking his 2nd most greens in regulation hit in a four round event (62 at 2011 Hyundai TOC).