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The Barclays 2015

Dates: August 25-30, 2015
Where: Plainfield Country Club, Edison, N.J.
Par/Yards: 34-36--70/7,012 yards
2014 champion: Hunter Mahan
Purse: \$8,250,000/\$1,485,000 (winner)
FedExCup: 2,000 points to the winner
Format: 72-hole stroke-play
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Field: 120 of the top 125 in the FedExCup rankings (No. 9 Rory McIlroy, No. 28 Louis Oosthuizen, No. 31 Sergio Garcia, No. 99 Francesco Molinari and No. 111 Retief Goosen are not competing).

A look at The Barclays 2014

Beginning the day one stroke back, Hunter Mahan birdied four of his last six holes Sunday to claim a two-stroke victory over Stuart Appleby, Jason Day and Cameron Tringale. Late in his round, Mahan rolled in three straight birdies, giving him enough cushion to bogey the last and still hold on for a two-shot win, his first victory in almost 30 months and first in 48 starts. The win moved him to first in the FedExCup and allowed him to continue his streak as the only PGA TOUR player to compete in every single FedExCup Playoffs event since the inception of the FedExCup in 2007.

In the final round, six players held at least a share of the lead at some point, but Mahan's three-straight birdies separated him from the pack.

The win was the sixth of Mahan's career, continuing a trend of come-from-behind winners at The Barclays as he was the seventh-consecutive player to win while not holding a share of the lead through 54 holes.

In 2015, Mahan will need a similar performance to return to East Lake Golf Club for the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola, as he is 77th in the FedExCup following the Wyndham Championship, his worst standing entering the FedExCup Playoffs. Here's a quick look at his rankings heading into The Barclays, as well as his eventual finish in the FedExCup.

2007 – No. 15, No. 15
2008 – No. 31, No. 18
2009 – No. 14, No. 27
2010 – No. 7, No. 18
2011 – No. 20, No. 7
2012 – No. 6, No. 19
2013 – No. 21, No. 20
2014 – No. 62, No. 6

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Plainfield Country Club

The Barclays returns to Plainfield Country Club for the second time, the club having hosted the event in 2011, when Dustin Johnson won a shortened event (54 holes) due to the threat of Hurricane Irene. The club is celebrating its 125th anniversary this year. It was founded in 1890 as Hillside Tennis Club when only 30 country clubs existed in the United States. The golf course has been a fixture in the area since its inception, acting as a charter member of both the Metropolitan Golf Association in 1897 and the New Jersey State Golf Association in 1900. In addition to its golf history, Plainfield boasts strong ties to the Revolutionary War. On June 26, 1777, the Battle of Short Hills was fought on the current site of the golf course and was the first battle after the United States adopted the Stars and Stripes as its official flag. Donald Ross designed a new golf course on the site in 1916, and it was restored to its original state in 1999 by Gil Hanse. In addition to The Barclays, Plainfield Country Club also hosted the 1978 U.S. Amateur (John Cook) and the 1987 U.S. Women's Open (Laura Davies).

FedExCup and The Barclays

- Each playoff event offers 2,000 FedExCup points to the winner, decreased by 500 points in 2015.
- The top-125 players on the final PGA TOUR Season FedExCup points list (following the Wyndham Championship) qualify for The Barclays.
- The top-100 players on the FedExCup points list following The Barclays qualify for the Deutsche Bank Championship.
- The top-70 players on the FedExCup points list after the Deutsche Bank Championship advance to the BMW Championship, contested at Conway Farms in Lake Forest, Ill.
- The top-30 players following the BMW Championship will 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.

The Top Five

No. 1 – Jordan Spieth

Jordan Spieth leads the FedExCup standings thanks to a historic season that has seen him eclipse Tiger Woods' record of the lowest cumulative score to-par in the four major championships at 54-under, compared to Woods' previous-best 53-under total in 2000. That 54-under total at the major championships led to wins at the Masters and the U.S. Open, his first two career major championships. Spieth then finished one shot out of a playoff at The Open Championship at St. Andrews in a bid to win the third leg of the grand slam, and finished second to Jason Day at the PGA Championship at Whistling Straights.

His play in the majors, coupled with wins at the Valspar Championship and John Deere Classic, puts him in a commanding lead heading into the FedExCup Playoffs. His current total of 4,169 is the highest total for any player heading into The Barclays since the inception of the FedExCup. He is 1,710 points ahead of second-place Jason Day.

Spieth took over the lead in the standings following his win at the Masters and has not looked back since. In 21 starts this year, Spieth has recorded 14 top 10s, including the four wins and four runner-up finishes. His best FedExCup standing heading into the Barclays previously was last year when he was eighth.

This will be Spieth's third consecutive start in The Barclays. He finished T19 in his debut at Liberty National Golf Club in 2013 and T22 last year at The Ridgewood Country Club.

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No. 2 – Jason Day

Jason Day's stellar season became a career year when he added the 97th PGA Championship at Whistling Straights to his wins at the Farmers Insurance Open and the RBC Canadian Open. He captured the PGA Championship in record-setting fashion, becoming the first player to finish a major championship at 20-under-par. Day had recorded six top 5s in major championships since 2011 before his triumph at Whistling Straits. The win moved him to second in the FedExCup, his highest ranking in his career. His previous-best ranking heading into The Barclays was 13th in 2013.

Day will be making his eighth start in The Barclays, his best finish coming last year when he finished T2. He is looking to advance to the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola for the fourth time in his career. Day finished T13 at The Barclays in 2011 at Plainfield Country Club.

No. 3 – Bubba Watson

Bubba Watson is No. 3 in the FedExCup standings heading into The Barclays and the FedExCup Playoffs for the second straight year, matching his career-best position thanks to wins at the World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions and the Travelers Championships. This is the third time in his career he has recorded at least seven top 10s in a season, his best coming in 2014, when he had eight.

Watson is one of five players with multiple victories this year, joined by Jordan Spieth (4), Jason Day (3), Jimmy Walker (2) and Rory McIlroy (2). Watson will be playing in The Barclays for the 10th time – he missed the cut the last time the tournament was held at Plainfield Country Club.

No. 4 – Jimmy Walker

Jimmy Walker has been one of the most consistent players on the PGA TOUR over the last two seasons. This is the second-straight season that Walker will enter the FedExCup Playoffs in the top five; he led the standings through most of the season last year, before being supplanted by Rory McIlroy following his win at the PGA Championship.

Over the last two seasons, Walker has led the FedExCup Standings for 48 weeks. Jordan Spieth has led the standings for the second-longest time over that period, leading for 20 weeks so far in 2014-15. This will be Walker's seventh start in The Barclays, and he finished T18 in 2011, the last time the tournament was at Plainfield Country Club.

No. 5 – Justin Rose

With seven top 10s, including a win at the Zurich Classic of New Orleans and two runner-ups, Justin Rose is once again having a consistent season on the PGA TOUR. This is the fourth-consecutive season that Rose has notched at least seven top 10s, and fifth season accomplishing the feat overall.

Rose is fifth in the FedExCup standings heading into The Barclays, tying his best standing at this point in the season (2010). This will be Rose's 10th start at The Barclays, where he has four top 25s, including a runner-up finish at Liberty National in 2013.

Additional Notes

Defending champion Hunter Mahan is the only player who has made all 32 starts in the FedExCup Playoffs out of 493 different players who have participated (and have been ranked) in the eight-year history of the FedExCup. He is also the only player to advance to the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola in each of the first eight years of the



FedExCup. Steve Stricker and Phil Mickelson both failed to make it to Atlanta for the first time in their careers last season.

Only seven rookies – one for each of the first seven seasons – have advanced all the way to the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola, the finale of the FedExCup Playoffs. All seven went on to win Rookie of the Year honors in each respective season. No rookies advanced to Atlanta in 2013-14.

Best rookie performances in the FedExCup Playoffs

Year	Rookie	Finish
2014	N/A	
2013	Jordan Spieth	7 th
2012	John Huh	29 th
2011	Keegan Bradley	20 th
2010	Rickie Fowler	32 nd
2009	Marc Leishman	20 th
2008	Andres Romero	28 th
2007	Brandt Snedeker	20 th

Nine rookies have a shot at joining that group, having finished the season ranked within the top 125 in FedExCup points and earning their first start at The Barclays:

- Justin Thomas (36th)
- Tony Finau (39th)
- Daniel Berger (46th)
- Scott Pinckney (78th)
- Adam Hadwin (95th)
- Nick Taylor (102nd)
- Jon Curran (105th)
- Zac Blair (106th)
- Carlos Ortiz (112th)

Davis Love III

At more than 51 years old, Davis Love III became the third-oldest winner of a PGA TOUR event when he won the Wyndham Championship last week at Sedgefield Country Club in Greensboro, N.C., moving him from No. 186 to No. 76 in the standings. The Presidents Cup captain's assistant will be making his first start at The Barclays since 2012. His best finish in this event is a T31 in 2010. The farthest Love has advanced in the FedExCup Playoffs was to the Deutsche Bank Championship in 2009; he finished 51st in the FedExCup.

Miscellaneous Notes

- Jason Gore finished one shot out of a playoff at last week's Wyndham Championship, looking for his first victory since the 84 Lumber Classic in 2005 and second victory overall. The finish moved Gore from No. 166 to No. 98 in the FedExCup Standings.
- In addition to Love and Gore, Jonas Blixt, Camilo Villegas and Ryo Ishikawa also played their way into the top 125 of the FedExCup at the Wyndham Championship.
- In the history of the FedExCup Playoffs, the worst-ranked players entering The Barclays to go on to qualify for the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola were Morgan Hoffmann last season and Heath Slocum in 2009 at No. 124. Slocum finished No. 8 on the strength of a victory at The Barclays. The only other



player to advance to the TOUR Championship after starting the FedExCup Playoffs outside the top 100 was Kevin Streelman in 2010 at No. 102.

- Billy Horschel is the only player to win the FedExCup after missing the cut at The Barclays. Vijay Singh is the only player to win The Barclays and go on to win the FedExCup (2008). Horschel was No. 69 in the standings heading into The Barclays, the highest standing for an eventual FedExCup champion, with Snedeker the next highest (No. 19, 2012).
- Brandt Snedeker recorded a third-round 61 at Plainfield Country Club the last time The Barclays was played here, the lowest score in the history of the tournament.
- Rory McIlroy recorded two early-season victories at the World Golf Championships-Cadillac Match Play and the Wells Fargo Championship. Prior to The Open Championship, McIlroy ruptured a ligament in his left ankle while playing soccer and missed title defenses at The Open Championship and the Bridgestone Invitational. He returned to defend the PGA Championship, finishing 17th. Guarding against further injury, McIlroy (ranked No. 9 in the FedExCup), will not play in The Barclays as he continues to ease his way back into a competitive schedule.
- Attempting to qualify for The Barclays for the first time since 2013, Tiger Woods played last week at the Wyndham Championship for the first time in his career. He held a share of the lead through 36 holes, the first time he accomplished that feat since the 2013 World Golf Championships-Bridgestone Invitational. Beginning the final day two off the lead, Woods was derailed by a triple bogey on the 11th hole of the final round, eliminating his chance for victory and a berth in The Barclays. He finished T10, his first top 10 since the 2013 Bridgestone Invitational, and finished the season ranked No. 178 in the FedExCup. This is the third time in the eight-year history of the FedExCup that Woods has missed the FedExCup Playoffs (2011, 2014).