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2015 Wyndham Championship Pre-Tournament Notes

-Celebrating 50 years since Sam Snead won his last PGA TOUR event in Greensboro in 1965.

Dates: August 17-23, 2015

Where: Sedgefield Country Club, Greensboro, N.C.

Par/Yards: 70/7,130 yards

2013 champion: Camilo Villegas

Purse: \$5,400,000/\$972,000

FedExCup: 500 points to the winner

Format: 72-hole stroke play

Field: 156

Website: <http://www.wyndhamchampionship.com>

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How the Wyndham Championship was won in 2014

Camilo Villegas posted bogey-free, 7-under 63s in the first and final rounds of the Wyndham Championship to claim his fourth career title on the PGA TOUR by one shot over Bill Haas and Freddie Jacobson. Villegas' victory came at the age of 32 years, 7 months and 10 days in his 227th career start on the PGA TOUR. He previously won the 2008 BMW Championship, 2008 TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola and 2010 Honda Classic.

More on Camilo Villegas and the 2014 Wyndham Championship

- With his win last year, Villegas moved from No. 105 to No. 37 in the FedExCup standings.
- Villegas broke a winless spell of 116 PGA TOUR starts, dating to the 2010 Honda Classic.
- Villegas won in his fifth start at the Wyndham Championship: Won/2014, T29/2013, T70/2012, T9/2011 and MC/2006.
- Villegas is just the second come-from-behind winner of the event after 54 holes since its return to Sedgefield Country Club in 2008 (Ryan Moore/2009 and Camilo Villegas/2014).
- Villegas is the fourth international-born winner of the Wyndham Championship since moving to Sedgefield Country Club in 2008 (Carl Pettersson/2008, Arjun Atwal/2010, Sergio Garcia/2012, Camilo Villegas/2014).

Wyndham Championship field notes

- Five golfers that have been ranked No. 1 in the Official World Golf Ranking during their career: Tiger Woods, Adam Scott, Luke Donald, Martin Kaymer, Ernie Els, Vijay Singh.
- Eight of the top 30 in the current FedExCup standings: Brandt Snedeker (13), Brooks Koepka (16), Hideki Matsuyama (19), Paul Casey (22), Bill Haas (23), Ben Martin (25), Ryan Moore (26), Scott Piercy (27).
- Eight past champions of the Wyndham Championship: Camilo Villegas (2014), Webb Simpson (2011), Arjun Atwal (2010), Ryan Moore (2009), Carl Pettersson (2008), Brandt Snedeker (2007) and Davis Love III (2006 and 1992), K.J. Choi (2005).

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- Thirteen former major championship winners: Tiger Woods (14), Ernie Els (4), Vijay Singh (3), Stewart Cink (1), Jason Dufner (1), Lucas Glover (1), Adam Scott, Trevor Immelman (1), Justin Leonard (1), Davis Love III (1), Charl Schwartzel (1), Webb Simpson (1), David Toms (1).
- Six of the eight previous winners of the FedExCup are in the field: Billy Horschel (2014), Brandt Snedeker (2012), Bill Haas (2011), Tiger Woods (2009 and 2007), Vijay Singh (2008)
- 2012 U.S. Open champion and Wake Forest graduate Webb Simpson returns to the site his maiden PGA TOUR title. Simpson and his wife, Dowd, welcomed their third child to the world in May 2014, a baby girl they named Wyndham.
- Carl Pettersson, who played collegiately at North Carolina State, stands No. 73 in the FedExCup standings.
- 2011 FedExCup champion and Wake Forest University alum Bill Haas is No. 23 in the FedExCup standings. Haas won earlier this season at the CareerBuilder Challenge.
- Brandt Snedeker has played a central role in the FedExCup in its brief history:
 - After winning the Wyndham Championship in 2007, he became the only rookie to qualify for the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola in the inaugural FedExCup season.
 - In one of the most dramatic swing of momentums in Playoff history, Snedeker 4-putted the 72nd green at the 2009 BMW Championship to fall from 28th in the standings to 33rd to miss the TOUR Championship.
 - He captured the FedExCup in 2012, thanks to a victory at the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola along with top-10 finishes at The Barclays (2) and the Deutsche Bank Championship (T6).
 - As an encore, he was the first defending FedExCup champion to qualify for to the TOUR Championship the following year.
- Davis Love III will make his 21st start in the Wyndham Championship. He won in Greensboro in 2006 and 1992 and has five total top 10s. Love missed the cut in Greensboro in his last two starts (2013 and 2014).
- Rookie Justin Thomas will make his second start at the Wyndham Championship and first since finishing T78 as a 16-year-old amateur in 2009. Thomas is the highest ranked rookie in the FedExCup standings (No. 36).
- Adam Scott will make his third start in Greensboro and first since 2009 (MC). His only other start was in 2005 (T64). He enters the Wyndham Championship at No. 91 in the FedExCup Playoffs.
- Martin Kaymer will make his second start in Greensboro. His only other start was in 2013 when he finished T20. He enters the Wyndham Championship at No. 149 in the FedExCup Playoffs.
- Luke Donald will make his fourth career start in the Wyndham Championship and first since 2004. Donald at the Wyndham Championship: 2004/MC, 2003/MC and 2002/T56. He enters the Wyndham Championship at No. 124 in the FedExCup Playoffs.
- Former Masters winner Charl Schwartzel will make his second career start at the Wyndham Championship (2012/T14). He enters the Wyndham Championship at No. 125 in the FedExCup Playoffs.
- Tiger Woods will make his first career start at the Wyndham Championship. Woods is No. 187 in the FedExCup standings and will need a victory or possibly sole possession of second to advance to the FedExCup Playoffs. Woods, who has 79 PGA TOUR wins, continues his trek to catch Sam Snead's all-time win total of 82. This year the Wyndham Championship is celebrating 50 years since Snead's last TOUR win here in Greensboro in 1965.
- Last year's FedExCup champion Billy Horschel will make his fourth Greensboro start (2011/T30, 2012/T46, 2014/T47). He is currently No. 43 in the FedExCup standings. Last year, Horschel was No. 71 in the FedExCup standings entering the Wyndham Championship before going on to win the BMW Championship, the TOUR Championship by Coca Cola and the FedExCup.
- Since 1950, 37 Wyndham Championship winners have either held or shared the third-round lead, including 13 of the last 16 winners (dating to 1999).

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50th anniversary since Sam Snead's last win in Greensboro in 1965

Sam Snead, who has the most wins in TOUR history with 82, earned his last TOUR win in 1965 in Greensboro. With that victory he also became the oldest winner in TOUR history (52).

The Wyndham Championship in Greensboro, N.C., has been a staple on the PGA TOUR schedule since 1938. Over the span of those previous 75 years, a superior list of golf's greatest have won this event, including the likes of Sam Snead, Byron Nelson, Ben Hogan, Seve Ballesteros and Gary Player. Other recent winners include Davis Love III, Webb Simpson and Sergio Garcia. No one enjoyed Greensboro more than the great Sam Snead, who set several PGA TOUR records that still stand today. It was in Greensboro where Snead set the TOUR record for most victories at a single event (8). Tiger Woods has since joined Snead with eight wins at the Arnold Palmer Invitational and World Golf Championships-Bridgestone Invitational. Snead also set the TOUR record for longest time (27 years) between a first and last victory in the same event (1938-1965).

In its first four years, the Greensboro event was played at both Sedgefield Country Club and Starmount Forest Country Club. In 1942, it was held solely at Starmount Forest, before being cancelled in 1943 and 1944 due to World War II. From 1945 until 1976, the tournament was played at either Starmount Forest or Sedgefield. From 1977 until 2007, the tournament moved to Forest Oaks Country Club. In 2008, the tournament returned to its roots by playing at Sedgefield Country Club for the first time since 1976. In its first year back, Carl Pettersson set the tournament record with a 259. Jesper Parnevik set the previous mark of 265 in 1999 at Forest Oaks Country Club. Sam Snead won five of his eight Greensboro titles at Sedgefield Country Club.

Wyndham Worldwide Extends Sponsorship of Wyndham Championship through 2026

PGA TOUR Commissioner Tim Finchem and Wyndham Worldwide Chairman and CEO Stephen P. Holmes announced on April 21, 2015 that Wyndham Worldwide (NYSE: WYN) has signed a 10-year extension as title sponsor of the Wyndham Championship, continuing its commitment through 2026. The agreement commences when the current four-year deal concludes with the 2016 tournament.

The Wyndham Championship and the FedExCup

As the final event in the PGA TOUR Season, the Wyndham Championship plays a pivotal role in the race to the FedExCup Playoffs. The event offers the final opportunity for players to improve their FedExCup positions heading into the Playoffs, or in some instances, move into the top 125 in the FedExCup standings and qualify for the first Playoff event, The Barclays.

Noteworthy players on the FedExCup top 125 bubble in the Wyndham Championship field

FEC Standing	Player
124	Luke Donald
125	Charl Schwartzel
126	Scott Langley
127	Seung-Yul Noh
128	S.J. Park
129	Camilo Villegas
130	Ryo Ishikawa
131	Billy Hurley III
132	Alex Prugh
133	Tom Hoge
134	Michael Putnam
135	Jonas Blixt



Players outside of the 125th spot in the FedExCup standings, but inside the top 125 on the money list will miss the Playoffs but will be exempt for the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season.

History of FedExCup positioning at the Wyndham Championship

2014

Sang-Moon Bae was the only player in the field to move from outside the top 125 to inside the top 125 in FedExCup points standings. Nicholas Thompson was the only player to drop out of the top 125.

2013

No one moved in or dropped out of the top 125 in the FedExCup standings at the Wyndham Championship in 2013. It marked the first time in the seven years of the FedExCup that at least one player has not used the Wyndham Championship to move inside the top 125.

2012

Heath Slocum (No. 124) was the only player to move into the top 125 in the final FedExCup standings at the Wyndham Championship. Slocum was from 128th in the FedExCup standings entering the week. Johnattan Vegas dropped out of the top 125 after missing the cut. In the final round at the 2012 Wyndham Championship, Slocum was on the No. 14 tee and projected at No. 120 in the FedExCup standings. He double-bogeyed No. 14 and dropped to No. 123 in the projections, made par on No. 15 and then bogeyed No. 16 and remained at No. 123 in the projections. He bogeyed No. 18 after missing a 5-foot-7-inch par putt, which dropped him to No. 124.

2011

In 2011 at the Wyndham Championship, Ernie Els, Padraig Harrington and William McGirt moved into the top 125 in the final FedExCup standings and earned a trip to The Barclays and the FedExCup Playoffs. Matt Jones, David Mathis and Cameron Beckman dropped out of the top 125 after missing the cut. Justin Leonard finished No. 126 in the FedExCup standings to miss the Playoffs for the first time, thanks to a bogey on his 72nd hole at the Wyndham Championship.

2010

In 2010, Scott Piercy was the only player to move into the top 125 in the FedExCup standings at the Wyndham Championship. Piercy moved from 140th in the FedExCup standings entering the week to claim the 125th and final spot. Chris Stroud dropped out of the top 125 after missing the cut at the Wyndham Championship.

2009

In 2009, five players made to The Barclays after starting the week ranked outside the top 125: David Mathis, Kevin Stadler, Chris Riley, Todd Hamilton and Jeff Maggert. Players that were inside the top 125 of the FedExCup standings at the beginning of the week who dropped out after the Wyndham Championship included Tom Watson (DNP), Andrew Romero (DNP), Rich Beem (63), Matt Jones (69) and Charles Warren (MC).

In 2009, Slocum missed the cut at the Wyndham Championship and finished No. 124 in the FedExCup standings, just one point ahead of Matt Jones (No. 125) and two points from No. 126 in the standings. In his next start in the first event of the Playoffs, Slocum won The Barclays and moved to No. 3 in the FedExCup standings. He finished No. 8 in the FedExCup that season.

2008

There were five players in 2008 that played their way into the FedExCup Playoffs at the Wyndham Championship including Justin Bolli, Lee Janzen, Martin Laird, Rich Beem and JJ Henry. As a result, the following players dropped out of the top 144: Marco Dawson, Brett Rumford, Todd Hamilton, Tag Ridings and Gavin Coles.

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2007

In 2007, three golfers played their way into the FedExCup Playoffs at the Wyndham Championship: Jeff Overton, Anders Hansen and Shigeki Maruyama.

Matt Jones on the FedExCup bubble

In 2008, Jones finished No. 127 in the FedExCup standings after missing the cut in the first Playoff event. In 2009, he finished No. 126 in the FedExCup standings to just miss the Playoffs. In 2011 he began the week of the Wyndham Championship at No. 121 in the FedExCup standings, but missed the cut and finished No. 127 to miss the Playoffs again. In 2012, Jones had his worst career finish in the FedExCup standings (No. 184). He regained his TOUR card for 2013 with a T14 finish at the PGA TOUR Qualifying School. In 2014, Jones won his first TOUR event at the Shell Houston Open.

FedExCup Notes

- Hunter Mahan is the only player to compete in every TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola since the inception of the FedExCup in 2007.
- No player outside the playoff bubble entering the Wyndham Championship has successfully negotiated his way to the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola.

2015 FedExCup

- Kevin Kisner (17) is the highest-ranked player in the FedExCup standings without a win this season. Last season Jim Furyk (No. 6) and Jordan Spieth (No. 7) were the highest ranked players entering the FedExCup Playoffs without a win. In 2012, Henrik Stenson was the highest-ranked player in the FedExCup standings without a win entering the Wyndham Championship. Stenson went on to win the Deutsche Bank Championship and TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola on his way to winning the FedExCup. In 2011, Webb Simpson was the highest-ranked player in the FedExCup standings without a win entering the Wyndham Championship. Simpson went on to reel off wins at the Wyndham Championship and Deutsche Bank Championship.

Web.com Tour Finals Notes

The Web.com Tour Finals debuted two years ago with the Wyndham Championship playing a key role in the final qualification. Players ranked Nos. 126-200 on the FedExCup points list will be eligible for the Web.com Tour Finals.

Last year, only one player advanced from outside the top 200 in FedExCup standings to inside this week at the Wyndham Championship. Doug LaBelle II shot an even-par 70 in the final round to finish T38 and jump to No. 200, pushing David Duval out of that spot.

Canada's Roger Sloan enters the Wyndham Championship at No. 200 in the FedExCup standings.

2014-15 PGA TOUR Season Highlights Playoffs!

So far this season, 17 of the 42 events have been determined by a playoff, most recently at the Barracuda Championship. Below are the most playoffs on TOUR by season since 1970:

- 18 – 2011
- 17 – 2014-15 (to date)
- 16 – 1988, 1991
- 15 – 1972
- 14 – 2004

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Miscellaneous Notes

In the 2015 calendar year, 18 of the 36 tournaments have been won by players in the top 25 in the Official World Golf Ranking at the time of their respective victories: Patrick Reed (23), Jimmy Walker (17th at Sony Open in Hawaii, 13th at Valero Texas Open), Jason Day (8th at Farmers Insurance Open, 9th at RBC Canadian Open and 5th at PGA Championship), Dustin Johnson (16), Jordan Spieth (10th at the Valspar Championship, 4th at the Masters, 2nd at U.S. Open and 2nd at the John Deere Classic), J.B. Holmes (20), Jim Furyk (10), Justin Rose (8), Rickie Fowler (13), Rory McIlroy (1st at the WGC-Cadillac Match Play and 1st at the Wells Fargo Championship), Zach Johnson (25).

The trend of young winners on TOUR has continued into the 2014-15 season as 14 of the 34 different winners have been under the age of 30, accounting for 20 wins, including:

- 25-year-old Rory McIlroy, with his win at the WGC-Cadillac Match Play joined Tiger Woods (29) and Jack Nicklaus (17) as the only players to win 10 events prior to their 26th birthday on TOUR in the last 75 years.
- 21-year-old Jordan Spieth, with his victories at the Valspar Championship, Masters Tournament, U.S. Open and John Deere Classic, became just the sixth player to win the Masters Tournament and U.S. Open in the same season. He joins the list which includes Tiger Woods (2002), Jack Nicklaus (1972), Arnold Palmer (1960), Ben Hogan (1951, 1953) and Craig Wood (1941). He is the youngest to win two career majors since Gene Sarazen in 1922.
- 26-year-old Rickie Fowler finished birdie, eagle, birdie, birdie to shoot a final-round 66 and finish at 12-under-par at THE PLAYERS to enter a three-hole aggregate playoff with Kevin Kisner and Sergio Garcia, eventually prevailing after four holes. The 5-under-par total over the last four holes is a PGA TOUR record since the TOUR began tracking hole-by-hole scores in 1983.
- 24-year-old Patrick Reed became just the fifth player since 1991 to win four times before age of 25, joining Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson, Rory McIlroy and Sergio Garcia with his Hyundai Tournament of Champions win.
- 24-year-old Danny Lee won The Greenbrier Classic in a four-person playoff. Lee became the youngest ever winner of the U.S. Amateur Championship in 2008 at 18 years and 1 month.
- Jason Day, 27, become the second player with more than three wins in 2014-15 with victories at the Farmers Insurance Open, RBC Canadian Open and PGA Championship.
- 29-year-old Troy Merritt posted weekend scores of 61-67 at last week's Quicken Loans National to claim his first PGA TOUR victory.

Note: Six of the last eight major championship winners have been in their 20s.

The rookie class of 24 players includes 21 players who began the season under the age of 30. Canadian Nick Taylor, a 2013 graduate of the PGA TOUR Canada and a 2014 graduate of the Web.com Tour, got off to a hot start by winning the Sanderson Farms Championship in October. Rookie members in the top 50 in the FedExCup standings include Justin Thomas (36), Tony Finau (39) and Daniel Berger (44).

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