

2017 RBC Heritage Broadcast Window & Pre-Tournament Notes



ShotLink Keys to Victory for Branden Grace

+9.207 Strokes Gained: Tee-to-Green: Branden Grace ranked 2nd in Strokes Gained: Tee-to-Green marking the 5th straight champion of the RBC Heritage to rank inside the top 10 in this category. For the week, Grace outperformed the RBC Heritage field by a total of +9.207 in Strokes Gained: Tee-to-Green marking his career best performance tee-to-green on TOUR.

Branden Grace Career Best Strokes Gained: Tee-to-Green Performance on TOUR

Year	Tournament	Rank	Average	Total SG:T2G
2016	RBC Heritage	2 nd	+2.302	+9.207
2015	PGA Championship	12 th	+2.168	+8.671
2014	WGC-Bridgestone Invitational	10 th	+1.902	+7.607
2015	Valero Texas Open	7 th	+1.853	+7.412
2014	PGA Championship	25 th	+1.323	+5.291

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Branden Grace on the Greens Entering RBC Heritage vs RBC Heritage

Stat	Entering RBC	RBC Heritage
Strokes Gained: Putting	-.239 (163 rd)	+1.348 (10 th)
Putting Average	1.773 (T103)	1.727 (21 st)
One-Putt %	37.2% (144 th)	48.6% (T16)
Putting From 4-8 Feet	69.4% (104 th)	81.8% (9 th)
Birdie or Better Conversion %	28.2% (137 th)	38.6% (T7)

Entering the RBC Heritage, Branden Grace ranked outside the top 100 in several putting statistics including Strokes Gained: Putting giving up a quarter of a shot per round on the greens. However, at the RBC Heritage, Grace outperformed the field by +1.348 strokes per round and after hitting a green in regulation he converted 15 birdies or better ranking T-7th in the field.

Course & Hole Statistics Harbour Town Golf Links

Courses with the Shortest Drives (All Drives) PGA TOUR Last Season

Rank	Course	All Drives
1	Harbour Town Golf Links	267.9
2	Pebble Beach GL	271.5
3	Sea Island Resort (Seaside)	273.3
4	Colonial CC	274.0
5	TPC Louisiana	274.3

Courses with the Toughest Greens to Hit PGA TOUR Since 2000 (min 3000 rounds)

Rank	Course	%
1	Harbour Town Golf Links	56.54
2	Firestone CC	57.89
2	Riviera CC	58.35
4	TPC Southwind	58.66
5	Augusta National GC	59.68

Most Greens Hit in Regulation by a Winner at Harbour Town GL since 1980

Year	Player	Rank	%	Greens Hit
1997	Price, Nick	1	75.00	54
2014	Kuchar, Matt	1	73.61	53
1992	Love III, Davis	1	73.61	53
1996	Roberts, Loren	3	70.83	51
1994	Irwin, Hale	8	70.83	51
1983	Zoeller, Fuzzy	1	70.83	51

Since 1980, the average winner of the RBC Heritage hits 46 greens in regulation at Harbour Town GL.

The most greens in regulation hit by a winner were Nick Price in 1997 hitting a total of 54.

2016 Champion Branden Grace ranked t-14th with 44 greens hit in regulation en route to victory.

Courses with the Lowest Birdie or Better % - Fairway 2015-16 PGA TOUR

Rank	Course	%
1	Innisbrook Resort (Copperhead)	14.88
2	Harbour Town Golf Links	17.55
3	Firestone CC (South)	17.64
4	PGA National (Champion)	18.20
5	Baltusrol GC	18.32

Courses with the Shortest Scrambling Proximity to Hole 2015-16 PGA TOUR

Rank	Course	%
1	PGA West Stadium Course	6' 2"
2	TPC Southwind	6' 5"
3	TPC Four Seasons Resort	6' 6"
4	Harbour Town GL, Waialae CC, TPC San Antonio & TPC Louisiana	6' 7"

Easiest Fairways to Hit on TOUR Since 2007

Course	Hole	%
Harbour Town GL	18 th	94.36%
Plantation Course at Kapalua	5 th	91.81%
Plantation Course at Kapalua	18 th	89.74%
Monterey Peninsula CC	10 th	89.34%

The 18th hole at Harbour Town GL historically has one of the largest and easiest fairways to hit on TOUR. Since 2007, the 18th hole is the easiest fairway to hit on TOUR with 94.36% of players finding the short grass.

Broadcast Window Notes

2017 RBC Heritage *(featured groups)*

Davis Love III

5-time RBC Heritage champion, Davis Love III is set to make his 29th start at this event. Since 1986, Davis Love III has carded 47 rounds in the 60's. His 47 rounds in the 60's is the most at Harbour Town since 1986.

Most Wins at RBC Heritage

Player	# of Wins
Love III, Davis	5
Irwin, Hale	3
Miller, Johnny	2
Watson, Tom	2
Cink, Stewart	2
Stewart, Payne	2
Furyk, Jim	2
Weekley, Boo	2
Green, Hubert	2
Zoeller, Fuzzy	2

Most Rounds in the 60's Since 1986

Player	# of Rounds
Davis Love III	47
Jim Furyk	30
Scott Hoch	27
Billy Mayfair	26
Fred Funk	26
Bob Estes	26

Jim Furyk

2010 & 2015 RBC Heritage champion, Jim Furyk is set to make his 18th start at this event. Furyk is a combined 75-under par at this event which is the best score to par of any player since 1986.

Most Under Par at Harbour Town Since 1986

Player	Score to Par
Jim Furyk	-75
Davis Love III	-73
Tom Lehman	-70
Payne Stewart	-54
Luke Donald	-51

The 2010 FedExCup Champion is set to make his 9th start this season and is currently 121st in the FEC standings. Furyk won the RBC Heritage in 2010 then went on to win the FedExCup that same season. In 2015, Jim Furyk finished 29th in the final standings after winning the RBC Heritage earlier that season. 5 of the last 7 champions of the RBC Heritage advanced to the season ending TOUR Championship.

Past Champions of RBC Heritage and Final FedExCup Finish

Year	Player	FedExCup Finish
2016	Branden Grace	41 st
2015	Jim Furyk	29th
2014	Matt Kuchar	8th
2013	Graeme McDowell	55 th
2012	Carl Pettersson	24th
2011	Brandt Snedeker	8th
2010	Jim Furyk	Won

Brandt Snedeker

2011 RBC Heritage Champion, Brandt Snedeker is set to make his 12th appearance at this event. The 2012 FedExCup Champion currently ranks 35th in the FEC standings this season. Snedeker is coming off a T-27th finish at the Masters Tournament.

Since the start of the 2011 PGA TOUR season no one has more rounds of 64 or better than Brandt Snedeker. His 22 rounds of 64 or better is 2 clear of the next best players Webb Simpson, Ryan Palmer & Jimmy Walker with 20.

In this timeframe, Brandt Snedeker has 2 rounds of 64 or better at the RBC Heritage 2011 final round (won) & 2015 round two (T26).

Most Rounds of 64 or Better PGA TOUR Since 2011

Player	# of Rounds
Snedeker, Brandt	22
Simpson, Webb	20
Palmer, Ryan	20
Walker, Jimmy	20
Kirk, Chris	15
Spieth, Jordan	15

2012 FedExCup champion, Brandt Snedeker currently stands in the 35th position of the FedExCup standings. The last season Brandt Snedeker ranked outside of the top-30 at this point in the PGA TOUR season was in 2014 where he ranked 96th.

Brandt Snedeker FedExCup Rank Thru Week #20 & Final FedExCup Finish Since 2014

Year	Rank Thru Week #20	FEC Finish
2017	35th	??
2016	3 rd	15 th
2015	13 th	23 rd
2014	96th	86th

Branden Grace

Defending RBC Heritage champion, Branden Grace is set to make his 11th start of the 2016-17 PGA TOUR season. Grace currently ranks 85th in the FedExCup standings on the strength of 2 top-25 finishes (T-13 Sony Open & T-22 Genesis Open).

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Adam Hadwin

Adam Hadwin currently ranks 5th in the FedExCup standings on the strength of 1 win (Valspar Championship), 4 top-10's and 6 top-25's this season.

Adam Hadwin Career Stats First 68 Events vs. This Season

Stat	2010 thru 2015-16	This Season
Events	68	12
Wins	0	1
Top 5's	2	2
Top 10's	7	4
Best FedExCup Rank	85th (2015-16)	Currently 5th

Adam Hadwin Approach the Green Ranks Last Season vs. This Season

Adam Hadwin ranked outside of the top 100 in several approach the green statistics last season. This season he has shown improvement specifically in Fairway Proximity going from T-129th to T-32nd.

Stat	Last Season	This Season
SG: Approach-the-Green	T122	29 th
Fairway Proximity	T129	T32
Approaches 125-150 Yds.	T107	10 th

Marc Leishman

Marc Leishman picked up his 2nd PGA TOUR victory at the Arnold Palmer Invitational in February. Leishman currently ranks 13th in the FedExCup standings which is the first time he has ranked inside the top-30 at this point of the season in any year on TOUR.

Marc Leishman Best FedExCup Rank Thru Week #20 on TOUR

Year	Thru Week #20
2017	13 th
2016	66 th
2015	123 rd
2014	61 st
2013	45 th
2012	69 th
2011	49 th
2010	39 th
2009	80 th

Marc Leishman has made steady improvements in his performance on the greens in the last 3 seasons. Leishman has gone from 112th in SG: Putting losing -0.020 strokes per round to 3rd this season gaining over a stroke per round.

Marc Leishman SG: Putting Improvements PGA TOUR Since 2014-15

Year	Rank	Value
This Season	3rd	+1.178
Last Season	44 th	+0.252
2014-15	112 th	-0.020

Graeme McDowell

2013 RBC Heritage Champion, Graeme McDowell is set to make his 8th appearance at this event and 8th of the 2016-17 PGA TOUR season. Graeme currently ranks 110th in the FedExCup on the strength of 3 top-25 finishes.

Career Finishes in the FedExCup

Year	Finish
This Season	110th
Last Season	48 th
2014-15	160 th
2013-14	56 th
2013	55 th
2012	42 nd
2011	73 rd
2010	200 th

Graeme currently ranks 110th in the FedExCup standings and is in search to get in position to make a run at making the TOUR Championship for the first time in his career.

2013 Victory at RBC Heritage:

In the first 3 rounds, McDowell made a total of 9 putts over 6 feet and was **+2.326** in strokes gained-putting. However, in the final round McDowell made 6 putts over 6 feet including a 19'6" par putt on hole 13 and a 7'6" birdie putt on his 16th hole outperforming the field by **+3.541** strokes and 1 stroke better than his first 3 rounds combined with his putter.

Graeme McDowell On the Greens 2013 RBC Heritage

Stat	First 3 Rounds	Final Round
Putts Made Over 6 Feet	9	6
SG: Putting	+2.326	+3.541

Graeme McDowell ranks 2nd this season in par 3 scoring averaging at 2.91. Graeme is a combined 9-under par on the par 3's this season.

Par 3 Scoring Average Leaders PGA TOUR This Season

Rank	Player	Average
1	Chris Stroud	2.84
2	Graeme McDowell	2.91
3	Jordan Spieth	2.92
3	Adam Hadwin	2.92
5	Marc Leishman	2.93
5	Nick Watney	2.93

Ernie Els

Ernie Els is seeking to play his way back into the FedExCup Playoffs after missing the FEC Playoffs the last two seasons. Els is set to make his 18th start at the RBC Heritage. His best finishes came in 2007 where he finished 2nd.

Ernie Els FedExCup Finishes Since 2012

Year	FEC Finish
Currently	211 th
2015-16	163 rd
2014-15	173 rd
2013-14	41 st
2013	68 th
2012	26th

Ernie is seeking to get back to the FedExCup Playoffs for the 9th time in his career and competing in the TOUR Championship for the first time since finishing 26th in 2012.

Luke Donald

Luke Donald is set to make his 12th start at the RBC Heritage. Donald finished 2nd for the 4th time at this event last season. Donald is 1 of 11 players who have finished 2nd in an event 4 or more times without a win.

Most Runner-Up Finishes at an Event on TOUR without a Win

Player	Event	Runner Up Finishes
Nicklaus, Jack	RBC Canadian Open	7
Mickelson, Phil	US OPEN	6
Norman, Greg	BMW Championship	5
Stewart, Payne	Honda Classic	5
Donald, Luke	RBC Heritage	4
Calcavecchia, Mark	Tucson Open	4
Ford, Doug	Valero Texas Open	4
Harbert, Chick	St. Petersburg Open Invitational	4
Lietzke, Bruce	SBS TOC	4
Snead, Sam	US OPEN	4
Weiskopf, Tom	Masters Tournament	4

Luke Donald is 1 of 16 PGA TOUR players who have qualified for the FedExCup playoffs in every year of FEC existence. Donald currently is outside of the top 125 of the standings.

Players Making FedExCup Playoffs Every Season (Since 2007)

Players	
Kuchar, Matt	Garcia, Sergio
Watson, Bubba	Hoffman, Charley
Furyk, Jim	Mickelson, Phil
Haas, Bill	Moore, Ryan
Johnson, Zach	Senden, John
Rose, Justin	*Donald, Luke
Scott, Adam	Howell III, Charles
Snedeker, Brandt	Kelly, Jerry

**currently ranked 136th*

Martin Kaymer

Martin Kaymer is set to make his 3rd start at the RBC Heritage. In his first 2 starts he has a T-23rd finish in 2014 and a T-66th finish in 2013.

Martin Kaymer Key Stats PGA TOUR This Season

Martin Kaymer ranks inside the top-20 in several different stats on TOUR, including putting from 4 to 8 feet. Kaymer is 36 of 44 from this distance this season ranking 4th on TOUR.

Stat	Rank	Average
SG: Off-the-Tee	20 th	+0.537
Driving Accuracy	4 th	72.1%
Approaches 150-175 Yds.	6 th	22' 1"
SG: Putting	18 th	+0.586
Putting From 4-8 Feet	4 th	81.8%

Matt Kuchar

2014 Champion of the RBC Heritage, Matt Kuchar is set to make his 14th start at this event. Kuchar currently ranks 45th in the FedExCup standings.

Most Top 10 Finishes Since Start of 2010

Player	# Top 10's
Kuchar, Matt	67
Johnson, Dustin	66
McIlroy, Rory	55
Day, Jason	54
Fowler, Rickie	50

Consistency has been the key for Kuchar. Since 2010, no one has as many top 10 finishes as he has since 2010. Kuchar has collected 67 top 10 finishes (**37%** of his starts) in this time frame.

Winner Ages of the RBC Heritage Since 1983

Age	# of Wins
20's	9
30's	21
40's	4

Branden Grace (27 at the time of victory) marked only the 9th winner since 1983 to be in his 20's to claim the RBC Heritage. Graeme McDowell (33, 2013 Champion) & Matt Kuchar (35, 2014 Champion) are 2 of 8 previous winners in their 30's to capture the RBC Heritage. 8 of the last 10 and 11 of the last 14 winners of the RBC Heritage have been in their 30's.

Matt Kuchar finished T-4th at last week's Masters Tournament moving up 28 spots in the FedExCup standings. Kuchar moved from 73rd to 45th with his T-4th place finish and was the 5th biggest mover from last week.

Biggest Movers in the FedExCup Standings Last Week

Player	Finish	Last Week	This Week	Movement
Sergio Garcia	1	70 th	12 th	+58
Charl Schwartzel	3	96 th	42 nd	+54
Kevin Chappell	T7	159 th	109 th	+50
Steve Stricker	T16	185 th	148 th	+37
Matt Kuchar	T4	73rd	45th	+28

Russell Henley

Russell Henley is set to make his 5th start at the RBC Heritage and 13th of the 2016-17 PGA TOUR season. Henley currently ranks 11th in the FedExCup standings and is coming off a win at the Shell Houston Open and a T-11th finish at the Masters in his last 2 weeks on TOUR. T-24th finish at last week's Masters Tournament.

Russell Henley Career FedExCup Ranks

Year	FEC Rank
This Season	11 th
Last Season	87 th
2014-15	63 rd
2013-14	19th
2013	44 th

Russell Henley currently ranks 11th in the FedExCup standings and is search to making it back to the TOUR Championship for the 2nd time.

Most Total Feet of Putts Made in 4 Rounds (PGA TOUR ShotLink Events since 2003)

2nd Most Total Feet of Putts

Made: Henley's 541 feet of putts made is the 2nd most recorded by ShotLink in 4 rounds on the PGA TOUR (since 2003).

Year	Tournament	Player	Feet
2015	DEAN & DELUCA	Martin, Ben	551' 2"
2017	Shell Houston Open	Henley, Russell	541' 10"
2014	Shell Houston Open	Stefani, Shawn	541' 1"
2005	Wyndham Championship	Warren, Charles	537' 10"
2011	WGC-Mexico Championship	Ishikawa, Ryo	533' 6"