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2016 Wyndham Championship Pre-Tournament Notes

Dates: August 15-21, 2016

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

Par/Yards: 70/7,127 yards

2015 champion: Davis Love III

Purse: \$5,600,000/\$1,008,000

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 2015

Davis Love III, a Life Member on the PGA TOUR based on a minimum of 20 victories, posted bookend 6-under 64s en route to winning the Wyndham Championship, his 21st PGA TOUR title. With a 72-hole total of 17-under 263, Love finished one stroke clear of Jason Gore. With the victory, Love became the third oldest winner in PGA TOUR history. At 51 years, 4 months and 10 days old, he trails only Sam Snead (52-10-8 at the 1965 Wyndham Championship) and Art Wall (51-7-10 at the 1975 Greater Milwaukee Open).

More on Davis Love III

- With his win, jumped 110 spots from 186th to 76th in the FedExCup standings, the largest move up the standings in tournament history.
- With the victory, moved to a tie for 29th among the all-time winningest players in PGA TOUR history, joining Willie Macfarlane, Lanny Wadkins, Craig Wood and James Barnes, all with 21 wins.
- Made 15 starts on the PGA TOUR in 2015-16 before undergoing left hip surgery in early July. His recovery time is expected at 12-16 weeks, therefore missing his title defense at the Wyndham Championship.
- Love was the last winner of the Wyndham Championship unable to defend his title. After winning in 2006, Love was forced to withdraw from the 2007 tournament due to kidney stones.

Wyndham Championship field notes

- Eleven of the top 30 in the current FedExCup standings: Brandt Snedeker (6), Patrick Reed (8), Justin Thomas (9), Kevin Na (10), Kevin Kisner (11), William McGirt (14), Jimmy Walker (15), Hideki Matsuyama (19), Jason Dufner (22), Ryan Moore (23) and Rickie Fowler (30).
- Ten players in the top 30 of the Official World Golf Ranking: Rickie Fowler (8), Patrick Reed (14), Jimmy Walker (17), Hideki Matsuyama (20), J.B. Holmes (21), Jim Furyk (22), Brandt Snedeker (25), Rafa Cabrera Bello (27), Scott Piercy (28) and Kevin Kisner (30).
- Seven players who competed in the Olympics: Alex Cejka, Rafa Cabrera Bello, Graham DeLaet, Rickie Fowler, David Hearn, Danny Lee and Patrick Reed.
- Six past champions of the Wyndham Championship: Camilo Villegas (2014), Patrick Reed (2013), Webb Simpson (2011), Arjun Atwal (2010), Ryan Moore (2009) and Brandt Snedeker (2007).
- Fourteen major championship winners: Ernie Els (4), Angel Cabrera (2), Retief Goosen (2), Keegan Bradley (1), Stewart Cink (1), Jason Dufner (1), Jim Furyk (1), Lucas Glover (1), Justin Leonard (1), Graeme McDowell (1), Geoff Ogilvy (1), Webb Simpson (1), David Toms (1) and Jimmy Walker (1).

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Rickie Fowler: FedExCup (30), Official World Golf Ranking (8), Ryder Cup (12)

- A week after representing the United States in the Olympics, Rickie Fowler will close out his 2015-16 regular season with his first appearance at the Wyndham Championship.
- In 19 starts this season, Fowler has seven top-10s with his best finish being a playoff loss at the Waste Management Phoenix Open.

Patrick Reed: FedExCup (8), Official World Golf Ranking (14), Ryder Cup (8)

- Also returning from the Rio Olympics, 2013 Wyndham Championship winner Patrick Reed will make his fourth start in Greensboro and first since 2014: 2011/T66, 2013/Won, 2014/T24.
- In 23 starts this season, Reed has nine top-10s, second-most on the PGA TOUR behind Dustin Johnson (12). Two of those top-10s are runner-ups (Tournament of Champions and Valero Texas Open).

Jimmy Walker: FedExCup (15), Official World Golf Ranking (17), Ryder Cup (4)

- Making his first start since winning the PGA Championship, Jimmy Walker will make his seventh start in the Wyndham Championship. His lone top-10 came in 2012 (T4) and he's made it to the final round just twice: 2011 (T66) and 2012 (T4).
- In 20 starts this season, Walker has four top-10s. In addition to his first major victory, Walker finished T10 at the Tournament of Champions, T4 at the Farmers Insurance Open and sixth at the World Golf Championships-Cadillac Championship.

Jim Furyk: FedExCup (106), Official World Golf Ranking (22), Ryder Cup (18)

- In his first start since shooting the first 58 in PGA TOUR history, Jim Furyk will return to the Wyndham Championship for the 13th time overall and first since 2011 when he finished T9. In 12 previous starts in Greensboro, Furyk has four top-10s, with a runner-up in 1999 at Forest Oaks CC his best showing.
- Furyk returned to competition after wrist surgery in May, missing the cut at the Wells Fargo Championship. In 11 starts this season, his best showing is a T2 at the U.S. Open.

Bill Haas: FedExCup (31), Official World Golf Ranking (33), Ryder Cup (14)

- Having finished in the top six in the last two years, Haas will make his 12th start in the Wyndham Championship. He owns a total of four top-10s, three of which came in his last four starts: 2009/T10, 2012/T7, 2014/T2 and 2015/T6.
- In 20 starts this season, Haas has six top-10s, including his first-ever top-10 in a major, a T9 at The Open Championship. Haas' best showing this season includes a playoff loss at the Valspar Championship.

Brandt Snedeker: FedExCup (6), Official World Golf Ranking (25), Ryder Cup (9)

- 2007 Wyndham Championship winner Brandt Snedeker will make his 10th start in the Wyndham Championship. In addition to his win in his first start, Snedeker has three additional top-10s: 2009/T5, 2010/T8 and 2014/T5.
- In 22 starts this season, Snedeker has one win (Farmers Insurance Open) and five additional top-10s, most recently a T5 in the RBC Canadian Open.

Webb Simpson: FedExCup (74), Official World Golf Ranking (62), Ryder Cup (26)

- 2010 Wyndham Championship winner and Wake Forest alum Webb Simpson will make his eighth start in the Wyndham Championship. In seven previous starts, he owns four top-10s including the last two years: 2015/T6 and 2014/T5.
- In 17 starts this season, Simpson has two top-10s, most recently a sixth-place showing at the Quicken Loans National.

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Harold Varner III, FedExCup (79), Official World Golf Ranking (167), Ryder Cup (55)

- Harold Varner III, who grew up in Gastonia, N.C. and went to East Carolina University, will make his first start in the Wyndham Championship.
- In 25 starts this season, Varner has four top-10s.

Ryan Moore, FedExCup (23), Official World Golf Ranking (50), Ryder Cup (23)

- Coming off his win at last week's John Deere Classic, Ryan Moore will return to the site of his maiden PGA TOUR victory. This week will mark his ninth start where he owns three top-10s: 2006/T6, 2009/Won, 2015/T10.
- In 18 starts this season, Moore has five top-10s in addition to his victory last week.

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.

Notable moves in the FedExCup Standings 120-135 following the John Deere Classic. ***All players are in the Wyndham Championship field.***

Player	FedExCup Rank Entering the week	Finish	FedExCup Rank After
Nick Taylor	120	MC	128
Ben Martin	121	2	59
Blayne Barber	122	T40	120
Chris Stroud	123	MC	132
Bronson Burgoon	124	T47	130
Johnson Wagner	125	T5	109
Matt Jones	126	T27	124
Chad Collins	127	MC	134
Kyle Stanley	129	T22	127
Sung Kang	130	T14	123
Scott Stallings	132	T16	126
Tim Wilkinson	133	MC	139
Tyler Aldridge	134	T67	138
Retief Goosen	135	MC	140

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Players on the FedExCup top 125 bubble in the Wyndham Championship field:

FEC Standing	Player
124	Matt Jones
125	Whee Kim
126	Scott Stallings
127	Kyle Stanley
128	Nick Taylor
129	Steve Marino
130	Bronson Burgoon
131	Morgan Hoffmann
132	Chris Stroud
133	Shawn Stefani
134	Chad Collins
135	Steve Wheatcroft

No player outside the playoff bubble entering the Wyndham Championship has successfully negotiated his way to the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola.

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 2016-17 PGA TOUR Season.

The Web.com Tour Finals debuted three 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.

There are 22 players who are a perfect nine-for-nine in making the FedExCup Playoffs. Seven of those players who have made the Playoffs each of its nine years in existence are in the Wyndham Championship field: Brandt Snedeker (6), Bill Haas (31), Ryan Moore (23), Luke Donald (99), Jim Furyk (106), Jerry Kelly (77) and Hunter Mahan (182).

History of FedExCup positioning at the Wyndham Championship 2015

Five players in the field moved from outside the top 125 to inside the top 125 in the FedExCup standings: Davis Love III (from No. 186 to No. 76), Jason Gore (from No. 166 to No. 98), Jonax Blixt (From No. 135 to No. 121), Camilo Villegas (from No. 129 to No. 123) and Ryo Ishikawa (from No. 130 to No. 124). Five players who entered the week inside the top 125 moved outside the top 125 in the FedExCup standings: Will MacKenzie (from No. 116 to No. 126), Brian Stuard (from No. 119 to No. 128), Scott Stallings (from No. 120 to No. 129), Jamie Donaldson (from No. 121 to No. 130) and Nicholas Thompson (from No. 123 to No. 131). Davis Love III's jump from 186th to 76th marked the largest move up the standings in tournament history.

2014

Sangmoon 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.

2007

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

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