



**2016 Deutsche Bank Championship** (The 2<sup>nd</sup> of 4 events in the FedExCup Playoffs)

# Third-Round Notes – Sunday, September 4, 2016

Weather: Mostly cloudy, with a high of 73. Wind NE at 10-15 mph, gusting to 25 mph later in the day. Due to the threat of high winds and possible heavy rain Monday, tee times will feature threesomes off split tees from 7:00 – 9:01 a.m.

# FedExCup and the Deutsche Bank Championship

- The top 30 players following the BMW Championship qualify for the Playoffs finale, the TOUR Championship. Prior to the TOUR Championship, a points reset will take place, giving all players in the field a mathematical opportunity to win the FedExCup title. The top five players control their own destiny and would claim the FedExCup with a victory at East Lake.
- Vijay Singh (2008) and Henrik Stenson (2013) are the only players to win the Deutsche Bank Championship and FedExCup title in the same year (2008). Singh is also the only player to win the Deutsche Bank Championship twice (2004, 2008).
- Jordan Spieth is the only FedExCup champion to miss the cut at the Deutsche Bank Championship the same year as his FedExCup win.

# Third-Round Leaderboard

Paul Casey	66-66-66-198 (-15)
Brian Harman	68-65-68—201 (-12)
Smylie Kaufman	68-66-68—202 (-11)
Jimmy Walker	68-64-70-202 (-11)
Kevin Chappell	67-64-71—202 (-11)

## Paul Casey, No. 59 in the FedExCup (projected No. 4)

Advancing to the Deutsche Bank Championship for just the fourth time, England's Paul Casey carded his thirdconsecutive 5-under 66 Sunday (highlighted by a 2'5" eagle putt on the par-5 18<sup>th</sup> hole). At 15-under 198, Casey will enter the final round with a three-stroke cushion over Brian Harman.

Casey's three-stroke lead equals the largest after 54 holes at the Deutsche Bank Championship (Adam Scott/2003, Vijay Singh/2004/2006, Louis Oosthuizen/2012).

A win on Monday for Casey would come in his 194<sup>th</sup> PGA TOUR start at the age of 39 years, one month and 15 days. His lone PGA TOUR victory came at the 2009 Shell Houston Open.

This marks the second 54-hole lead/co-lead of Casey's PGA TOUR career, with the first coming at the site of his lone TOUR win, where he was a co-leader at the 2009 Shell Houston Open.

Casey's week at a glance:

R1: 12 of 14 fairways, 13 of 18 greens, 4 of 5 scrambling, 26 putts.

R2: 7 of 14 fairways, 15 of 18 greens, 3 of 3 scrambling, 28 putts.

R3: 11 of 14 fairways, 14 of 18 greens, 3 of 4 scrambling, 28 putts.

Casey was forced to withdraw from last year's Deutsche Bank Championship after his second round with a back injury. In his other two starts, he missed the cut in 2008 and finished T25 in 2010.

On the strength of four top-10 finishes, Casey comes into the week at No. 59 in the FedExCup standings. He has advanced to the BMW Championship three times; 2015/T23, 2010/2<sup>nd</sup> and 2009/DNS.

In his only two appearances in the TOUR Championship, Casey finished in the top five (T4/2010, T5/2015).

Casey is hoping to join the following international winners of the Deutsche Bank Championship: Henrik Stenson (2013), Rory McIlroy (2012), Vijay Singh (2008, 2004) and Adam Scott (2003).

## Third-Round Lead Notes

A year ago, Henrik Stenson stood at 13-under 200 through 54 holes and held a one-stroke lead over eventual champion Rickie Fowler.

The 54-hole leader/co-leader has gone on to win just four of 13 times at the Deutsche Bank Championship (Adam Scott/2003, Vijay Singh/2004, Olin Browne/2005, Steve Stricker/2009).

The 54-hole leader/co-leader has gone on to win 19 of 40 (72-hole) stroke-play events on TOUR this season.

## Brian Harman, No. 67 in the FedExCup (projected No. 10)

Making his fifth start in the Deutsche Bank Championship, Brian Harman birdied the par-5 18<sup>th</sup> hole for the thirdconsecutive day to move to 12-under-par 201, trailing Paul Casey by three strokes.

Prior to this year, on the three occasions (out of four) Harman advanced to the weekend at the Deutsche Bank Championship, he had failed to post a sub-par score. That changed with Sunday's 3-under 68.

A win Monday would come in Harman's 154<sup>th</sup> PGA TOUR start at the age of 29 years, 7 months and 17 days. He is in search of his second TOUR win (2014 John Deere Classic).

Harman's week at a glance:

R1: 11 of 14 fairways, 15 of 18 greens, 1 of 3 scrambling, 29 putts.R2: 12 of 14 fairways, 14 of 18 greens, 2 of 2 sand saves, 3 of 4 scrambling, 27 putts.R3: 5 of 14 fairways, 15 of 18 greens, 1 of 1 sand save, 2 of 3 scrambling, 30 putts.

Harman is currently No. 67 in the FedExCup as he looks to advance to the BMW Championship for the fourth time. Harman has yet to make it to the TOUR Championship. His best FedExCup Playoffs appearance was in 2014 when he ended the season at the BMW Championship, ranked No. 36.

Harman missed the cut in his final three starts of the PGA TOUR Season, including the John Deere Classic, site of his lone PGA TOUR win (2014). Harman finished T22 at The Barclays.

## Kevin Chappell, No. 13 in the FedExCup (projected No. 9)

Making his fifth start in the Deutsche Bank Championship, second-round leader Kevin Chappell followed a second-round 7-under 64 (matching his lowest score at this event) with a third-round even-par 71 to fall to T3.

Chappell, who is making his fifth start at the Deutsche Bank Championship (T12/2015, T50/2014, T22/2013, MC/2011), owns a career-high six top-10s on the PGA TOUR this season.

Chappell is still in search of his first PGA TOUR win in his 165<sup>th</sup> start. With a win this week, he would join Adam Scott as players to make the Deutsche Bank Championship their first win on TOUR (Scott won the inaugural tournament in 2003 as a sponsor invite).

Chappell is hoping to join Camilo Villegas as the only players to notch their maiden PGA TOUR title at a FedExCup Playoffs event (Villegas' first PGA TOUR victory was the 2008 BMW Championship).

Chappell has five runner-up finishes on TOUR, three of which came this season (The RSM Classic and two tournaments where he finished second to Jason Day: Arnold Palmer Invitational and THE PLAYERS Championship).

At No. 13 in the FedExCup standings, Chappell entered his sixth FedExCup Playoffs in the best position of his career. Last year, Chappell made the second largest move up the FedExCup standings of any player in 2015, starting the Playoffs at No. 91 and ending his season at No. 52 (+39). He has never made it to the TOUR Championship.

With a win this week, Chappell would become the 17<sup>th</sup> first-time winner of the season. The record for most first-time winners in a season since 1970 is 18 (2002).

2002	18
2015-16	16
2010	15
2011	14
1991	14

## Smylie Kaufman, No. 34 in the FedExCup (currently projected No. 15)

A week after fellow PGA TOUR rookie Emiliano Grillo finished second at The Barclays to move to No. 6 in the FedExCup Standings, Smylie Kaufman posted rounds of 68-66-68 to move to T3 at the Deutsche Bank Championship, four shots off the 54-hole lead held by Paul Casey.

In his first FedExCup Playoffs appearance, Kaufman missed the cut at last week's Barclays. Kaufman is coming off four consecutive missed cuts, dating to The Open Championship.

This week marks the first time since his T10 at the Quicken Loans National Kaufman has posted back-to-back sub-par scores, and the first time since the CareerBuilder Challenge in January he has recorded consecutive rounds in the 60s (which also marks his only other PGA TOUR start that he opened with three rounds in the 60s).

One day after needing just 23 putts to complete a 5-under 66, Kaufman had 31 putts en route to a 68 Sunday.

In his rookie season, Kaufman has four top-10s, including his win at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open. In addition to his win – Safeway Open (T10), World Golf Championships-Mexico Championship (T8) and Quicken Loans National (T10).

#### Additional player notes

PGA Championship winner Jimmy Walker (T3) posted a 1-under 70 Sunday and is currently four behind Paul Casey. A T9 at the Deutsche Bank Championship remains Walker's only top-10 finish in a FedExCup Playoffs event. He is seeking to become the fourth player to win the Deutsche Bank Championship in the same year as a major: 2012 Rory McIlroy won PGA Championship 2006 Tiger Weeds won The Open Championship and PGA Championship

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Rory McIlroy eagled the par-5 18<sup>th</sup> hole en route to a 5-under 66 Sunday, moving from T30 to T7. The eagle was his 15<sup>th</sup> in the FedExCup Playoffs, second most in Playoffs history (along with Dustin Johnson and Bubba Watson) and trailing only Hunter Mahan (16). McIlroy is currently projected No. 31 in the FedExCup standings.

After opening with matching 68s, Jordan Spieth posted a 1-over 72 to fall to T23 with 18 holes remaining at the Deutsche Bank Championship. Spieth finished T10 at last week's Barclays. In contrast, he missed the cut in the first two Playoffs events in 2015, before going on to finish T13 at the BMW Championship and first at the TOUR Championship, en route to claiming the FedExCup.

Sean O'Hair, who finished T2 at The Barclays to make the second biggest move in FedExCup history and advance to the next Playoffs event, has rounds of 71-68-69 and enters the final round T23.

Current FedExCup leader Patrick Reed sits T11 and is projected to hang on to the top spot in the FedExCup.

Jason Day, currently projected to remain No. 2 in the FedExCup, turned in a third-round 3-under 68 to move to T33. He has just five over-par scores in 35 overall rounds at TPC Boston, with none coming in the final round. If history repeats, expect an even-par 71 from Day on Monday. Here's a look at his eight final rounds at the Deutsche Bank Championship, beginning in 2008 (71-68-71-68-71-69-71-69).

Defending champion Rickie Fowler sits T33 (a distant 11 strokes behind Paul Casey) as he attempts to join Vijay Singh (2004, 2008) as the only multiple winners of the Deutsche Bank Championship.

#### FedExCup Implications Players on FedExCup Bubbles

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	Rank	Player	DBC R3 Position	FedExCup projection
	30	Daniel Berger	Т33	No. 33
	70	Chez Reavie	MC	No. 81
	100	Chad Campbell	T42	No. 86

Players ranked between No. 71-100 this week need a good finish to move into the top 70 in the standings to move on to the BMW Championship. Here's a list of players who are currently projected to move inside the top 70:

Player	Current FEC	DBC R3 Pos	Projected FEC
Billy Hurley III	77	T11	54
Chris Kirk	75	T23	60
Harold Varner III	87	T11	62
David Hearn	92	T11	65
Hudson Swafford	82	T23	66
Steve Stricker	97	T11	68

Here's the list of players who entered the week inside the top 70 but are now projected to fall outside the number to advance to the BMW Championship:

Jon Curran	60	72	71
Jerry Kelly	61	MC	73
Johnson Wagner	69	T61	76
Martin Laird	63	MC	77
Colt Knost	65	MC	78
Chez Reavie	70	MC	81

Five players entered The Barclays ranked No. 101 – 125 in the FedExCup standings and played their way into this week's Deutsche Bank Championship. Here's how they stand through three rounds at TPC Boston:

Player	Current FEC	DBC R3 Pos	Projected FEC
Sean O'Hair	15	T23	18
Sung Kang	88	MC	96
John Huh	90	T64	95
Tyrone Van Aswegen	93	MC	98
Derek Fathauer	99	MC	100

# Rookies and the FedExCup

Daniel Berger (currently T33 after a third-round 3-over 74) was the only rookie to advance to the TOUR Championship last season, finishing 11<sup>th</sup> in the FedExCup standings to earn the PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year honor. No rookies advanced to Atlanta in 2013-14. Last year, nine rookies qualified for the FedExCup Playoffs. Rookies who advanced this year include:

Player	Before Barclays	Before DBC	DBC R3 Pos.	Projected FEC
Smylie Kaufman	26	34	T3	15
Emiliano Grillo	32	6	T48	8
Patton Kizzire	58	72	MC	Eliminated
Harold Varner III	82	87	T11	62
Brett Stegmaier	101	Eliminated		
Michael Kim	115	Eliminated		

# First Timers in the FedExCup Playoffs

Here's a list of players making their first-ever Playoffs appearance:

Player	Current	DBC R3 Pos	Projected FEC
Emiliano Grillo	No. 6	T48	No. 8
Si Woo Kim	No. 22	22	No. 22
Branden Grace	No. 33	T64	No. 41
Smylie Kaufman	No. 34	T3	No. 15
Jamie Lovemark	No. 40	T48	No. 48
Patton Kizzire	No. 72	MC	No. 82
Patrick Rodgers	No. 76	T48	No. 75
Danny Willett	No. 86	DNP	No. 94
Harold Varner III	No. 87	T11	No. 62
Sung Kang	No. 88	MC	No. 96
Tyrone Van Aswegen	No. 93	MC	No. 98
Derek Fathauer	No. 99	MC	No. 100

## Past FedExCup champions still remaining in the Playoffs

Tiger Woods (2007, 2009) is the only two-time winner of the FedExCup. Here's a list of past FedExCup champions who are still alive in the Playoffs:

Player	Current	DBC R3 Pos	Projected FEC
Jordan Spieth	No. 5	T23	No. 6
Brandt Snedeker	No. 9	T56	No. 13
Henrik Stenson	No. 21	T23	No. 23
Bill Haas	No. 36	T56	No. 46
Billy Horschel	No. 51	MC	No. 61
Jim Furyk	No. 84	T48	No. 80
Vijay Singh	No. 95	MC	No. 99

# **Miscellaneous Notes**

Bogey-free rounds

R1: Jim Furyk (67), James Hahn (65), Billy Hurley III (67), Ryan Moore (65), Justin Rose (68), Jhonattan Vegas (66). R2: Paul Casey (66), Jason Dufner (68), Branden Grace (68), Spencer Levin (67), Sean O'Hair (68), Justin Rose (67), Charl Schwartzel (66).

R3: Louis Oosthuizen (64), Scott Brown (65), James Hahn (66), Ryan Moore (68), David Hearn (69).

## Scoring Averages at the par-71 TPC Boston:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	33.165	34.505	69.670	
R2:	35.392	34.588	69.979	69.825
R3:	35.903	35.111	71.014	70.147

The par-3 third hole played the toughest Sunday, yielding a 3.278 average. The easiest was the par-5 18<sup>th</sup> hole at 4.625.