



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

Third-round Notes – Saturday, August 29, 2015

Saturday weather: Partly cloudy skies with temperatures in the mid 80s. Winds SSW at 5-10 mph.

Third-round leaders

T1	Sangmoon Bae	69-67-63/-11
T1	Jason Day	68-68-63/-11
3	Bubba Watson	65-68-67/-10
T4	Ryan Palmer	69-67-65/-9
T4	Zach Johnson	69-65-67/-9
T4	Henrik Stenson	68-66-67/-9

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 54-hole leader to go on to win The Barclays Steve Stricker in 2007; in total, 24/46 54-hole leaders have gone on to win The Barclays (does not include rain-shortened 1998 or 2011 events).

Jason Day (68-68-63/-11), No. 2 in FedExCup

Jason Day shot a third-round 63 (-7) and is tied for the lead heading into the final round of The Barclays. The PGA Championship winner finished T13 the last time The Barclays was held at Plainfield Country Club in 2011. He has never missed a cut at the tournament in seven previous starts, and he owns two top 10s, including a runner-up finish last year at The Ridgewood Country Club.

A win this week would move Day to No. 1 in the FedExCup, supplanting Jordan Spieth in the standings. He would also match Spieth with four wins on the year. Since 2010, the only players to record four or more wins in a season are Tiger Woods (2013, 5), Jordan Spieth (2015, 4), Rory McIlroy (2012, 4).

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Day is 2/8 on converting 54-hole leads to victories, which he was able to do earlier this month at the PGA Championship.

Day's third-round 63, which included an eagle on the par-5 16th, matches his lowest score ever in a round during the FedExCup Playoffs (63, R1, 2010 Deutsche Bank Championship).

The only player since 2000 to win his next worldwide start after capturing his first major championship was Martin Kaymer, who captured the KLM Open following his win at Whistling Straits in 2010. Day also won his first major championship at the PGA Championship at Whistling Straits this year.

Sangmoon Bae (69-67-63/-11), No. 34 in FedExCup

Sangmoon Bae matched his career-low round on the PGA TOUR, firing a 7-under-par 63 in the third round, which ties him for the lead with Jason Day heading into the final round.

Bae has made 21 birdies through three rounds, making more than four more birdies than the player with the next-highest total. His third round alone included nine birdies. Bae has two double bogeys on his week, as well as six other bogeys. His 25 pars are the fewest in the field.

With a win, Bae would record his third career victory and second of the season; he won the first event of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR season last fall at the Frys.com Open.

His win at the Frys.com Open is also the only time Bae has led on the PGA TOUR through 54 holes, so he will be looking to make it 2-for-2 on converting third-round leads to victories.

Jason Day and Sangmoon Bae each posted rounds of 7-under-par 63 playing in the same group during the third round. Day and Bae are the sixth group on the PGA TOUR this season where each member posted scores of 7-under or better. They join the following players:

Players	Event	Round
Martin Kaymer, Branden Grace	PGA Championship	3
Marcel Siem, Oliver Goss	AT&T Pebble Beach	3
Nick Watney, Jim Furyk	AT&T Pebble Beach	3
Matt Kuchar, Patrick Reed	Humana Challenge	1
Charley Hoffman, Nick Watney	Humana Challenge	2

Zach Johnson (69-65-67/-9), No. 11 in FedExCup

Zach Johnson made a bogey on the 18th hole of his third round, his first in 44 holes, to shoot 67, and he is two back of the lead held by Sangmoon Bae and Jason Day.

The bogey-free streak of 44 holes is the longest at The Barclays since Bob Tway in 1986, who played 43-consecutive holes without a bogey en route to victory.

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). He had never posted three-consecutive rounds in the 60s at the tournament until today.

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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.

If he goes on to win, he will become only the second player to win the Open Championship and The Barclays in the same season (Seve Ballesteros, 1988).

A win for Zach Johnson this week guarantees him a top-five spot heading into the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola, meaning that he controls his own destiny at East Lake and will win the FedExCup with a victory there.

Bubba Watson (65-68-67/-10), No. 3 in FedExCup

Watson shot 67 and is third through 54 holes at The Barclays. He leads the field in driving distance for the week, and he hit a 343-yard drive on the 16th hole during the third round.

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 has never recorded three wins in a season.

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.

With FedExCup leader Jordan Spieth missing the cut this week, Watson can take the lead in the standings with a win at The Barclays.

Carlos Ortiz (73-68-62/-7), 112th in FedExCup

Rookie Carlos Ortiz matched the tournament-low round and bettered his PGA TOUR best round by three shots, firing an 8-under-par 62 and is T7 headed into the final round.

Ortiz won his third Web.com Tour title last year during this same week, at the WinCo Foods Portland Open presented by Kraft, which earned him an automatic promotion to the PGA TOUR.

Ortiz is looking to become the seventh rookie to qualify for the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola

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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.

Ortiz entered the week with a FedExCup ranking of 112th.

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, Ortiz would be the second-youngest winner of a FedExCup Playoffs event, behind Rory McIlroy (23) at the age of 24 years, 4 months and 6 days on Sunday.

Miscellaneous Notes

Jim Furyk shot a third-round 69 and is T20, putting him in position for a top-25 finish. Through 30 starts in the Playoffs, Furyk has an impressive 25 top-25s

2013 FedExCup champion Henrik Stenson is T4 heading into the final round following a third-round 67.

First-round leader, Spencer Levin, shot a 3-under 67 and is T7, four shots back of the leaders. Levin's father, Don, played in the 1978 U.S. Amateur, which was contested at Plainfield Country Club; he advanced to the quarterfinals, where he lost to Mike Peck.

Dustin Johnson, who won the weather-shortened Barclays at Plainfield in 2011, posted a 3-under 67 and is T26 through three rounds. Johnson won the event at 19-under-par through three rounds, eight shots better than the lead through 54 holes in 2015.

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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. 93 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 BMW Championship).

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

Player (FedExCup rank)	Scores/Position
Justin Thomas (36th)	71-69-68/T33
Tony Finau (39th)	65-69-71/T14
Daniel Berger (46th)	73-74/MC
Scott Pinckney (78th)	70-71-69/T46
Adam Hadwin (95th)	73-72/MC
Nick Taylor (102nd)	67-73-69/T41
Jon Curran (105th)	74-73/MC
Zac Blair (106th)	69-68-67/T11
Carlos Ortiz (112th)	73-68-62/T7

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)

The following players are currently projected to move into the top 100, and would advance to the Deutsche Bank Championship:

YTD Pts Rank	Projected Points Rank	Player
103	57	Jason Dufner
112	63	Carlos Ortiz
115	65	Spencer Levin
106	68	Zac Blair
123	83	Camilo Villegas
119	84	Luke Donald
116	87	Stewart Cink
102	88	Nick Taylor

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The following players are currently projected to fall outside the top 100 based on the current leader board at The Barclays*:

YTD Pts Rank	Projected Points Rank	Player
87	101	Padraig Harrington
90	103	Greg Owen
93	106	John Peterson
94	107	Adam Scott
95	108	Adam Hadwin
96	109	Charl Schwartzel
97	110	John Huh
99	111	Francesco Molinari

Bogey-free Rounds

- R1: Danny Lee (66); Cameron Tringale (66)
- R2: Jason Bohn (64); Zach Johnson (65)
- R3: Carlos Ortiz (62); Justin Rose (63); Luke Donald (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
Saturday	34.153	34.847	69.000	70.523

Cut: 142 (+2)

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