

2016 Travelers Championship Broadcast Window & Pre-Tournament Notes



ShotLink Keys to Victory for Bubba Watson

13.3 Yards Shorter Approach Shot Remaining than Everyone

At the 2015 Travelers Championship the field average distance remaining from the hole after a tee shot on a par 4 or par 5 was 154.8 yards. Bubba Watson was the only player in the field who averaged less than 130 yards from the tee on all tee shots. His 127.4 yard average was 27.4 yards better than the field average and 13.3 yards better than the next best player (Rodgers: 140.7 yards).

New ShotLink Record: Watson's 127.4 yard average after his tee shots at the 2015 Travelers Championship was a new PGA TOUR record by a winner in the ShotLink era (since 2003). Watson is the only PGA TOUR winner to average less than 130 yards remaining after a tee shot in more than 1 victory in the ShotLink era.

Shortest Dist. Remaining After Tee Shots 2015 Travelers Championship

Rank	Player	Avg.
1	Bubba Watson	127.4
2	Patrick Rodgers	140.7
3	Martin Laird	142.3
4	Carl Pettersson	142.7
5	Gary Woodland	144.0
Field Average: 154.8 Yards		

Shortest Dist. Remaining After Tee Shots PGA TOUR Winners Since 2003

Year	Tournament	Player	Avg.	Rds
2015	Travelers Champ.	Watson, Bubba	127.4	4
2013	Hyundai TOC	Johnson, Dustin	127.7	3
2010	Travelers Champ.	Watson, Bubba	129.6	4
2011	The Barclays	Johnson, Dustin	135.2	3
2008	WMPO	Holmes, J.B.	140.2	4

Scrambling Success: In 2013 Bubba Watson ranked 150th on TOUR for Scrambling from around the greens salvaging par or better on 54% of his missed greens.

Bubba Watson vs. The Field 2015 Travelers Championship

Stat	Rank	Value	Field Avg.
Scrambling	1 st	90.9%	59%
Bogey Average	1 st	0.75	2.40
Putting from Inside 5'	T-1	100.0%	96.9%
Putting from 5-10'	2 nd	86.7%	58.9%
One-Putt Percentage	2 nd	50.0%	37.3%
Par 4 Performance	1 st	-12	-4

Course & Hole Statistics TPC River Highlands

Courses with the Most Total Birdies PGA TOUR 2000 - 2014/15

Player	Birdies
TPC Deere Run	28,295
TPC River Highlands	24,982
TPC Scottsdale	24,029
TPC Summerlin	23,572
TPC Sawgrass	23,560

Most Birdies TPC River Highlands Since 2008

Since 2008, Bubba Watson has accumulated 151 total birdies, marking the most by any player at TPC River Highlands. Bubba has 14 more birdies than the next best player Chris Stroud with 137.

Player	# of Birdies
Watson, Bubba	151
Stroud, Chris	137
Streelman, Kevin	125
Singh, Vijay	116
Mahan, Hunter	116

The 296 yard 15th hole has surrendered 95 eagles since 2000, marking the most par 4 eagles of any hole on TOUR.

Par 4's with the Most Eagles PGA TOUR Since 2000

Course	Hole	# of Eagles
TPC River Highlands	15th	95
TPC Summerlin	15th	83
TPC Scottsdale	17th	72
TPC Boston	4th	69
TPC Deere Run	14th	57

Since 2000, TPC River Highlands 15th hole has been one of the shortest par 4's on TOUR. The 15th hole at TPC River Highlands has yielded **95** Total Eagles marking the most of any par 4's on TOUR. There have been 8 players who have had multiple eagles on this hole in this timeframe.

Shortest Par 4's 2014-2015 PGA TOUR

Rank	Course	Hole	Par	Yds	Avg Score
1	Chambers Bay GC2	12	4	281	3.477
2	Sheshan International GC	16	4	288	3.723
3	TPC River Highlands	15	4	296	3.752
4	TPC Boston	4	4	298	3.715
5	Plantation Course at Kapalua	14	4	305	3.873

Broadcast Window Notes

2016 Travelers Championship *(FedExCup Summary)*

FedExCup Summary

There are only 3 week's remaining in the FedExCup season to earn enough points to qualify for the Playoffs. Here's a look at how things stack up in the race for the FedExCup.

Top 125 Bubble Entering Week # 36

Rank	Player	Points
120	Bronson Burgoon <i>(in the field)</i>	+10.32
121	Johnson Wagner <i>(in the field)</i>	+9.35
122	Chad Collins <i>(in the field)</i>	+6.06
123	Will Wilcox	+3.58
124	Matt Jones <i>(in the field)</i>	+3.44
125	Kyle Stanley <i>(in the field)</i>	---
126	Blayne Barber <i>(in the field)</i>	-0.34
127	Sung Kang <i>(in the field)</i>	-1.60
128	Scott Stallings <i>(in the field)</i>	-5.12
129	Padraig Harrington <i>(in the field)</i>	-7.96
130	Tim Wilkinson <i>(in the field)</i>	-13.56

Entering Week #36, only 23 points separate 120th to 130th in the standings and 0.34 of a point separates the 125th and 126th positions.

Last season, just 0.437 points separated 125th from 126th entering the FedExCup Playoffs. Jeff Overton was the last man in the field of 125 players who qualified for the FedExCup Playoffs in 2015.

Players Currently Outside the Top 125

Who have Qualified for FedExCup Playoffs Every Year

Player	Current Rank
Perez, Pat	220 th
Watney, Nick	195 th
Sabbatini, Rory <i>(in field)</i>	189 th
Mahan, Hunter <i>(in field)</i>	178 th
Poulter, Ian	163 rd
Overton, Jeff	153 rd
Kelly, Jerry <i>(in field)</i>	138 th

Attempting to go 10 for 10: In the 9 year history of the FedExCup Playoffs, there are 22 players who have qualified every season. Of those 22 players, 7 are currently on the outside top 125 and looking to make it for a 10th consecutive season.

Highest Ranked Players At this Time Last Season to Qualify for 2014-15 FedExCup Playoffs

Player	Entering Week	2014-15 FEC Finish
Davis Love III	184 th	86 th
Jason Gore	167 th	92 nd
J.J. Henry	150 th	90 th
Charl Schwartzel	138 th	108 th
Jonas Blixt	137 th	123 rd
Camilo Villegas	134 th	84 th
Luke Donald	127 th	80 th

Last season, 7 players who entered this week ranked outside the top 125 went onto to qualify for the 2014-15 FedExCup Playoffs.

Broadcast Window Notes 2016 Travelers Championship *(featured groups)*

Bubba Watson

Bubba Watson is scheduled to make his 10th career start at the Travelers Championship this week. This event serves as home to his first (2010) & 8th victories on the PGA TOUR. He's accumulated 5 top-ten finishes in his previous 9 starts here. Since missing the cut in 2006, Watson has not opened with a round higher than 67 at TPC River Highlands. In fact, he's been inside the top 5 of the leader board after 18 holes in 4 of his 9 career starts here marking his most times inside the top 5 after 18 holes of any event he's played on TOUR.

Watson has accumulated 154 total birdies at the Travelers Championship over the course of his 9 career starts.

Events with the Most Total Birdies Bubba Watson Career on TOUR

Event	Birdies	Starts
Waste Management	172	10
Travelers Championship	154	9
the Memorial Tournament	154	10
BMW Championship	140	10

Entering this week, he's just 18 birdies shy of tying his own record for events with the most birdies. This should be no problem for Bubba considering he's had more than 18 birdies in 6 of 9 starts at the Travelers.

Par 5 Birdie or Better Percentage: Bubba Watson has led an event 17 times over the course of his career for par 5 birdie or better percentage (including in 3 of his 9 PGA TOUR victories). However, he's only accomplished this feat multiple times at the same event three times (3 times at Travelers and 2 times at the Farmers Insurance Open & WGC-Bridgestone Invitational).

Most Times Leading Field in Par 5 Birdie or Better % Bubba Watson PGA TOUR Career

Travelers Championship	Farmers Insurance Open	WGC-Bridgestone Invitational
3 times	2 times	2 times

Highest Par 5 Birdie or Better % Travelers Since 2006 (min of 21 par 5's played)

Player	Par 5's	Birdies / Better	%
Watson, Bubba	68	43	63.2%
Warren, Charles	24	15	62.5%
Reed, Patrick	24	14	58.3%
Holmes, J.B.	28	16	57.1%
Snedeker, Brandt	36	20	55.5%

Converts Birdie on 2 in every 3 Par 5's Played: In his career at the Travelers Championship, Bubba has converted 43 birdies or better on 68 par 5's played. This works out to converting birdie or better on nearly 2 in every 3 par 5's played at TPC River Highlands (leads event since 2006).

311 Yard Average off the Tee on 68 Par 5's: In his career at TPC River Highlands, Watson has managed to hit 53 of 68 drives (78%) over 300 yards on the par 5's with an average drive of 311 yards. His average 2nd shot remaining on the par 5's at the Travelers Championship is 243 yards.

Most Times Leading Field in Driving Distance Bubba Watson PGA TOUR Career

Event	# of Times Leading Driving Distance
Travelers Championship	6
Zurich Classic	6
TOUR Championship	5

Bubba Watson Driving Distance Last 7 Starts at Travelers

Year	Rank	Avg.
2015	1st	318.5
2014	1st	312.3
2013	1st	327.0
2012	1st	325.1
2011	2 nd	307.5
2010	1st	321.3
2009	1st	313.6

**Career Best Scrambling in an Event
Bubba Watson on PGA TOUR (min of 15 attempts)**

Year	Tournament	Finish	Rank	%	Saves	Attempts
2015	Travelers Championship	Won	1 st	90.91	20	22
2015	Waste Management PO	T2	4 th	82.61	19	23
2014	WGC-HSBC Champions	T8	2 nd	82.35	14	17
2014	Travelers Championship	T31	5 th	79.17	19	24
2008	Travelers Championship	T6	7 th	77.78	21	27

Watson successfully salvaged par or better on 91% of his 22 missed greens in regulation marking a new best in his 223 career starts on the PGA TOUR (min of 15 attempts).

Patrick Reed

Patrick Reed is scheduled to make his 22nd appearance of the 2015-16 PGA TOUR season. Reed currently ranks 8th in the race for the FedExCup on the strength of 9 top 10's and 12 top 25's this season including back to back top 25's in his last 2 events (T-12 The OPEN & T-13 PGA).

Patrick Reed PGA TOUR Record Since 2013

Patrick Reed has improved every season on TOUR in the FedExCup standings going from 54th in 2013 to currently 8th this season.

Year	Events	Top 10s	Top 25s	FedExCup
This Season	22	9	12	8th
Last Season	27	4	14	12 th
2013-14	28	4	12	21 st
2013	26	5	6	54 th

**Patrick Reed Around the Greens
Last Season vs. This Season**

Stat	Last Season	This Season
SG: Around the Green	22 nd	4 th
Sand Save %	70 th	T18
Proximity From Sand	T76	T18
Scrambling	28 th	9 th
Scrambling From Fringe	59 th	8 th

Patrick Reed has excelled Around the Greens this season, ranking inside the top 20 in a number of around the green categories compared to last season.

Reed gains nearly a half a stroke per round in Strokes Gained: Around the Green +0.460 ranking 4th on TOUR.

Matt Kuchar

Despite coming off only his 2nd missed cut this season, Matt Kuchar has posted 6 top-10 finishes in his last 9 starts on the PGA TOUR. Matt currently ranks 18th in the FedExCup standings entering this week. Kuchar is 1 of 22 players who have qualified for all 9 seasons in the FedExCup Playoffs and just 1 of 3 players to qualify for the TOUR Championship each year since 2010.

Matt Kuchar Career in FedExCup

Stat	Value
Playoff Appearances	9
Best FEC Finish	2 nd (2010)
Current FEC Rank	18 th

Qualifying for TOUR Championship Every Season Since 2010

Player	Current Rank
Dustin Johnson	2 nd
Matt Kuchar	18th
Justin Rose	47 th

Kuchar is 1 of just 3 players who have qualified for the TOUR Championship each season since 2010.

Matt Kuchar First 4 Starts at Travelers Championship vs. Last 4: Matt Kuchar failed to make the cut at this event in his first 4 tries recording a scoring average of 72.75. However, in his last 4 starts at the Travelers Championship Matt has recorded 9 rounds in the 60's with a 68.5 scoring average.

Matt Kuchar First 4 Starts at Travelers Championship vs. Last 4

Stat	First 4	Last 4
Best Finish	CUT	T8 (2012)
Missed Cuts	4	0
Rounds in the 60's	2	9
Scoring Average	72.75	68.50

Zach Johnson

Zach Johnson is set to make his 11th appearance at the Travelers Championship and 20th start of the 2015-16 PGA TOUR season.

Zach Johnson is known for being one of the best putters on TOUR. Since 2004, Zach Johnson has never gone a season where he has given up strokes to the field in Strokes Gained: Putting.

Zach Johnson Career Strokes Gained: Putting on TOUR

Year	Rank	Average
This Season	48th	+0.260
Last Season	96th	+0.040
2014	79 th	+1.104
2013	31 st	+3.364
2012	9 th	+5.596

Since 2012, Zach Johnson has progressively struggled with his putter going from 9th to 96th in Strokes Gained: Putting last season. However, this season Zach is showing improvements ranking 48th and gaining over a quarter of a stroke per round in SG: Putting.

Since 2012, Zach Johnson is 1 of 3 players who have ranked inside the top 20 of the FedExCup standings in each of the last 4 seasons on TOUR.

Players Finishing Inside the top 20 of the FedExCup Standings in Each of last 4 Seasons

Player	2015	2014	2013	2012
Johnson, Zach	6th	18th	5th	12th
Rose, Justin	8 th	11 th	10 th	6 th
Kuchar, Matt	19 th	8 th	6 th	18 th

Jim Furyk

Playing in the Travelers Championship for the first time since 2011, Jim Furyk is set to make his 11th start of the 2015-16 PGA TOUR season.

Jim Furyk Career in FedExCup

Stat	Value
Playoff Appearances	9
Best FEC Finish	WON (2010)
Current FEC Rank	118 th

2010 FedExCup champion Jim Furyk currently ranks 118th in the FedExCup standings and is looking to qualify for the FedExCup Playoffs for the 10th consecutive season.

Most Bogey-Free Rounds PGA TOUR Since 1994

Player	# of Rounds
Jim Furyk	205
Jerry Kelly	139
Bob Estes	136
Charles Howell III	131

Since 1994, no one has more bogey-free rounds on TOUR than Jim Furyk. Furyk has recorded a total of 205 bogey-free rounds, which is 66 more than the next best player Jerry Kelly with 139.

Justin Thomas

#15 in the FedExCup standings, Justin Thomas is set to make his 23rd start this season. This season, Justin has recorded 1 win (CIMB Classic), 4 top 10's & 7 top 25's. Thomas is coming off his 5th consecutive made cut, however in these last 5 events he is a combined 16 over par.

Justin Thomas Rounds 1 & 2 vs. 3 & 4 Scoring Last 5 Events on TOUR

Stat	Rounds 1 & 2	Rounds 3 & 4
Rounds Par or Better	7	4
Rounds Over Par	3	6
Score to Par	Even	+16
Scoring Average	70.4	72.0

Ernie Els

Ernie Els currently ranks 159th in the FedExCup standings with his lone top 10 of the season coming a few weeks back at the Quicken Loans National. Els is looking to rebound this season after failing to qualify for the FedExCup Playoffs for the first time in his career in the FedExCup.

Strokes Gained: Statistics Ernie Els – This Season

Strokes Gained	Rank	Value
Off-the-Tee	95 th	+0.056
Approach-the-Green	T182	-0.530
Around-the-Green	107 th	-0.015
Putting	23rd	+0.478

Ernie Els currently ranks 23rd on the PGA TOUR for Strokes Gained: Putting outperforming the TOUR by nearly +0.50 strokes per round on the greens.

Tee-to-Green vs. Putting Ranks Ernie Els – Last 3 Seasons

Season	Tee-to-Green Rank	Putting Rank
This Season	166 th	23rd
Last Season	108 th	173 rd
2013-14	35th	136 th

Louis Oosthuizen

Louis is coming off a T-22nd place finish at last week's PGA Championship. Oosthuizen currently ranks 57th in the race for the FedExCup on the strength of 2 top 10's and 7 top 25's this season.

Players Ranked Inside the Top 25 in Both SG: Off the tee & Approach the Green This Season

Player	Off the Tee	Approach the Green
Oosthuizen, Louis	24th	15th
Stenson, Henrik	21 st	2 nd
Scott, Adam	25 th	1 st
Garcia, Sergio	12 th	17 th
Johnson, Dustin	2 nd	20 th
Matsuyama, Hideki	13 th	3 rd

Louis Oosthuizen is 1 of only 6 players who rank inside the top 25 in both SG: Off the Tee & SG: Approach the Green. Oosthuizen ranks 24th off the tee & 15th on approach shots this season.

Keegan Bradley

Keegan is scheduled to make his 6th consecutive start at the Travelers Championship with his best finish coming in 2013, T-18th. Keegan currently ranks 117th in the FedExCup standings on the strength of 2 top 10's and 4 top 25 finishes this season.

Keegan Bradley Rounds 1 & 2 vs. 3 & 4 at Travelers Championship

Stat	1 & 2	3 & 4
SG: Tee to Green	+2.31	-0.386
Greens In Regulation	76.6%	60.5%
Score to Par	-26	-1
Scoring Average	67.4	69.9

Keegan gets off to a great start in the first 2 rounds at the Travelers Championship hitting 76% of his GIR's and is a combined 26 under par. However, his final 2 rounds are a different story averaging 60% GIR's and is a combined 1 under par.

Keegan Bradley combines Driving Distance and Driving Accuracy better than anyone the last 6 seasons on TOUR. Since 2011, Keegan Bradley is the only player on TOUR who has ranked inside the top 15 in Total Driving.

Keegan Bradley Career Total Driving Ranks

Player	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Bradley, Keegan	T12	T11	2 nd	8 th	3 rd	1 st

Kevin Streelman

2014 Travelers Champion, Kevin Streelman is set to make his 9th appearance at this event and 23rd of the 2015-16 PGA TOUR season. Streelman currently ranks 62nd in the FedExCup standings on the strength of 2 top 10's and 7 top 25 finishes this season.

Kevin Streelman Final Round Putting Comparison 2014 Travelers Championship

Stat	Front 9	Back 9
Strokes Gained: Putting	+.590	+4.723
One-Putts	15	9
Putts Made Over 5 Feet	2	7
Total Feet of Putts Made	31'8"	109'4"

Streelman was over 4 strokes better on the back 9 than the front 9 in Strokes Gained: Putting. He needed 6 fewer putts on the back 9 and made 5 more putts over 5 feet than the front 9 including a 20'8" putt on hole 14 and a 37'1" putt on the 16th hole.

Streelman's Back 9 score of 28 tied the lowest back 9 score by a winner since David Duval's back 9 score of 28 and final round 59 at the 1999 Humana Challenge.

Lowest 9-Hole Scores By a Winner PGA TOUR Since 1983

Year	Player	Event	Back 9 Score
2014	Streelman, Kevin	Travelers Championship	28
1999	Duval, David	Humana Challenge	28
1993	Kite, Tom	Humana Challenge	29
2003	Crane, Ben	Bell South Classic	29
2004	Singh, Vijay	Zurich Classic	29

Kevin Streelman GIR Improvement PGA TOUR Since 2014

Year	Rank	%
This Season	12th	69.3%
Last Season	25 th	68.9%
2013/14	T137	63.2%

Kevin Streelman has made steady improvement from the 2013/14 PHA TOUR season ranking 12th (69.3%) in Greens in Regulation compared to the 2013/14 where he ranked T-137th.

J.J. Henry

2006 Travelers Champion, J.J. Henry is set to make his 18th start at this event. In 16 starts at the Travelers Championship, J.J. has 1 win, 2 top 10's and 6 top 25's. This season, Henry currently ranks 180th in the FedExCup standings and is in search of his first top 25 finish.

Most Birdies at Travelers Championship Since 1998

Player	# of Birdies
Henry, J.J.	224
Herron, Tim	212
Mahan, Hunter	202
Sutherland, Kevin	191
Perry, Kenny	185

Since 1998, J.J. Henry has more total birdies than any other player. J.J. has a total of 224 birdies in 60 career rounds at the Travelers Championship.

Brooks Koepka

Brooks Koepka is set to make his 2nd start at the Travelers Championship. Koepka is coming off a T-4th place finish at last week's PGA Championship where he had his 2nd best Strokes Gained: Putting performance of his career (+1.786 ranked 3rd). His T-4th place finish moved him from 22nd to 19th in the FedExCup standings.

Brooks Koepka FedExCup Rank Entering Week 36 Last Season vs. This Season

Year	Rank Entering Week 36	FEC Finish
Currently	19 th	??
Last Season	18 th	24 th

Brooks Koepka is in position to make the FedExCup playoffs for his 2nd consecutive season. Last season, Koepka was in a similar position at #18 and finished 24th.

Brooks Koepka ranks 4th in Strokes Gained: Tee to Green, outperforming the TOUR by nearly a stroke per round from the tee.

SG: Off the Tee Leaders This Season

Rank	Player	Average
1	Rory McIlroy	+1.275
2	Dustin Johnson	+1.093
3	Bubba Watson	+1.047
4	Brooks Koepka	+0.707
5	J.B. Holmes	+0.706

Brooks Koepka Scoring This Season

Stat	Rank	Value
Birdie Average	9 th	4.00
Par Breakers	9 th	23.0%
Par 4 Birdie or Better %	3 rd	20.7%
Bounce Back	1st	27.4%
Birdie or Better %	9 th	23.0%
Scoring Average	7 th	69.6%

Brooks Koepka ranks inside the top 10 in several scoring categories on TOUR, including ranking 1st in bounce back percentage making birdie or better 27.4% of the time after making an over par score on the previous hole.

Brooks Koepka made his 28th eagle since last season in the 1st round of the PGA Championship last week. Koepka's 28 total eagles is the most on TOUR since the start of last season.

Most Total Eagles PGA TOUR Since Start of Last Season

Player	# of Eagles
Koepka, Brooks	28
Johnson, Dustin	27
Vegas, Jhonattan	24
Thomas, Justin	24
Watson, Bubba	23
Day, Jason	23
Chappell, Kevin	23