



The Barclays 2016

(The 1st of 4 events in the FedExCup Playoffs)

Farmingdale, N.Y. August 25-28, 2016
Bethpage State Park (Black Course)

FedExCup Points: 2000 Purse: \$8,500,000
Par-Yards: 36-35—71/7,468

First-round Notes – Thursday, August 25, 2016

Thursday weather: Sunny with a high in the mid-80s with SSW winds 12-18 mph with gusts to 25 mph.

First-round leaders

Patrick Reed	66 (-5)
Martin Laird	66 (-5)
Emiliano Grillo	67 (-4)
Kevin Chappell	67 (-4)
Rickie Fowler	67 (-4)
J.B. Holmes	67 (-4)

Patrick Reed (7th in the FedExCup)

Just two weeks removed from representing the United States at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio (T11), Patrick Reed shot a bogey-free 66 in the opening round, recording three birdies and an eagle on the front nine against all pars on the back.

This is the third time Reed has held a lead or co/lead after 18 holes, twice going onto victory and never finishing worse than runner-up.

This is Reed's 25th start of the season, and he has recorded nine top-10s so far, including two runner-up finishes at the Valero Texas Open and the Tournament of Champions. His best finish in three previous starts at The Barclays was a T9 in 2014.

Reed, a four-time PGA TOUR winner, rang the closing bell at the New York Stock Exchange on Tuesday night and broke the gavel in the process, which has only happened three times in more than 200 years. Reed was presented the broken gavel to keep.

Martin Laird (89th in the FedExCup)

Martin Laird made five birdies and no bogeys en route to a first-round 66, tying him for the lead with Patrick Reed. The Scot hit 15 of 18 greens in regulation and had just 26 putts on those 15 greens.

This is Laird's 23rd start of the season, his best finish a T2 at the RBC Canadian Open to go along with four other top-25s. In six previous starts at The Barclays, his best finish is a runner up in 2010, and he finished T71 in 2012, the last time the tournament was played at Bethpage Black.

Laird, a three-time winner on TOUR (his last win came at the 2013 Valero Texas Open), has held at least a share of the lead four times in his career, never claiming victory. In those four instances, his best finish was T2 at THE PLAYERS Championship in 2012.

First-Round Lead Notes

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Only nine players have gone on to victory in the history of The Barclays. The feat was achieved most recently by Dennis Paulson in 2000.

Nine out of 40 first-round leaders or co-leaders have gone on to victory this season, most recently at the PGA Championship (Jimmy Walker).

Miscellaneous Notes

Emiliano Grillo of Argentina, a rookie on the PGA TOUR, shot a 4-under 67 in the first round and is just one shot off the lead. Beginning the week at No. 32 in the FedExCup, Grillo has a chance to qualify for the TOUR Championship as a rookie.

Daniel Berger was the only rookie to advance to the TOUR Championship last season, finishing 11th on 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:

<i>Player</i>	<i>FEC Standing</i>
Smylie Kaufman	26
Emiliano Grillo	32
Patton Kizzire	58
Harold Varner III	82
Brett Stegmaier	101
Michael Kim	115

Rookies to qualify for the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola since the inception of the FedExCup in 2007:

Year	Player	Finish
2015	Daniel Berger	11 th
2013	Jordan Spieth	7 th
2012	John Huh	29 th
2011	Keegan Bradley	20 th
2009	Marc Leishman	20 th
2008	Andres Romero	28 th
2007	Brandt Snedeker	20 th

Kevin Chappell continued to build on his career-year, shooting a 67 in the first round of The Barclays. At No. 13 in the FedExCup, he is vying to advance to the TOUR Championship for the first time in his career. This season has been strong for Chappell, who has recorded six top 10s in 23 starts.

Rickie Fowler opened with 67 for the second consecutive week after shooting 67 in the first round of the Wyndham Championship in Greensboro, N.C. The American has seven top 10s on the season in 20 starts, good enough for No. 28 in the FedExCup standings.

Defending champion and FedExCup leader Jason Day made four birdies and one bogey to shoot 68 and sits two back of the leaders. Last year, he opened with a 68 and was three back of the lead following the first round. He went on to win by six shots. Day is vying for his fourth win of the season and first since THE PLAYERS in May.

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Defending FedExCup champion Jordan Spieth opened with an even-par 71, the third straight tournament he has opened with an even-par score. Last year, Spieth missed the cut in the first two FedExCup Playoffs events before winning the TOUR Championship on his way to the FedExCup.

Si Woo Kim, who won last week's Wyndham Championship, opened with a 3-over 74.

Brett Stegmaier withdrew from The Barclays in the first round after nine holes with a left wrist injury. He was 101st in the FedExCup entering the week, meaning that he will not advance to next week's Deutsche Bank Championship.

2013 FedExCup champion Henrik Stenson withdrew from The Barclays following an opening-round 3-over 73. In a statement he said: "My right knee, which required surgery in December, 2015, has flared up again. Regrettably, I need to withdraw this week to allow time for an MRI and see what the next step is."

Two players have won in their first appearance at The Barclays: Jack Renner (1979) and Vijay Singh (1993).

Eight players have made The Barclays their first PGA TOUR win: Andy North (1977), Jack Renner (1979), Wayne Grady (1989), Vijay Singh (1993), JP Hayes (1998), Dennis Paulson (2000), Chris Smith (2002) and Jonathan Kaye (2003).

FedExCup and The Barclays notes

- Projected Points needed to advance to the Deutsche Bank Championship: 633
- This week marks the 50th playing of The Barclays and the 10th playing of the FedExCup.
- Each playoff event offers 2,000 FedExCup points to the winner.
- The top-100 players on the FedExCup points list following The Barclays qualify for the Deutsche Bank Championship at TPC Boston.

Miscellaneous The Barclays notes

- 63 players that competed at Bethpage Black in 2012 are in this week's field.
- This week's field of 120 is missing five players: No. 20 Sergio Garcia, No. 75 Danny Willett and No. 87 Shane Lowry, who didn't commit. Anirban Lahiri withdrew Monday with a shoulder injury and Alex Cejka withdrew with a pinched nerve on Tuesday.
- The PGA TOUR course record at Bethpage Black is 64, shot by Pádraig Harrington in the first round.
- Jason Day is the defending champion of The Barclays, and Nick Watney won The Barclays the last time it was held at Bethpage Black (2012).

Morning wave scoring average: 71.43

Afternoon wave scoring average: 72.79

Bogey-free Rounds

R1: Patrick Reed (66), Martin Laird (66)

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Scoring Averages at the par-71 Bethpage Black:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
Thursday	35.635	36.496	70.882	

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