



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

Second-round Notes – Friday, August 28, 2015

Friday weather: A cool start with temperatures in the upper 50s. Sunny skies and temperatures in the low 80s throughout the day. Winds N-NW 5-10 mph.

Second-round leaders

1	Bubba Watson	65-68/-7
T2	Henrik Stenson	68-66/-6
T2	Tony Finau	65-69/-6
T2	Zach Johnson	69-65/-6
T2	Jason Dufner	66-68/-6
T6	Jason Bohn	71-64/-5
T6	Camilo Villegas	65-70/-5

Cut: 142 (+2)

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 The Barclays notes

- 57 players who competed at Plainfield CC in The Barclays 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 the PGA TOUR is a 61 by Brandt Snedeker (Round 3, 2011) – also a tournament record.
- Hunter Mahan is defending champion of The Barclays, and Dustin Johnson won The Barclays the lone time the event was held at Plainfield CC (rain-shortened to 54 holes).
- 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.
- The last 36-hole leader to go on to win The Barclays was Vijay Singh (tied) in 2006; in total, 12/48 36-hole leaders have gone on to win The Barclays.

Bubba Watson (65-68/-7), No. 3 in FedExCup

Bubba Watson birdied No. 18 for the second day in a row to take the outright lead through 36 holes of The Barclays. Eight of Watson's 11 birdies this week have come on the back nine.

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Watson has held or shared a 36-hole lead at a PGA TOUR event 10 previous times in his career and has gone on to win three of those events, including the two most recent: 2015 Travelers Championship; 2014 Masters Tournament.

He co-led the 2011 Deutsche Bank Championship after round two and led after three, eventually finishing T16 following a 74 in the final round. That event marked his only other lead/co-lead in the FedExCup Playoffs.

Watson is No. 3 in the FedExCup standings heading into The Barclays for the second straight year, matching his career-best position thanks to wins at the World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions and the Travelers Championship. 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).

Only Tiger Woods (twice), Phil Mickelson and Vijay Singh have won a World Golf Championships and FedExCup Playoffs event in the same season:

- 2007 – Tiger Woods – BMW Championship, TOUR Championship and WGC-Cadillac Championship, WGC-Bridgestone Invitational
- 2009 – Tiger Woods – BMW Championship and WGC-Bridgestone Invitational
- 2009 – Phil Mickelson – TOUR Championship and WGC-Cadillac Championship
- 2008 – Vijay Singh – The Barclays, Deutsche Bank Championship and WGC-Bridgestone Invitational

Watson is playing in The Barclays for the 10th time – he missed the cut the last time the tournament was held at Plainfield Country Club. He has three top-15 finishes in the event: T10-2012; T12-2008; and T13-2013.

Henrik Stenson (68-66/-6), No. 41 in FedExCup

Henrik Stenson, winner of the FedExCup in 2013, recorded rounds of 68-66 to kick off his week at The Barclays and is just one shot back from Bubba Watson's 36-hole lead. It marks the fourth time Stenson has recorded consecutive rounds in the 60s in a FedExCup Playoffs event. He's won two of those previous three events:

- 2014 BMW Championship: 68-69-72-68 (T23)
- 2013 TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola: 64-66-69-68 (WON)
- 2013 Deutsche Bank Championship: 67-63-66-66 (WON)

Stenson's best finish at The Barclays came in 2014, when he finished T38. It's the only FedExCup Playoffs event that this two-time Playoffs event winner has not posted at least a T25 finish or better.

Stenson is one of nine players with multiple victories in the FedExCup Playoffs. Only Tiger Woods, with three wins, has more than two.

Tony Finau (65-69/-6), No. 39 in FedExCup

Finau, who carded the lowest round of the afternoon wave on Thursday (65), got to 8-under par on Friday through 12 holes, but came back to the field with bogeys on No. 14 and 16.

Finau is the sixth rookie to lead/co-lead any round in the history of the FedExCup Playoffs (no rookie has ever won a Playoffs event), and only the third to do so at The Barclays:

- Seung-yul Noh led after round one of the 2012 Deutsche Bank Championship (T13).

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- Keegan Bradley led after round one of the 2011 TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola (T11).
- Charl Schwartzel co-led after round one of the 2011 Deutsche Bank Championship (T21)
- Webb Simpson led after round two of the 2009 Barclays (8).
- Kevin Streelman led after round three of the 2008 Barclays (T4).

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

Year	Player	FedExCup 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

Snedeker, Romero, Leishman, Bradley, Huh and Spieth all went on to win Rookie of the Year honors in each respective season.

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

Only one player has made a FedExCup Playoffs event his first PGA TOUR victory: Camilo Villegas, 2008 BMW Championship (he also won his second TOUR event the following week at the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola).

Eight players have made The Barclays their first PGA TOUR victory:

- Chris Smith, 2002
- Jonathan Kaye, 2003
- Dennis Paulson, 2000
- J.P. Hayes, 1998
- Vijay Singh, 1993
- Wayne Grady, 1989
- Jack Renner, 1979
- Andy North, 1977

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

If he were to go on to win this week, Finau would be the second-youngest winner of a FedExCup Playoffs event, behind Rory McIlroy (23) at the age of 25 years, 11 months and 16 days on Sunday.

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 in 2007.

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.

Zach Johnson (69-65/-6), No. 11 in FedExCup

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Zach Johnson, winner of The Open Championship in July, posted a bogey-free 65 in round two that included five birdies to complement the three he made on the back nine Thursday. He's been bogey free since consecutive bogeys in round one on holes No. 8 and 9 (his only of the week thus far).

Johnson was 1st in Strokes Gained - Putting (4.244) as he made nearly 126 feet of putts in the second round, including four putts more than 10 feet.

Johnson posted consecutive rounds in the 60s at The Barclays just once before, at the 2010 event, when he finished T21, his best finish in eight previous starts (seven in the FedExCup Playoffs era).

Johnson won the BMW Championship in 2013 for his lone win in the FedExCup Playoffs; he has a total of five top-10 finishes in the Playoffs, but none at The Barclays or the Deutsche Bank Championship.

Johnson, a 12-time PGA TOUR champion, has posted multiple-win seasons three times in his career, most recently in 2012.

Jason Dufner (66-68/-6)

Jason Dufner, who has just two top-10 finishes so far this season (and only one during the calendar year), is just one stroke off the lead after rounds of 66-68 at The Barclays (T8-AT&T Byron Nelson; T10-World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions).

Dufner had never opened with consecutive rounds in the 60s at The Barclays in six previous starts. His 66 in round one was his career-best in this event, bettering a 68 in round three in 2008, when he posted his career-best finish at The Barclays with a T25.

Dufner's best finish in a FedExCup Playoffs event is a T2 at the 2009 Deutsche Bank Championship.

Dufner qualified for the FedExCup Playoffs in 2014 but was not able to compete due to a neck injury.

Jason Bohn (71-64/-5), No. 33 in FedExCup

Jason Bohn went bogey free on Friday to tie his career-low round at The Barclays with a 64 (2006-R2-T9). His 64 is the low round of the tournament thus far.

In 11 previous starts in the FedExCup Playoffs, he has yet to post a top 10, with his best finish coming in 2009, a T32 at the Deutsche Bank Championship. Friday's 64 is his lowest round in the FedExCup Playoffs, bettering the two 67s he carded in the Deutsche Bank Championship (2009-R2, 2012-R1).

At No. 33 in the FedExCup standings entering The Barclays, Bohn is tied for his best position entering the Playoffs (2010-finished 62nd in the final FedExCup standings).

Miscellaneous Notes

FedExCup leader Jordan Spieth's 74-73 performance at The Barclays led to just his third missed cut of the 2014-15 season (Farmers Insurance Open; THE PLAYERS Championship). This marks the first time he has posted consecutive over-par rounds in an event since the season-ending 2014 TOUR Championship (71-70-**80-71**).

Spieth needed a T14 finish or better this week to stay No. 1 in the Official World Golf Ranking. He could lose his No. 1 ranking in the FedExCup as well if Bubba Watson were to go on to with The Barclays.

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PGA Championship winner Jason Day carded his second-consecutive 68 and sits at 136 (-4)/T8 heading into the weekend.

Dustin Johnson, who won the weather-shortened Barclays at Plainfield in 2011, posted another even-par round of 70 and is T40 after 36 holes.

In his bid to join Ernie Els as players to win in successive years (1996-1997), defending champion Hunter Mahan missed the cut after rounds of 78-71, only his third missed cut in 33 FedExCup Playoff events. Mahan is currently projected to fall to No. 91 in the FedExCup rankings and will have work to do at next week's Deutsche Bank Championship to maintain his title as the only player to qualify for/play in every Playoffs event (only the top 70 advance to the Deutsche Bank Championship).

Nine rookies finished the season ranked within the top 125 in FedExCup points and earning their first start at The Barclays:

Player (FedExCup rank)	Scores/Position
Justin Thomas (36th)	71-69/T40
Tony Finau (39th)	65-69/T2
Daniel Berger (46th)	73-74/MC
Scott Pinckney (78th)	70-71/T50
Adam Hadwin (95th)	73-72/MC
Nick Taylor (102nd)	67-73/T40
Jon Curran (105th)	74-73/MC
Zac Blair (106th)	69-68/T15
Carlos Ortiz (112th)	73-68/T50

The following 10 players are officially eliminated from the FedExCup Playoffs by missing the cut at The Barclays:

Player – Started Playoffs/Projected Standing (Finish at The Barclays)

- Erik Compton – from No. 122 to No. 125 (WD)
- Jonas Blixt – from No. 121 to No. 124 (MC)
- Tim Clark – from No. 120 to No. 122 (MC)
- Chad Collins – from No. 113 to No. 121 (MC)
- Retief Goosen – from No. 111 to No. 119 (DNP)
- Chris Stroud – from No. 109 to No. 117 (MC)
- Andres Gonzales – from No. 108 to No. 118 (MC)
- Steve Wheatcroft – from No. 107 to No. 116 (MC)
- Jon Curran – from No. 105 to No. 115 (MC)
- Graham DeLaet – from No. 113 to No. 104 (MC)

Bogey-free Rounds

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

R2: Jason Bohn (64); Zach Johnson (65)



Scoring Averages at the par-70 Plainfield Country Club:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
Thursday	35.118	35.764	70.882	
Friday	34.714	36.370	71.084	70.962

Cut: 142 (+2)

Morning wave scoring average: 70.83

Afternoon wave scoring average: 71.33

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