



The Barclays 2015

(The 1st of 4 events in the FedExCup Playoffs)

Edison, N.J.
Plainfield Country Club

August 27-30, 2015

FedExCup Points: 2000 Purse: \$8.250,000
Par-Yards: 34-36—70/7.127

First-round Notes – Thursday, August 27, 2015

Thursday weather: Sunny with a high in the low 80s with NW winds 10-15 mph.

First-round leaders

Camilo Villegas	65 (-5)
Bubba Watson	65 (-5)
Spencer Levin	65 (-5)
Tony Finau	65 (-5)

FedExCup and The Barclays notes

- Projected Points needed to advance to the Deutsche Bank Championship: 632
- One change was made to the Playoff points structure for 2014-15: Points are awarded 4X what they were during the PGA TOUR Season for a standard PGA TOUR event with 2,000 points awarded to the winner. Over the last six years, points had been awarded 5X, with 2,500 awarded to the winner of each Playoff event.

Miscellaneous Barclays notes

- 57 players that competed at Plainfield CC in 2011 are in this week's field.
- This week's field of 120 is missing five players: Rory McIlroy (9), Sergio Garcia (31), Louis Oosthuizen (28), Francesco Molinari (99) and Retief Goosen (111).
- Plainfield CC course record for PGA TOUR is 61 by Brandt Snedeker (Round 3, 2011).
- Hunter Mahan is defending champion of The Barclays and Dustin Johnson won The Barclays the lone time the event was held at Plainfield CC.
- Vijay Singh (52 years) is the oldest player in the field while Jordan Spieth (22 years) is the youngest; in fact, Spieth is the youngest member of the PGA TOUR in 2014-15.

Camilo Villegas (65/-5)

Villegas holds the 18-hole lead/co-lead for the ninth time in his PGA TOUR career.

Year Tournament	Finish
2008 BMW Championship	1
2009 Buick Invitational	T3
2009 RBC Canadian Open	T24
2010 Waste Management Phoenix Open	T8
2012 Humana Challenge	T19
2013 The Honda Classic	MC
2013 John Deere Classic	71
2014 Wyndham Championship	1

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Villegas entered the week T61 in Strokes Gained – Putting (.211) but ranked sixth in Strokes Gained – Putting (3.145) with a total of 26 putts on the day.

Villegas is tied for fourth all-time in FedExCup Playoff top-10 finishes with 10, including wins at the 2008 BMW Championship and 2008 TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola.

Villegas jumped into the top 125 in the FedExCup standings (129th to 123rd) to qualify for the Playoffs thanks to a T26 finish last week in defense of his 2014 Wyndham Championship win.

Villegas does not have a top-10 finish in 2014-15, his best of five top 25s being 16th at The Honda Classic. His last top-10 finish was his victory at the 2014 Wyndham Championship.

Villegas at The Barclays

- Eight starts at The Barclays
- Best start was T6 at Plainfield CC in 2011

Bubba Watson (65/-5)

First on TOUR in first-round scoring average in 2014-15 at 69.21.

Holds the 18-hole lead/co-lead for the sixth time in his PGA TOUR career.

Year Tournament	Finish
2010 World Golf Championships-Bridgestone Invitational	T22
2011 Zurich Classic of New Orleans	1
2013 World Golf Championships-Cadillac Championship	T18
2014 Waste Management Phoenix Open	T2
2015 Travelers Championship	1

Watson at The Barclays:

- 10th career start at The Barclays.
- Best finish in nine previous starts at The Barclays was T10 in 2012.
- Missed the cut at Plainfield in 2011.

Watson, a two-time victor this year, is one of five multiple winners in 2014-15 along with Jordan Spieth (4), Jason Day (3), Jimmy Walker (2) and Rory McIlroy (2).

Spencer Levin (65/-5)

Spencer Levin finished T18 last week at the Wyndham Championship to clinch a Playoff berth, climbing from No. 122 to No. 115 in the FedExCup standings.

Levin is making his third career start at The Barclays.

Holds the 18-hole lead/co-lead for the sixth time in his PGA TOUR career.

Year Tournament	Finish
2009 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open	T54
2011 Northern Trust Open	T14
2011 The Honda Classic	T14
2012 Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by MasterCard	T6

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2012 Farmers Insurance Open

T43

Tony Finau (65/-5)

Finau, one of nine rookies to qualify for the FedExCup Playoffs, holds his second career 18-hole lead/co-lead. He was T1 after the first round of the 2014 OHL Classic at Mayakoba, ultimately finishing T7.

Finau led the field with eight birdies Thursday and his 65 was the low round of the afternoon wave.

Finau entered the week 39th in the FedExCup standings, second among rookies behind Justin Thomas (36th).

Finau made his PGA TOUR debut at the age of 17 when he Monday qualified for the now-defunct U.S. Bank Championship in Milwaukee.

Finau played on the Mackenzie Tour – PGA TOUR Canada in 2013 and is a 2014 graduate of the Web.com Tour. He won the Stonebrae Classic on the Web.com Tour en route to earning his TOUR card for 2015-16.

Rookies to qualify for the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola since the inception of the FedExCup in 2007:

Year	Player	Finish
2013	Jordan Spieth	7 th
2012	John Huh	29 th
2011	Keegan Bradley	20 th
2009	Marc Leishman	20 th
2008	Andres Romero	28 th
2007	Brandt Snedeker	20 th

Danny Lee (66/-4)

After just two top-10s in his first 68 professional PGA TOUR starts, Lee has seven top 10s in 32 starts in 2014-15 including a win at The Greenbrier Classic.

Lee is this year’s PGA TOUR ironman – this week marks his 33rd start this season, most on the PGA TOUR.

Miscellaneous Notes

FedExCup leader Jordan Spieth’s 4-over-par 74 was his highest score since an opening-round 75 at THE PLAYERS in 2015. It marked his highest round in relation to par since a 10-over-par 80 in Round 3 of the 2014 TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola. Spieth’s calling card, his putter, failed him Thursday as he ranked 93rd in the field in Strokes Gained – Putting (-1.290) with a total of 31 putts.

PGA Championship winner Jason Day led the field in Greens in Regulation, hitting 16 of 18 (88.89 percent) en route to a 2-under-par 68.

Dustin Johnson, who won the weather-shortened Barclays at Plainfield in 2011, posted an even-par round of 70.

Morning wave scoring average: 70.62

Afternoon wave scoring average: 70.48

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Paul Casey (66) now has seven consecutive first-round scores under par, dating back to the Travelers Championship where he lost in a playoff to Bubba Watson.

Davis Love III, who last week became the third-oldest winner in PGA TOUR history, posted a first-round 75.

In his bid to join Ernie Els as players to win in successive years (1996-1997), defending champion Hunter Mahan opened with an 8-over-par 78. Five players have captured The Barclays title more than once: Vijay Singh (4), Jack Nicklaus (2), Seve Ballesteros (2), Els (2) and Sergio Garcia (2).

Two players have won in their first appearance at The Barclays: Jack Renner (1979) and Vijay Singh (1993).

Eight players have made The Barclays their first PGA TOUR win: Andy North (1977), Jack Renner (1979), Wayne Grady (1989), Vijay Singh (1993), JP Hayes (1998), Dennis Paulson (2000), Chris Smith (2002) and Jonathan Kaye (2003).

Erik Compton withdrew after eight holes due to a respiratory issue and an ankle issue that forced him to withdraw last week at the Wyndham Championship. The field now stands at 119 players.

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:

Player (FedExCup rank)	First-round Score
Justin Thomas (36th)	71 (+1)
Tony Finau (39th)	65 (-5)
Daniel Berger (46th)	73 (+3)
Scott Pinckney (78th)	70 (--)
Adam Hadwin (95th)	73 (+3)
Nick Taylor (102nd)	67 (-3)
Jon Curran (105th)	74 (+4)
Zac Blair (106th)	69 (-1)
Carlos Ortiz (112th)	73 (+3)

Bogey-free Rounds

R1: Danny Lee (66); Cameron Tringale (66)

Scoring Averages at the par-71 Ridgewood Country Club:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
Thursday	35.118	35.764	70.882	

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