



2015 TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola
(The 4th of 4 events in the FedExCup Playoffs)

Atlanta, GA **September 24-27, 2015**
East Lake Golf Club

FedExCup Points: 2,000 **Purse: \$8,250,000**
Par/Yards: 35-35—70/7,307

First-Round Notes – Thursday, September 24, 2015

Weather: Partly cloudy. High of 88. Winds WSW 7-12 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

Henrik Stenson	63 (-7)
Paul Casey	65 (-5)
Rory McIlroy	66 (-4)
Zach Johnson	66 (-4)
Six players tied	68 (-2)

The TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola is the culmination of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR season and the final event of the FedExCup Playoffs. The road to the TOUR Championship began with the top 125 players qualifying for The Barclays (won by Jason Day), followed by the top 100 players at the Deutsche Bank Championship (won by Rickie Fowler) and the top 70 players at the BMW Championship (won by Jason Day).

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.

FEC	Name	Score	Position	FedExCup Projection
1	Jason Day	1-under	T11	2
2	Jordan Spieth	2-under	T5	3
3	Rickie Fowler	1-under	T11	4
4	Henrik Stenson	7-under	1 st	1
5	Bubba Watson	E	T17	6

A points reset took place following the BMW Championship giving all 29 players in the field at the TOUR Championship a mathematical chance to win the FedExCup.

Henrik Stenson – No. 4 in the FedExCup, 7-under 63, 1st

Henrik Stenson, 2013 TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola and FedExCup champion, shot a front-nine 6-under-par 29 enroute to an opening-round 63. Stenson is ranked No. 4 in the FedExCup standings and guaranteed to win the FedExCup with a victory this week.

Stenson has led or shared the lead through 18 holes in four previous starts on the PGA TOUR.

Year	Tournament	Rd. 1 score	Finish
2005	WGC-Bridgestone Invitational	66	T13
2007	WGC-Cadillac Championship	67	T19
2013	TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola	64	1 st
2015	U.S. Open	65	T27

Stenson's front-nine 29 is one stroke short of the tournament record held by Tiger Woods in 2007. Stenson opened the 2013 TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola with a 6-under-par 64. In five career rounds at East Lake Golf Club, Stenson has shot 64, 66, 69, 68, 63.

Stenson 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.

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 39-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.

With Stenson joined by England's Paul Casey and Northern Ireland's Rory McIlroy all in the top three on the leaderboard, it is the first time in tournament history that three players from Europe have finished any round atop the leaderboard.

Stenson is trying to join Tiger Woods as the only two-time FedExCup winner. Stenson would join Woods and Mickelson as the only two players to win the TOUR Championship multiple times.

Paul Casey – No. 22 in the FedExCup, 5-under 65, 2nd

Playing at the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola for the second time in his career, England's Paul Casey shot a 5-under-par 65. In his only other appearance at the TOUR Championship, Casey finished T4. In five career rounds at East Lake Golf Club, Casey has four rounds in the 60s.

Casey completed one of his more consistent seasons on the PGA TOUR in 2014-15 with seven top 10s and 18 made cuts in 22 starts. The 38-year-old shot a final-round 68 to join the three-man playoff at the Northern Trust Open (lost to eventual champion James Hahn) and followed it up with a T3 performance at The Honda Classic. Those were his first back-to-back top 10s since the 2010 BMW Championship (2) and the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola (T4).

Casey tied his career-best finish at the Masters with T6 showing in April after finishing in the same position in his first Masters appearance in 2004. Casey came close to victory again at the Travelers Championship, after rounds of 64-65 on the weekend sent him to his second playoff appearance of the season (lost to Bubba Watson).

Rory McIlroy – No. 11 in the FedExCup, 4-under 66, T3

Playing for the third time at East Lake Golf Club, Rory McIlroy shot an opening-round 4-under-par 66. McIlroy was in the final group last year with Billy Horschel shooting 71 to finish T2. McIlroy's T3 standing through 18 holes is his best standing after the first round on the PGA TOUR since he led after 18 holes at the 2014 Deutsche Bank Championship.

The opening-round 66 is McIlroy's lowest opening round since the 2014 PGA Championship.

McIlroy has two victories this season at the World Golf Championships-Dell Match Play and the Wells Fargo Championship but was forced to miss part of the season due to an ankle injury.

McIlroy's finishes since returning from injury

Tournament	Finish
PGA Championship	17 th
Deutsche Bank Championship	T29
BMW Championship	T4

To win the FedExCup – No. 11, Rory McIlroy must win the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola, AND

- Day must finish T6 or worse
- Spieth must finish T4 or worse
- Fowler must finish T3 or worse
- Stenson must finish in a 3-way tie for second or worse
- Watson must finish T2 or worse

Zach Johnson, No. 6 in the FedExCup, 4-under 66, T3

Zach Johnson's opening-round 66 puts him at T3. Johnson, who at 39 is the oldest player in the field, is playing in the TOUR Championship for the ninth time. Johnson holds the course record with a 3rd-round 60 when he finished T2 in 2007.

The T3 standing through 18 holes is Johnson's best at the TOUR Championship in his ninth time playing the event.

With at least one win in eight of the last nine seasons on the PGA TOUR, Johnson continues to be one of the most consistent players in the game. He opened the year with a seventh-place showing in defense of his Hyundai

Tournament of Champions title, then added a pair of T9s at the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by MasterCard and Masters Tournament. Johnson gained momentum this summer, recording four top-six finishes in five weeks. That stretch was highlighted by his win at The Open Championship, where he became the sixth player to win majors at Augusta National and St. Andrews. The 2007 Masters Champion defeated Louis Oosthuizen and Marc Leishman in a four-hole aggregate playoff to take home the Claret Jug.

In two weeks, Johnson will tee it up for the U.S. Presidents Cup Team for the fourth time in his career (2007, 2009, 2013; 7-6-0 record).

Johnson, who has advanced to the FedExCup Playoffs every year since the FedExCup began in 2007, started the 2014-15 Playoffs with a T4 showing at The Barclays.

First-Round Leader Statistics

The first-round leader/co-leader has won 12 of 28 times at the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola. The last was Billy Horschel in 2014.

The first-round leader/co-leader has won 6 of 45 stroke-play events this season, most recently Jason Day at the BMW Championship.

First Timers at the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola

Nine players are making their first appearance at the TOUR Championship this week, including 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).

Additional Player Notes

The final pairing of Jordan Spieth and Jason Day finished at 2-under-par and 1-under-par, respectively.

Day, No. 1 in the FedExCup standings, started the round hot with three birdies. A triple bogey at the par-4 5th hole cancelled his opening three birdies. It was Day's first triple bogey since carding a snowman on the 16th hole at Firestone Country Club during the third round of the World Golf Championships-Bridgestone Invitational. 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.

Spieth, the reigning Masters and U.S. Open winner is T5 through 18 holes. 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.

Miscellaneous Notes

South Africa's Louis Oosthuizen withdrew during the first round citing a hamstring injury. Jim Furyk withdrew on Wednesday with a wrist injury. Both players finish T29 and will collect unofficial money. With both players withdrawing, Harris English is no longer able to win the FedExCup as one of the stipulations for English to win the Cup was Jason Day finishing 29th or worse. With only 28 players remaining, that is no longer possible.

With Jim Furyk being forced to withdraw from the TOUR Championship due to a wrist injury, this is the first time in the event's history that there has not been a player in the field in his 40s dating back to 1987.

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

Past FedExCup/TOUR Championship winners remaining in 2015 FedExCup Playoffs

Player	Year Won	Current FEC/projected	TOUR Champ R1
Henrik Stenson	2013	4/1	63/1 st
Brandt Snedeker	2012	22/14	68/T5
Bill Haas	2011	25/27	72/T21

Three PGA TOUR players are joining a longtime supporter in putting their money where the birdies are in a show of support for the work of the East Lake Foundation, which is celebrating its 20th Anniversary this year. Charley Hoffman, J.B. Holmes and Brandt Snedeker have pledged to make a donation to the foundation for each birdie they make during the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola.

In addition, Alex Robertson and his wife, Alexandra, have pledged to donate \$1,000 per birdie made by the field of 29 players. Already the primary fundraiser for the East Lake Foundation, these additional contributions stemming from the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola will provide valuable resources to aid the foundation in efforts for holistic community redevelopment. In 2014, 385 birdies were recorded at the TOUR Championship.

Player	RD 1	RD 2	RD 3	RD4	Total
Charley Hoffman	3				3
J.B. Holmes	5				3
Brandt Snedeker	5				5
Total	11				11

Four of the seven winners on the fall segment of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season are currently inside the top 30 in the FedExCup: Bubba Watson (5th), Charley Hoffman (8th), Robert Streb (14th) and Sangmoon Bae (27th).

Scoring Averages for the par-70 East Lake Golf Club:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
Thursday	34.690	35.204	69.894	

Bogey-free rounds:

R1 – Zach Johnson