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PGA TOUR

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RBC Heritage Featured Groupings (all times local)

Thursday, April 14

12:40 p.m., No. 1 tee (Friday – 8:00 a.m., No. 10 tee): Graeme McDowell – Billy Horschel – Webb Simpson

12:50 p.m., No. 1 tee (Friday – 8:10 a.m., No. 10 tee): Jason Day – Brandt Snedeker – Bill Haas

Friday, April 15

12:40 p.m., No. 1 tee (Thursday – 8:00 a.m., No. 10 tee): Kevin Kisner – Justin Thomas – Zach Johnson

12:50 p.m., No. 1 tee (Thursday – 8:10 a.m., No. 10 tee): Jason Dufner – Davis Love III – Matt Kuchar

Jason Day, winner of six of his last 14 starts including back-to-back wins in March at the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by MasterCard and the WGC-Dell Match Play, is the first World No. 1 to play the RBC Heritage since **Luke Donald** in 2012.

Defending champion **Jim Furyk** is not in the RBC Heritage field due to a wrist injury. He has been sidelined since the 2015 BMW Championship. One player making a comeback this week is **Jason Bohn**, who will make his first start since withdrawing from The Honda Classic in February with chest pains. After being rushed to the hospital, doctors determined Bohn had suffered a major heart attack, with 90 percent blockage in one of his main arteries. He will make his 11th start at the RBC Heritage this week, with a sixth-place finish in 2008 his lone top-10.

Seven of the nine winners of the RBC Heritage in the FedExCup era (since 2007) have qualified for the season-ending TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola. **Jim Furyk** (2010) went on to win the FedExCup the same year he won the RBC Heritage.

With a T4 finish at the Masters, **Paul Casey** made the largest FedExCup standings jump of the week, up 20 spots from No. 70 to No. 50. Casey is in the field this week at the RBC Heritage.

One week after finishing as low amateur at the Masters Tournament, **Bryson DeChambeau** will make his PGA TOUR professional debut at the RBC Heritage. While competing for Southern Methodist University in 2015, DeChambeau became just the fifth golfer in history to win both the U.S. Amateur Championship and NCAA Division I golf championship in the same season.

Harbour Town Golf Links, ranked No. 2 in a 2012 PGA TOUR player survey by Golf Digest, underwent an extensive renovation last year, including restoring the greens complexes to their original surface contours prior to grassing with Tifeagle bermudagrass, re-grassing of all closely mown areas and rough with Celebration bermudagrass, renovation of all bunkers, and the installation of a new irrigation system.

Should non-member **Danny Willett** join the PGA TOUR in light of his win at the Masters, he would receive 600 FedExCup points for win in Augusta. His non-member FedExCup points (44) from this year would also become retroactive and move him to 26th in the standings entering the RBC Heritage with a total of 644 points. Willett would also be eligible for the FedExCup Playoffs if he were to qualify. If Willett were to join the PGA TOUR, his five-year exemption would run through

the 2020-21 season. Willett would not receive retroactive FedExCup points for his three World Golf Championships starts in 2015-16 as per PGA TOUR Regulations.

Jordan Spieth has put together five straight top-4 finishes in major championships including two victories: 2015 Masters (1); 2015 U.S. Open (1); 2015 Open Championship (T4); 2015 PGA Championship (2); and 2016 Masters (T2). **Jason Day's** T10 finish at the Masters marked his fourth straight top-10 major championship finish dating back to the 2015 U.S. Open.

History was made on the par-3 16th hole in the final round at the 2016 Masters as a record three players – **Davis Love III**, **Shane Lowry** and **Louis Oosthuizen** – made aces from 170 yards. The previous record for holes-in-one in a Masters was two, most recently tied in 2012 by **Adam Scott** and **Bo Van Pelt** on No. 16. The three aces broke a string of five straight weeks (six events) without a hole-in-one on the PGA TOUR.

CHAMPIONS TOUR

Three-time Charles Schwab Cup champion **Bernhard Langer**, who played in Sunday's penultimate twosome at The Masters Tournament, heads to this week's Mitsubishi Electric Classic in Duluth, Georgia as a tournament favorite. The current Schwab Cup leader is the event's all-time leading money winner with \$586,800 in career earnings at TPC Sugarloaf, thanks to a win in 2013 and runner-up efforts in 2014 and 2015. For just the third time in PGA TOUR Champions career, Langer has notched five top-10 finishes in his first five starts of the season.

This week's Mitsubishi Electric Classic features nine of the top 10 players in the current Charles Schwab Cup standings, with five-time Tour winner **Jeff Maggert** the only top-10 player not in the field. Maggert, who was honored as the Golf Writers Association of America's Senior Golfer of the Year last week in Augusta, is in the field at this week's RBC Heritage after receiving a sponsor exemption.

The week will mark **Jeff Maggert's** 18th career start at Harbour Town Golf Links, where he owns five top-25 finishes, but just one top-10 - a T8 in 1996. The start will be his first on the PGA TOUR since the event's 2015 edition. The Hilton Head Island resident and Sea Pines Resort representative entered last year's RBC Heritage with just one PGA TOUR Champions win under his belt before recording a career season which saw him claim four titles, including major championship wins at the Regions Tradition and the U.S. Senior Open.

Scott Parel, who spent 2003 through 2015 on the Web.com Tour, is now five-for-five in Monday qualifiers for PGA TOUR Champions events this year following a 7-under 65 yesterday at Country Club of the South to successfully play his way into this week's Mitsubishi Electric Classic. Parel, who won the Web.com Tour's Air Capital Classic in 2013, has one top-25 in four starts on PGA TOUR Champions this year - a T19 at the Allianz Championship in February.

WEB.COM TOUR

In his 136th career start on the Web.com Tour, Canadian **Brad Fritsch** defeated heralded former amateur **Ollie Schniederjans** with a par on the first playoff hole to win the Servientrega Championship Presented by Efecty on Sunday afternoon in Cartagena, Colombia. Fritsch, who played the PGA TOUR in 2013 and 2014, now owns 17 career top-10 finishes on the Web.com Tour, including three runner-up efforts since the 2012 season.

Ollie Schniederjans, who overcame an opening-round 74 in Colombia with rounds of 68-66-69 to force a playoff at 11-under 277, made four of seven cuts on the 2014-15 PGA TOUR as an amateur, posting a career-best T12 at The Open Championship at St. Andrews last July. The former world No. 1-ranked amateur, who twice earned first-team All-America honors at Georgia Tech, has made 10 combined starts between the PGA TOUR and Web.com Tour this year. The runner-up finish at Cartagena marked a career-best for Schniederjans in just his fourth Web.com Tour start as a professional.

Brad Fritsch and **Ollie Schniederjans** moved from outside the top 100 on the Web.com Tour money list to inside the top 10, jumping up to Nos. 5 and 9, respectively, in the standings. The top 25 players at the conclusion of the WinCo Foods Portland Open presented by Kraft-Heinz in August will earn their 2016-17 PGA TOUR cards.

Wesley Bryan, who won the Chitimacha Louisiana Open presented by NACHER last month, moved from No. 4 to No. 2 on the Web.com Tour money list with a T6 finish in Colombia. Bryan, who paired with brother George to form the highly-acclaimed Bryan Bros Golf duo, owns three top-10 finishes in five starts this year, which is tied for most on Tour this year alongside **Ryan Armour** and **Martin Flores**.

PGA TOUR Latinoamérica

After sanctioning its first two events of the year in Colombia and Panama, this week PGA TOUR Latinoamérica starts a busy stretch of six tournaments in seven weeks visiting Argentina, Guatemala, Honduras, the Dominican Republic and Mexico.

The season resumes in Cordoba, Argentina with the **85th Abierto OSDE del Centro presented by Fiber Corp**, an event scheduled to start on Thursday in Cordoba, Argentina. The third event of the season will be played at Cordoba Golf Club, the home club of **Angel Cabrera**. After a T24 finish at the Masters on Sunday, the two-time major champion will be joining the 144-man field battling for this title in his hometown.

Last week PGA TOUR Latinoamérica announced its first visit ever to Nicaragua for the inaugural playing of the **Flor de Caña Open presented by The Mortgage Store**. The tournament will be held at **Guacalito de la Isla**, a world class venue located on the shores of Nicaragua's stunning Emerald Coast, September 1-4, 2016. Nicaragua becomes the 14th Latin American country to welcome an official PGA TOUR Latinoamérica event.

PGA TOUR China

Last week at the Servientrega Championship, **Josh Geary** became the fourth former PGA TOUR China Series player to record a top-10 on the Web.com Tour. Geary, who finished second on the 2015 Order of Merit to earn his Web.com Tour card, shot weekend rounds of 70-70 in heavy wind at TPC Cartagena to tie for sixth. His \$21,175 payday moved him to No. 24 on the money list after only two starts. The other Web.com Tour top-10s have come from Brazil's **Lucas Lee**, Australia's **Brett Drewitt** and China's **Haotong Li**.

Amateur **Cheng Jin** made his major championship debut last week at the Masters Tournament, missing the cut after rounds of 79-78 at Augusta National. Jin who won the 2014 Nine Dragons Open, becoming the first amateur to win on the circuit. He joins **Bryden Macpherson** as the only sitting PGA TOUR China players to play in major championships. Macpherson, now playing on the Web.com Tour, competed in the 2014 Open Championship.

The Ping An Bank China Tour – PGA TOUR China Series begins its third season May 9-15 with the Henan Open in Zhengzhou.