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2015 TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola Pre-Tournament Notes

Dates: September 23-27, 2015

Where: East Lake Golf Club, Atlanta, Ga.

Par/Yards: 35-35--70/7,319 yards

Field: Top 30 in the FedExCup standings

2014 champion: Billy Horschel

Purse: \$8,250,000 /\$1,485,000 (winner)

FedExCup: 2,500 points to the winner

Format: 72-hole stroke-play

Twitter name: @playofffinale

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TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola Interview Schedule (FedExCup rank)

Tuesday, September 22

- **12:30 p.m.** – Henrik Stenson
- **12:45 p.m.** – Bubba Watson
- **3:00 p.m.** – Jordan Spieth

Wednesday, September 23

- **9:00 a.m.** – Jason Day
- **9:30 a.m.** – Rory McIlroy
- **10:00 a.m.** – Kevin Kisner
- **11:30 a.m.** – PGA TOUR Commissioner Tim Finchem
- TBD – Rickie Fowler

A look at the 2014 TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola

The stage was set for Billy Horschel and Rory McIlroy in the final round of the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola, marking the first time FedExCup history that the final pairing during the final round consisted of two players who were both inside the top five in the standings. With a victory by either guaranteeing the FedExCup, Horschel carded a 2-under 68 for a three-stroke win over McIlroy and Jim Furyk, adding his name to the list of FedExCup winners. The win (the third of his career) came in his 102nd PGA TOUR start. At age 27 years, 9 months, 7 days, Horschel became the youngest FedExCup champion in history (previous youngest was Bill Haas in 2011; 29 years, 4 months and 1 day) and the fifth-youngest TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola winner in the 28-year history of the event.

TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola storylines

The TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola is the culmination of the PGA TOUR's FedExCup season and the final of four FedExCup Playoffs events. Road to the TOUR Championship info:

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- The top 125 players on the PGA TOUR regular season FedExCup points list qualified for The Barclays.
- The top 100 players on the FedExCup points list following The Barclays qualified for the Deutsche Bank Championship (The Barclays was won by Jason Day).
- The top 70 players on the points list following the Deutsche Bank Championship qualified for the BMW Championship (The Deutsche Bank Championship was won by Rickie Fowler).
- The top 30 players following the BMW Championship advance to the TOUR Championship. (The BMW Championship was won by Jason Day).
- A points reset took place following the BMW Championship, giving all players in the field at the TOUR Championship a mathematical chance to win the FedExCup.

The top five players in the FedExCup standings entering the TOUR Championship control their own destiny and will win the FedExCup title should they go on to victory at East Lake.

No. 1 – Jason Day

No. 2 – Jordan Spieth

No. 3 – Rickie Fowler

No. 4 – Henrik Stenson

No. 5 – Bubba Watson

FedExCup Champions

2007 – Tiger Woods

2008 – Vijay Singh

2009 – Tiger Woods

2010 – Jim Furyk

2011 – Bill Haas

2012 – Brandt Snedeker

2013 – Henrik Stenson

2014 – Billy Horschel

Jason Day – No. 1 (2,000 points)

Jason Day's breakthrough season has included five victories, his first major title at the PGA Championship and a climb to No. 1 in the FedExCup standings and the Official World Golf Ranking. The five-time winner joins just four others – Tom Watson (1980), Nick Price (1994), Vijay Singh (2004) and Tiger Woods (1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2013) as the only players to have won five or more times in a season since 1980.

The 27-year-old Australian won in February at the Farmers Insurance Open in a four-man playoff. He appeared to be heading into contention at the U.S. Open at Chambers Bay, but vertigo symptoms from an inner-ear infection kept him from playing his best down the stretch. Day finished the event T9. His next tournament, The Open Championship at St. Andrews, his birdie putt at the final hole finished one rotation from going in and putting him in a playoff. He came back the next week, however, to win for the second time of the season at the RBC Canadian Open.

After a T12 at the World Golf Championships-Bridgestone Invitational, Day's breakthrough win at a major championship came with a dominant victory at the PGA Championship. Day's victory at Whistling Straits followed six top-five finishes in major championships in the last four years. The win moved him to No. 2 in the FedExCup standings.

At his next start at The Barclays, the first event of the FedExCup Playoffs, Day fired rounds of 63 and 62 on the weekend for a six-stroke victory and took over the No. 1 spot in the standings from Jordan Spieth. He finished T12 at the Deutsche Bank Championship, but further cemented his position at No. 1 in the standings by returning to winning form at the BMW Championship.

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Day claimed his seventh career PGA TOUR win in his 170th PGA TOUR start at the age of 27 years, 10 months and 8 days. In doing so, he takes over the No. 1 spot in the Official World Golf Ranking, becoming the third player in as many weeks to claim the coveted top spot. Prior to his win at the RBC Canadian Open six starts ago, Day was ranked ninth.

Day is the first player during the FedExCup era to win The Barclays and BMW Championship in the same season. He has now posted scores of sub-70 in 22 of his last 24 rounds played on the PGA TOUR.

Tiger Woods has the most wins in FedExCup Playoffs events with three. With his victory at the BMW Championship and The Barclays, Day joins eight other players with two wins in the Playoffs: Steve Stricker, Dustin Johnson, Phil Mickelson, Rory McIlroy, Camilo Villegas, Vijay Singh, Billy Horschel and Henrik Stenson.

Day has qualified for the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola in four of the last five seasons, with two top-10 finishes, including a T4 finish last year. He will make his third Presidents Cup appearance in two weeks, having finished No. 1 on the International Team points standing.

Year	Final Rank	Began Playoffs Rk	Barclays	Deutsche Bank	BMW	TOUR Champ
2008	83	127	T31 (96)	T50 (83)		
2009	48	67	T12 (46)	T19 (37)	T59 (48)	
2010	8	28	T5 (14)	T2 (4)	T54 (6)	T17 (8)
2011	12	14	T13 (15)	T3 (6)	T49 (10)	T6 (12)
2012	87	113	T24 (88)	T51 (87)		
2013	17	14	T25 (16)	T13 (12)	T4 (14)	T14 (17)
2014	10	34	T2 (7)	T7 (7)	WD (10)	T4 (10)
2015		2	1 (1)	T12 (1)	1 (1)	

To win the FedExCup – No. 1

- If he wins the TOUR Championship, he wins the FedExCup
- Can finish as low as 29th and still have a mathematical chance of winning

Jordan Spieth – No. 2 (1,800 points)

Jordan Spieth, 22, joins Jason Day as the only players with four or more victories on the PGA TOUR this season. Spieth's year began with top-10 finishes at the Waste Management Phoenix Open, AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am and the Northern Trust Open. His first win of the year came in a playoff at the Valspar Championship, which moved him into the top 10 in the FedExCup standings at No. 7.

With runner up finishes in his following two starts at the Valero Texas Open and the Shell Houston Open, Spieth won his first major championship at the Masters Tournament at 21 years of age. The four-stroke win over Justin Rose and Phil Mickelson was his fifth wire-to-wire victory in tournament history. With the win, Spieth (21 years, 8 months, 16 days at the time) added his name to several records, including becoming the second-youngest winner of the Green Jacket in the tournament's 79-year history behind Tiger Woods (21 years, 3 months, 14 days) and his 18-under-par 270 total matched Woods' record-setting 1997 performance. The win put Spieth at No. 1 in the FedExCup standings, where he would remain until Day's win at The Barclays.

At Chambers Bay in June, Spieth posted a 1-under 69 Sunday to move out of a four-way tie for the 54-hole lead and into the record books, becoming just the sixth player to win the Masters Tournament and U.S. Open in the same season. The victory made Spieth the youngest player to win two career majors since Gene Sarazen in 1922. He also became just the second player since 1940 to win four times on the PGA TOUR before the age of 22.

Spieth won the very next week at the John Deere Classic in a playoff with Tom Gillis, and he came up just one stroke short of the aggregate playoff at The Open Championship in his quest to take home the first three major championships of the season (T4).

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Two years ago, Spieth became the youngest to ever tee it up at the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola in 2013 at age 20; that year, he finished T2 at the TOUR Championship, thanks to an electrifying 6-under 64 in the final round at East Lake, leading to a seventh-place finish in the FedExCup, the best performance by a rookie.

Spieth will make his second start in The Presidents Cup as the top points-earner for the U.S. Team heading into Korea. In 2013, he became the youngest in event history to play for the U.S. Team, posting a 2-2-0 record.

Year	Final Rank	Began Playoffs Rk	Barclays	Deutsche Bank	BMW	TOUR Champ
2013	7	8	T19 (9)	T4 (10)	T16 (13)	T2 (7)
2014	15	8	T22 (9)	T29 (9)	T8 (11)	T27 (15)
2015		1	MC (2)	MC (2)	T13 (2)	

To win the FedExCup – No. 2

- If he wins the TOUR Championship, he wins the FedExCup
- Can finish as low as a 2-way tie for 6th and still have a mathematical chance of winning

Rickie Fowler – No. 3 (1,600 points)

With a victory at the Deutsche Bank Championship, the second event of the FedExCup Playoffs, Rickie Fowler's second win of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR season moved him into the top five in the FedExCup standings. With the win, Fowler moved to No. 3 in the FedExCup standings and became the fourth player this year to win multiple tournaments at age 27 or younger, joining Jordan Spieth, Rory McIlroy and Jason Day. The last time four or more players, all 27 or younger, won multiple TOUR events in one year was 1997: Tiger Woods, David Duval, Phil Mickelson, Ernie Els and Justin Leonard.

Fowler's other victory came at THE PLAYERS Championship in one of the more memorable finishes in recent history. He finished birdie, eagle, birdie, birdie to shoot a final-round 66 and finish at 12-under-par, earning a spot in the three-hole aggregate playoff with Kevin Kisner and Sergio Garcia. Fowler finished the three-hole playoff tied with Kisner at 1-under through those three holes with scores of par, birdie, par. With Garcia eliminated (par-par-par), Fowler and Kisner advanced to sudden-death at the 17th hole, where Fowler's tee shot landed 4' 8" from the cup. Kisner's par and Fowler's birdie gave the 26-year-old his second-career PGA TOUR win.

In regulation, Fowler played holes 15, 16, 17 and 18 at TPC Sawgrass in a 5-under-par total of 11 strokes. The four-hole score of 11 set a new low on the final four holes at THE PLAYERS Stadium Course for a single round in tournament history. Fowler also become the first winner on the PGA TOUR to play holes 15-18 in 5-under in the final round of any event since the PGA TOUR began tracking hole-by-hole scores in 1983.

Fowler qualified for the U.S. Presidents Cup Team and will make his first appearance in the event in less than two weeks in Korea.

This is the third time that Fowler has reached the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola and the first time he has entered the event ranked inside the top five in the standings.

Year	Final Rank	Began Playoffs Rk	Barclays	Deutsche Bank	BMW	TOUR Champ
2010	32	19	T36 (22)	T41 (25)	T45 (32)	
2011	43	28	T52 (31)	T52 (37)	48 (43)	
2012	28	18	T24 (19)	T74 (24)	T41 (27)	T23 (28)
2013	7	42	T9 (23)	CUT (36)	T39 (38)	
2014	9	16	T9 (11)	T23 (10)	T4 (9)	8 (9)
2015		15	CUT (22)	1 (3)	T3 (3)	

To win the FedExCup – No. 3, Rickie Fowler

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- If he wins the TOUR Championship, he wins the FedExCup
- Can finish as low as T4 and still have a mathematical chance of winning

Henrik Stenson – No. 4 (1,440 points)

Sweden's Henrik Stenson, 2013 TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola and FedExCup champion, is the highest-ranked player in the FedExCup standings without a victory in the 2014-15 season. Two of his three runner-up finishes came in the first two FedExCup Playoffs events at The Barclays and the Deutsche Bank Championship. Before The Barclays, Stenson's highest position in the standings was 21st, after a runner-up finish at the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by MasterCard. He had a series of strong performances over a three-week stretch in March, with a T4 at the World Golf Championships-Cadillac Championship, finishing one shot out of a playoff at the Valspar Championship (4) and his runner up at the Arnold Palmer Invitational.

At the TOUR Championship in 2013, Stenson entered the final round with a four-shot advantage over Dustin Johnson and turned in a final-round 68 for a three-stroke, wire-to-wire victory over Jordan Spieth and Steve Stricker, securing the 2013 FedExCup. Stenson, a 37-year-old native of Gothenburg, Sweden, is the only European player to win the TOUR Championship as well as the only European to win the FedExCup.

This will be Stenson's second time qualifying for the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola, and he is one of four FedExCup champions in the field (Jim Furyk, Brandt Snedeker and Bill Haas). Stenson is trying to join Tiger Woods as the only two-time FedExCup winner.

Year	Final Rank	Began Playoffs	Barclays	Deutsche Bank	BMW	TOUR Champ
2007	39	31	MC (34)	T55 (35)	T52 (39)	
2008	N/A					
2009	N/A					
2010	141	141				
2011	180	180				
2012	111	117	T54 (111)			
2013	1	9	T43 (13)	1st (1)	T33 (2)	1(1)
2014	52	70	T38 (66)	T26 (55)	T23 (52)	
2015		41	2 (4)	2 (4)	T10 (4)	

To Win the FedExCup – No. 4, Henrik Stenson

- If he wins the TOUR Championship, he wins the FedExCup
- Can finish as low as T3 and still have a mathematical chance of winning

Bubba Watson – No. 5 (1,280 points)

Bubba Watson enters the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola inside the top five in the standings for the second consecutive season. Watson won in his first start of the 2014-15 season with a thrilling victory at the World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions. After making nine combined birdies on the final five holes in rounds two and three, Watson came to the 14th hole of the final round in good position. He again birdied the 14th, but a par on 15, a bogey on 16 and a double-bogey on 17 meant the 36-year-old needed eagle on the final hole to have any chance at the title. In dramatic fashion, Watson holed out from a greenside bunker to force a playoff with Tim Clark. He found the same bunker on the first playoff hole, making birdie to Clark's par to win the event.

Watson also won the Travelers Championship in a sudden-death playoff, this time over Paul Casey, giving him a 5-for-6 record in playoffs in his PGA TOUR career. After winning the HSBC Champions, Watson has only spent one week outside the top 10 in the FedExCup standings – the week after missing the cut at the U.S. Open before winning the next week at the Travelers Championship.

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Watson is one of five players with multiple wins on the PGA TOUR this season along with Jimmy Walker (Sony Open in Hawaii, Valero Texas Open), Rory McIlroy (World Golf Championships-Cadillac Match Play, Wells Fargo Championship), Rickie Fowler (THE PLAYERS Championship, Deutsche Bank Championship), Jason Day (Farmers Insurance Open, RBC Canadian Open, PGA Championship, The Barclays, BMW Championship) and Jordan Spieth (Valspar Championship, Masters Tournament, U.S. Open and John Deere Classic).

Watson has a total of seven top-three finishes this season, with runner-ups at the Waste Management Phoenix Open, RBC Canadian Open and World Golf Championships-Bridgestone Invitational. He finished No. 2 in The Presidents Cup U.S. Team standings and will be making his second appearance in the event (2011, 3-2-0 record).

Watson has played in the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola on five previous occasions, with one top-10 finish (T5) coming in 2012.

Year	Final Rank	Began Playoffs Rk	Barclays	Deutsche Bank	BMW	TOUR Champ
2007	37	33	CUT (36)	CUT (41)	T18 (37)	
2008	30	56	T12 (30)	T44 (27)	T28 (29)	30 (30)
2009	53	54	CUT (72)	T32 (59)	T15 (53)	
2010	22	8	T31 (9)	T37 (12)	T50 (18)	T17(22)
2011	26	8	CUT (16)	T16 (12)	T53 (18)	T23 (26)
2012	13	5	T10 (7)	CUT (10)	T12 (11)	T5 (13)
2013	37	38	T13 (27)	T67 (40)	T24 (37)	
2014	5	3	T30 (5)	T29 (6)	2 (3)	14 (5)
2015		3	3 (3)	T29 (5)	T10 (5)	

To win the FedExCup – No. 5 Bubba Watson

- If he wins the TOUR Championship, he wins the FedExCup
- Can finish as low as a 2-way tie for 2nd and still have a mathematical chance of winning

TOUR Championship and FedExCup Notes

Here is a year-by-year look at FedExCup champions and their performance throughout the FedExCup Playoffs in the years they won:

FedExCup Champion	The Barclays	Deutsche Bank	BMW Champ.	TOUR Champ.
2014 Billy Horschel	CUT	T2	Won	Won
2013 Henrik Stenson	T43	1	T33	Won
2012 Brandt Snedeker	2 nd	6 th	T37	Won
2011 Bill Haas	T24	T61	T16	Won
2010 Jim Furyk	DNP	T37	T15	Won
2009 Tiger Woods	T2	T11	Won	2nd
2008 Vijay Singh	Won	Won	T44	T22
2007 Tiger Woods	N/A	T2	Won	Won

For 2015, players who moved inside the top 30 in the FedExCup standings and into the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola field after the BMW Championship:

Player	Before BMW	After BMW
Daniel Berger	46	9
Scott Piercy	44	20
Kevin Na	34	27
Harris English	32	30

For 2015, players who dropped out of the top 30 in the FedExCup standings and out of the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola:

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Player	Before BMW	After BMW
Daniel Summerhays	26	31
Russell Knox	29	34
Ben Martin	25	35
Jason Bohn	28	40

Miscellaneous Notes

With one event remaining in the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season, Jordan Spieth leads the PGA TOUR in Adjusted Scoring Average (68.984) with Jason Day (69.163) in second in the category. The leader in Adjusted Scoring Average at the end of the season earns the Byron Nelson Award from the PGA TOUR and the Vardon Trophy from the PGA of America.

Jason Day's win last week at the BMW Championship accounted for the 23rd win (14 different players) by players under the age of 30 in 2014-15.

Twenty-four of the 46 PGA TOUR winners in 2014-15 have been inside the top 25 in the Official World Golf Ranking, compared to 14 in 2013-14 and 19 in 2013.

Twenty-eight of 45 stroke-play events in 2014-15 have been decided via playoff (17) or one stroke (11).

Six players -- Jason Day (No. 1), Jordan Spieth (No. 2), Rickie Fowler (No. 3), Bubba Watson (No. 5), Rory McIlroy (No. 11) and Jimmy Walker (No. 13) all have multiple victories this season and made the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola field.

Defending FedExCup champion Billy Horschel finished the BMW Championship at 7-under 277 (T32) and was eliminated from this week's TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola. Brandt Snedeker is the only TOUR Championship and FedExCup winner (2012) to return to East Lake the year after winning the season-long points race.

Hunter Mahan was the only player in the FedExCup era to advance each season to the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola and make every start in the Playoffs. This year, with a T4 finish at TPC Boston, he moved from No. 91 entering the Deutsche Bank Championship to No. 52 to keep his streak alive, but he was eliminated from the FedExCup Playoffs after his T32 finish at last week's BMW Championship. Here's a look at his year-by-year FedExCup finishes:

Name	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Hunter Mahan	15 th	18 th	27 th	18 th	7 th	19 th	20 th	6 th	49 th

Past FedExCup Champions/TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola winners scheduled to compete at the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola:

Player	Year Won	FEC Rank
Jim Furyk	2010	16
Bill Haas	2011	26
Brandt Snedeker	2012	23
Henrik Stenson	2013	4

All major championship winners have qualified for the TOUR Championship. Masters and U.S. Open winner Jordan Spieth is No. 2 in the standings, The Open Championship winner Zach Johnson is No. 6 and PGA Championship winner Jason Day is No. 1.

Nine players are making their first appearance at the TOUR Championship this week. They are: Robert Streb, Daniel Berger, J.B. Holmes, Kevin Kisner, Danny Lee, Steven Bowditch, Brooks Koepka, Sangmoon Bae and Harris English. With a victory, they would join Chad Campbell (2003), Bart Bryant (2005), Bill Haas (2011) and Henrik Stenson (2013) as players to win the TOUR Championship in their first appearance (not including Tom Watson's win at the first TOUR Championship in 1987).

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Jim Furyk is playing in the event for the 18th time in his career, the most in tournament history.

Age breakdown for the 2015 TOUR Championship field:

20-29	12
30-39	17
40+	1

Winners of the TOUR Championship in their 20s include:

- Tiger Woods (1999, 23 years, 10 months, 1 day)
- David Duval (1997, 25 years, 11 months, 24 days)
- Adam Scott (2006, 26 years, 3 months, 20 days)
- Camilo Villegas (2008, 26 years, 8 months, 21 days)
- Billy Horschel (2014, 27 years, 9 months, 7 days)
- Billy Mayfair (1995, 29 years, 2 months 23 days)
- Bill Haas (2011, 29 years, 4 months and 1 day)
- Chad Campbell (2003, 29 years, 5 months, 9 days)

Henrik Stenson (2013, Sweden) and Vijay Singh (2008, Fiji) are the two international winners of the FedExCup. Six international winners have won the TOUR Championship: Mike Weir (2001, Canada); Vijay Singh (2002, Fiji); Retief Goosen (2004, South Africa); Adam Scott (2006, Australia); Camilo Villegas (2008, Colombia); and Henrik Stenson (2013, Sweden).

There are 10 international players in the field representing eight countries outside of the United States:

Rank	Player	Country
1	Jason Day	Australia
4	Henrik Stenson	Sweden
11	Rory McIlroy	Northern Ireland
12	Justin Rose	England
15	Hideki Matsuyama	Japan
19	Danny Lee	New Zealand
22	Paul Casey	England
24	Steven Bowditch	Australia
28	Sangmoon Bae	South Korea
29	Louis Oosthuizen	South Africa

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