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2015 World Golf Championships-Cadillac Championship Pre-tournament notes

Dates: March 4-8, 2015

Where: The Blue Monster at Trump National Doral; Doral, Fla.

Par/Yards: 36-36--72/7,481 yards

Field: 74 players

- Top 50 from the Official World Golf Ranking as of February 23 and again on March 2
- Top 30 from the final 2014 PGA TOUR FedExCup standings
- Top 10 from the 2014-15 PGA TOUR FedExCup standings as of March 2
- Top 20 from the final 2014 European Tour Order of Merit
- Top 10 from the 2014 European Tour Order of Merit standings as of February 23
- Top two players from:
 - 2014 Japan Golf Tour Order of Merit
 - 2014 Australasian Tour Order of Merit
 - 2014 Asian Tour Order of Merit.

The week of The Honda Classic offered the final opportunity to qualify for the Cadillac Championship. Players not previously eligible qualified by being inside the top 50 in the Official World Golf Ranking (Paul Casey) or the top 10 in the FedExCup standings following The Honda Classic (Robert Streb, Sang-Moon Bae, Charley Hoffman). James Hahn also earned his way into the field off of the FedExCup standings but will not play.

2014 champion: Patrick Reed, 284 (-4)

Purse: \$9.25 million, \$1,570,000 to the winner

FedExCup: 550 points to the winner

Format: 72-hole stroke-play competition

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As has been the case the past four years, groupings will be made based on the Official World Golf Ranking for players No. 1-24. Players will play in threesomes off of No.1 and No.10 in the first two rounds.

Pre-tournament press conferences (all times ET)

Tuesday, March 3, 2015

1 p.m. – Bubba Watson

Wednesday, March 4, 2015

9 a.m. – Jay Haas, Nick Price (The Presidents Cup 2015)

9:30 a.m. – Anirban Lahiri

Approximately 12:30 p.m. – Adam Scott

1 p.m. – Rory McIlroy

2 p.m. – Jamie Donaldson

TBD

Henrik Stenson

Patrick Reed

How Patrick Reed won the 2014 Cadillac Championship

Patrick Reed entered the final round of the 2014 Cadillac Championship with a two-stroke lead over Jason Dufner and Hunter Mahan, and carded a steady even-par 72 in the final round to capture his third victory and first World Golf Championships title. At the age of 23 years, 7 months and 4 days, he became the youngest player to win a World Golf Championships event, bettering Tiger Woods' mark set at the 1999 Bridgestone Invitational by 26 days; it was just Reed's second start in a World Golf Championships event. Reed's 72-hole winning total of 4-under 284 is the highest since the inception of the Cadillac Championship in 1999. The previous high was 278 (Tiger Woods at Valderrama in 1999 and at Doral in 2007).

Youngest winners of World Golf Championships Events:

Patrick Reed, Cadillac Championship, 2014–23 years, 7 months, 4 days

Tiger Woods, Bridgestone Invitational, 1999–23 years, 7 months, 30 days

Tiger Woods, Cadillac Championship, 1999–23 years, 10 months, 8 days (previous youngest at Cadillac)

Tiger Woods, Bridgestone Invitational, 2000–24 years, 7 months, 28 days

Rory McIlroy, Bridgestone Invitational, 2014–25 years, 2 months, 30 days

Tiger Woods, Bridgestone Invitational, 2001–25 years, 7 months, 27 days

Jason Day, Accenture Match Play Championship, 2014 – 26 years, 1 month, 28 days

Patrick Reed at the 2014 Cadillac Championship

- Ranked T7 in putts for the week, taking 110 total
- Won despite not hitting many fairways; he finished T52 for the week, hitting the fairway just 41 percent of the time
- Was good out of the sand, ranking 8th in sand saves by converting 10 of 14 attempts
- Eagled the eighth hole in the third round, his only eagle of the week
- Became a perfect three-for-three when holding the 54-hole lead or co-lead

More on Patrick Reed

Reed is off to a hot start in the 2014-15 PGA TOUR season, winning the Hyundai Tournament of Champions in a playoff over Jimmy Walker to go along with three other top 25s, including a T7 at last week's Honda Classic.

Reed's victory at the Hyundai Tournament of Champions put him with Tiger Woods, Rory McIlroy and Sergio Garcia as the only players in the last 20 years to record four-plus wins before the age of 24 years and 6 months.

Reed, with four wins, owns the most wins by current players on the PGA TOUR under the age of 25. Player ages when they won for the fourth time in the last 25 years:

<i>Player</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Starts</i>	<i>Event</i>
Tiger Woods	21 years, 3 months, 15 days	29	1997 Masters
Rory McIlroy	23 years, 3 months, 9 days	50	2012 PGA Championship
Phil Mickelson	23 years, 6 months, 24 days	54	1994 Hyundai Tournament of Champions
Sergio Garcia	24 years, 4 months, 7 days	95	2004 AT&T Byron Nelson Championship
Patrick Reed	24 years, 5 months, 7 days	72	2015 Hyundai Tournament of Champions

(Note: Adam Scott would also be on this list, but his victory at the 2005 Northern Trust Open was unofficial)

Select player notes

Bubba Watson, USA

Bubba Watson has a runner-up finish in two of the last three years at the Cadillac Championship. Despite the course changes, he still recorded one of those runner-up finishes last year. Watson already has a win in the 2014-15 PGA TOUR season and it came at another World Golf Championships event, the HSBC Champions in Shanghai, China.

Watson has three top 10s in his first four starts this season, with his lowest finish a T14 at the Northern Trust Open, where he was the defending champion.

Rory McIlroy, Northern Ireland

Rory McIlroy will be making his second start of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR season following his missed cut at The Honda Classic. McIlroy won his first World Golf Championships event last fall at the Bridgestone Invitational in Akron, Ohio, which was part of a three-week stretch that saw him also win the Open Championship and the PGA Championship.

Mcllroy was named the 2014 PGA TOUR Player of the Year for the second time in three seasons. In his first two starts on the European Tour this season, Mcllroy finished runner-up at the Abu Dhabi HSBC Golf Championship and won the Omega Dubai Desert Classic.

Mcllroy has three top 10s in six previous starts at the Cadillac Championship, with his best finish coming in 2012 when he tied for third.

Adam Scott, Australia

Adam Scott is making his second start in the 2014-15 PGA TOUR season this week at the Cadillac Championship and first since the HSBC Champions last fall. He has four top 10s at the Cadillac Championship, including a T2 in 2006.

Scott won his only World Golf Championships event in 2011 at the Bridgestone Invitational.

In 2013-14, Scott made only 16 starts, but recorded 10 top 10s, tying his career-best from 2006. His win at the Crowne Plaza Invitational at Colonial vaulted him to the top spot in the Official World Golf Ranking, which he lost later in the year.

Paul Casey, England

Making his 156th PGA TOUR start at The Honda Classic, Paul Casey finished T3 in his attempt for his second TOUR victory (2009 Shell Houston Open). Casey has finished inside the top 12 in three of his last four starts at The Honda Classic (T4-2010, MC-2013, T12-2014, T3-2015), and he has back-to-back top-three finishes coming into this week (lost in a playoff at the Northern Trust Open).

The Honda Classic finish moved Casey from No. 65 in the Official World Golf Ranking to No. 45, qualifying him for the Cadillac Championship via the top 50 in the OWGR. Casey has three top-10 finishes in this event, with his best coming, a T6, coming in 2010.

Anirban Lahiri, India

India's Anirban Lahiri will be making his first start in a World Golf Championships event, thanks in no small part to two wins on the European Tour in February (Maybank Malaysian Open, Hero Indian Open) that have boosted him to No. 35 in the Official World Golf Ranking. He was No. 65 to start the year. Lahiri has won five other events on the Asian Tour since 2011.

Lahiri has played in six official PGA TOUR events, but this marks only his second in the United States (2014 PGA Championship, missed cut).

Additional field notes

- The Cadillac Championship is the first official PGA TOUR event to include all 50 of the top 50 in the Official World Golf Ranking since the 2012 PGA Championship. Earlier that same year, the Cadillac Championship also fielded 50 of the top 50 in the OWGR.
- Defending champion Patrick Reed is one of four past champions in the field at the Cadillac Championship.
 - Justin Rose (2012)
 - Geoff Ogilvy (2008)
 - Phil Mickelson (2009)
- 18-time World Golf Championships winner Tiger Woods (and seven-time Cadillac Championship winner) failed to qualify for the Cadillac Championship for the first time in his career.
- Anirban Lahiri, Tommy Fleetwood, Mikko Ilonen, Alexandar Levy, David Lipsky, Shane Lowry, Koumei Oda, Brendon Todd, Bernd Wiesberger and Danny Willett are making their first start in the Cadillac Championship, while James Hahn, Morgan Hoffmann, Steven Jeffress, Brooks Koepka, Gary Stal, Robert Streb, Cameron Tringale and Danie Von Tonder are making their first starts at the tournament and in any World Golf Championships event.
- The field includes 42 players from 20 countries outside the United States. With 21 countries total, this marks the most countries represented in the Cadillac Championship since 2008 (21).
 - USA 32
 - ENG 8
 - AUS 5
 - RSA 5
 - FRA 3
 - JPN 3
 - GER 2

- NIR 2
- SCO 2
- AUT 1
- DEN 1
- ESP 1
- FIN 1
- IND 1
- IRL 1
- KOR 1
- NED 1
- NZL 1
- SWE 1
- THA 1
- WAL 1

The redesigned Blue Monster at Trump National Doral shows its teeth

The Blue Monster Course at Trump National Doral underwent an extensive redesign prior to the 2014 tournament under the direction of renowned architect Gil Hanse, and the newly configured course proved extremely challenging for the world's best players.

Trump National Doral was the third-most-difficult course on the PGA TOUR for the 2013-14 season in relation to par (+1.852) and was the hardest non-major course. The only courses more difficult than the Blue Monster Course were Pinehurst No.2 (site of the U.S. Open) and Augusta National. The unusually high winds played a large factor in the high scores.

In comparison, the last three years the course ranked:

2014: 3rd

2013: 31st

2012: 28th

Trump National Doral had four holes ranked in the top 30 most difficult for last season. Interestingly enough, the famed 18th hole was not the most difficult at last year's event. No. 7 ranked as the seventh-most difficult on the PGA TOUR with a +.417 average over par score.

Hole-in-One Prizes

During the 2015 Cadillac Championship, players will have the opportunity to win a Cadillac performance vehicle with a hole-in-one on the 9th and 15th holes.

A popular fan location, the 9th hole offers players a chance to win a 2015 Cadillac Escalade. The fourth-generation Escalade is an entirely new design yet instantly recognizable. Much of the story of Cadillac's redesigned flagship SUV is the interior, where new levels of luxury combine with the latest technology. The new interior features cut-and-sewn and wrapped materials, with wood trim options chosen for elegance and authenticity. Seats were engineered to be more comfortable and sculpted in appearance. The new interior is dramatically quieter, too, thanks to a stronger new body structure, new and enhanced acoustic material, and Bose Active Noise Cancellation technology.

With the challenging peninsula green and a chance to win an all-new 2016 Cadillac ATS-V with a hole-in-one, the 15th hole will be more exciting than ever. The first-ever Cadillac ATS-V arrives track-capable from the factory later this spring. Powered by the exclusive 455-hp Cadillac Twin Turbo engine and the world's fastest reacting suspension system, the upcoming ATS-V is the newest entry into the elite class of the world's finest luxury performance machines. And it promises to make the flagstick at the 15th even more tempting.

Outside the Ropes at the Cadillac Championship

With the transformation of Trump National Doral Resort and the complete renovation of The Blue Monster along with unparalleled support from the event's title sponsor, Cadillac, The World Golf Championships-Cadillac Championship has made a transformation of its own from a world-class golf tournament featuring the greatest golfers from across the globe to a must-attend international social event bringing together the worlds of fashion, music and entertainment.

It starts with Cadillac Nights Opening Drive on Tuesday night at Trump National Doral pool area (new location this year). This VIP ticket allows fans to mingle with PGA TOUR players, members of the Trump family and a host

of other key local and national celebrities, politicians and executives. DJ Irie will entertain the crowd. A limited number of tickets will be on sale to get access to this ultra-exclusive event.

Media are invited to interview players and celebrities on the red carpet or attend this event as a guest to start the Cadillac Championship week off “in the fairway”.

On Thursday, building on the last two years, the Cadillac Championship will once again host an after-play fashion show at Trump National Doral. This year’s Cadillac Nights Fashion Show will be held after the completion of the first round on Thursday, March 5. The show, hosted by Ivanka Trump, will feature the latest designs by Dolce & Gabbana.

Then, Trump National Doral and the Cadillac Championship, in conjunction with Trump Models will be hosting an official model search on the Fashion Show stage during the day on Fashion Friday.

On Saturday, in partnership with AEG Live, tournament officials announced 10-time GRAMMY® Award-winning artist Carlos Santana as the headline performer for Cadillac Miami Nights Live featuring Santana following the completion of the third round

The Trump National Doral resort has been host to the PGA TOUR for over 50 years and serves as home of the World Golf Championships-Cadillac Championship. More information can be found at www.TrumpNationalDoral.com. For tickets and more information on the Cadillac Championship, go to www.CadillacChampionship.com.