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THE NORTHERN TRUST 2017

Dates: August 21-27, 2017
Where: Glen Oaks Club, Old Westbury, New York
Par/Yards: 35-35—70/7,346 yards
2016 champion: Patrick Reed
Purse: \$8,750,000/\$1,575,000 (winner)
FedExCup: 2,000 points to the winner
Format: 72-hole stroke-play
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Field: Players ranked in the top 125 in the FedExCup standings following the Wyndham Championship who choose to compete. (No. 22 Sergio Garcia chose not to compete and No. 66 Adam Scott chose not to compete due to the birth of his child. No. 64 Brandt Snedker, No. 85 Scott Piercy and No. 115 Dominic Bozzelli are not in the field due to injury).

A look at THE NORTHERN TRUST 2016

Beginning the week at No. 7 in the FedExCup standings, Patrick Reed was the highest-ranked player in THE NORTHERN TRUST without a win in the 2015-16 season. Entering the final round one stroke off Rickie Fowler's 9-under lead, Reed made four birdies and three bogeys en route to a 1-under 70, and a 9-under 275 total, good for a one-stroke win over Emiliano Grillo and Sean O'Hair. Reed claimed his fifth career PGA TOUR win in his 121st start at the age of 26 years, 23 days. The victory marked the second time Reed came from behind in the final round to win. At the 2015 Sentry Tournament of Champions, he trailed Hideki Matsuyama and Jimmy Walker by two strokes after 54 holes.

Glen Oaks Club

The Glen Oaks Club was formed in 1924 south of Lake Success on land purchased from the estate of William K. Vanderbilt, and later moved to the current site in Old Westbury. The course was designed by Joe Finger and opened for play in 1971. The 27 holes at Glen Oaks were largely unchanged until 2011, when Joel Weiman and Craig Currier, the superintendent of the club, led a renovation that was completed in 2014. Glen Oaks was named the 2015 Club of the Year by the Metropolitan Golf Writers Association. Six different courses have hosted THE NORTHERN TRUST since it became a FedExCup Playoffs event (Westchester CC in 2007, Ridgewood CC in 2008, 2010 and 2014, Liberty National GC in 2009 and 2013, Plainfield CC in

2010 and 2015, Bethpage Black in 2012 and 2016, Glen Oaks Club in 2017). The tournament course for THE NORTHERN TRUST is a composite course, featuring a front nine comprised of a mix of the White and Red nines and a back nine featuring the Blue nine in order.

FedExCup and THE NORTHERN TRUST

- THE NORTHERN TRUST is the opening event of the FedExCup Playoffs for the 11th consecutive season since the FedExCup Playoffs were introduced in 2007.
- Each playoff event offers 2,000 FedExCup points to the winner.
- The top-125 players on the final PGA TOUR Season FedExCup points list (following the Wyndham Championship) qualify for THE NORTHERN TRUST.
- The top-100 players on the FedExCup points list following THE NORTHERN TRUST qualify for the Dell Technologies Championship at TPC Boston.
- The top-70 players on the FedExCup points list after the Dell Technologies Championship advance to the BMW Championship, contested at Conway Farms Golf Club in Lake Forest, Ill.
- The top-30 players following the BMW Championship will qualify for the TOUR Championship. Prior to the TOUR Championship, a points reset will take place, giving all players in the field a mathematical opportunity to win the FedExCup title. The top-five players control their own destiny and would claim the FedExCup with a victory at East Lake.

The Top Five

No. 1 – Hideki Matsuyama (Japan)

Hideki Matsuyama has recorded three victories and three runner-up results in 18 starts this season. Two World Golf Championships wins (HSBC Champions, Bridgestone Invitational) and a playoff victory over Webb Simpson at the Waste Management Phoenix Open have him No. 1 in the FedExCup standings heading into the FedExCup Playoffs. Matsuyama also won the unofficial Hero World Challenge in the Bahamas. His three runner-up finishes came at the CIMB Classic, Sentry Tournament of Champions and the U.S. Open. It was also a good season in the major championships for Matsuyama. Along with his T2 at the U.S. Open, he finished T11 at the Masters, T14 at The Open and T5 at the PGA Championship after sharing the 36-hole lead with Kevin Kisner. Matsuyama, who has taken the top spot four different times and 12 weeks in total, is one of five players to hold the lead in the FedExCup standings this season.

Matsuyama will be making his fourth start at THE NORTHERN TRUST, where his best result is a T13 in 2015. He was T30 in his tournament debut in 2014 and he missed the cut at this event last year. Matsuyama enters the FedExCup Playoffs with 2,869 points, a 180-point lead ahead of Justin Thomas in the standings. He is looking to advance to the TOUR Championship for the fourth time in his career.

FedExCup Playoffs starts – 12

FedExCup Playoffs wins – 0

FedExCup Playoffs top-5s – 1 (5th/2016 TOUR Championship)

FedExCup Playoffs top-10s – 2

No. 2 – Justin Thomas (United States)

It was an outstanding season for Justin Thomas with four victories, including his first major title at the PGA Championship. After a T8 finish in the season-opening Safeway Open in Napa, Thomas defended his CIMB Classic title in Malaysia. His second win of the season came at the Sentry Tournament of Champions in Hawaii. He stayed in the Islands to produce his third victory at the Sony Open in Hawaii, firing an 11-under 59 in the opening round to become the seventh player in TOUR history to post a sub-60 round. Additional top-10 results at the WGC-Mexico Championship (T5), Zurich Classic of New Orleans (T5, with former Alabama teammate Bud Cauley as partner), the Memorial Tournament (T4) and the U.S. Open (T9) have him tied with Rickie Fowler for most top-10 finishes (nine) this season. At Erin Hills, Thomas shot a third-round 9-under 63 to match the U.S. Open 18-hole scoring record. The highlight of his career was the

two-shot win in the PGA Championship at Quail Hollow, elevating him to No. 2 in the FedExCup standings, 180 points behind Hideki Matsuyama, heading into THE NORTHERN TRUST. Thomas, who gained the lead three different times for six weeks in total, is one of five players to hold the lead in the FedExCup standings this season.

Thomas makes his third appearance at THE NORTHERN TRUST after finishing T16 in his FedExCup Playoffs debut at this event in 2015. Last year, he posted his first top-10 result in the Playoffs with a T10 at Bethpage Black in this event. Thomas failed to advance to the TOUR Championship in 2015 but made it to East Lake last year and finished T6 in the season finale.

FedExCup Playoffs starts – 7
FedExCup Playoffs wins – 0
FedExCup Playoffs top-5s – 0
FedExCup Playoffs top-10s – 2 (best result T6/2016 TOUR Championship)

No. 3 – Jordan Spieth (United States), 2015 FedExCup Champion

Jordan Spieth will be making his 20th start of the 2016-17 PGA TOUR Season this week, having collected eight top-10 finishes. Of those, Spieth claimed his ninth, 10th and 11th PGA TOUR titles at the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, the Travelers Championship and The Open Championship, respectively. Holing out from a greenside bunker in a playoff to defeat Daniel Berger at the Travelers Championship was certainly a highlight of the PGA TOUR season, as was his remarkable comeback over the final nine holes at Royal Birkdale to win over Matt Kuchar at The Open, his third major title. Spieth posted a runner-up finish to Kevin Kisner at the DEAN & DELUCA Invitational in his hometown and recorded third-place finishes in the two events in Hawaii early in the season (Sentry Tournament of Champions, Sony Open in Hawaii). One additional top-five finish came when he teamed with fellow Texan Ryan Palmer to finish 4th at the Zurich Classic of New Orleans in the new-format team event.

This will be Spieth's fifth consecutive start in THE NORTHERN TRUST. He finished T19 in his debut at Liberty National Golf Club in 2013 and T22 in 2014 at The Ridgewood Country Club. In 2015, when he missed the cut at Plainfield Country Club, he joined Billy Horschel (2014) as the only players to miss the cut at THE NORTHERN TRUST and go on to win the FedExCup. Last year he posted a T10 result at Bethpage Black. Spieth has played in all 16 FedExCup Playoffs events for which he has been eligible, advancing to the TOUR Championship in each of the last four seasons. Spieth, who led the standings for two weeks following his win at The Open Championship, sits 198 points adrift of FedExCup leader Hideki Matsuyama.

FedExCup Playoffs starts – 16
FedExCup Playoffs wins – 1 (2015 TOUR Championship)
FedExCup Playoffs top-5s – 3
FedExCup Playoffs top-10s – 6

No. 4 – Dustin Johnson (United States)

A 15-time winner on the PGA TOUR, Johnson extended his streak of winning at least once a year to 10 straight, the current PGA TOUR record. Following his first victory of the season at the Genesis Open, Johnson won the World Golf Championships-Mexico Championship in his next start. His third win of the season in three consecutive starts, at the World Golf Championships-Dell Technologies Match Play, made him the first player to win each of the four World Golf Championships events, completing the 'WGC Slam'. He also took the No. 1 spot in the FedExCup standings after the win in Austin, Texas and held it for 17 straight events before relinquishing it to Jordan Spieth at The Open. After injuring his back in a fall on the eve of the Masters, Johnson withdrew from the first major of the season. He returned to the TOUR with a T2 at the Wells Fargo Championship and posted just one additional top-10 result (T8/RBC Canadian Open) before the FedExCup Playoffs began. Johnson owns the longest drive of the season, a 439-yard tee-shot at No. 16 during round one of the WGC-Bridgestone Invitational.

Johnson will make his ninth appearance at THE NORTHERN TRUST, an event he won in 2011. He has three additional top-10 finishes along with his 2011 victory (T3/2012, T9/2015, T9/2010) as well as at T15 in 2009 and missed cuts in both 2013 and 2008. Last year, his T18 at THE NORTHERN TRUST was his weakest performance in the four FedExCup Playoff events (T8/Dell Technologies Championship, 1/BMW Championship, T6/TOUR Championship) while finishing No. 2 behind Rory McIlroy in the FedExCup. Johnson, 403 points behind leader Hideki Matsuyama, is seeking to advance to the TOUR Championship for the eighth time in his career.

FedExCup Playoffs starts – 29

FedExCup Playoffs wins – 3 (2016 & 2010 BMW Championship, 2011 THE NORTHERN TRUST)

FedExCup Playoffs top-5s – 8

FedExCup Playoffs top-10s – 15

No. 5 – Rickie Fowler (United States)

Rickie Fowler has recorded nine top-10 finishes in 17 starts in the 2016-17 PGA TOUR season, tied for most top-10s for the season with Justin Thomas heading into the FedExCup Playoffs. Fowler won The Honda Classic for his fourth PGA TOUR title and his first since the 2015 Dell Technologies Championship. With the win, Fowler moved to No. 10 in the FedExCup standings and never fell outside that number while working his way to No. 5. He was runner-up at the Memorial Tournament and posted third-place finishes at the Shell Houston Open and the Quicken Loans National. Fowler was a combined 16-under in the major championships this year and one of 13 players to make the cut in all four major championships. With T5 finishes at both the U.S Open and PGA Championship, Fowler now owns seven top-five results in 32 major appearances but still seeks his first major title.

After cracking the top-25 just once in his first three starts, Fowler will make his eighth appearance at THE NORTHERN TRUST with three top-10 results in his last four starts (T7/2016, MC/2015, T9/2014, T9/2013). For seven consecutive seasons, Fowler has competed in the first three Playoffs events but advanced to the season-finale just three times (2015, 2014, 2012) and seeks to return to the TOUR Championship for the first time since 2015.

FedExCup Playoffs starts – 24

FedExCup Playoffs wins – 1 (2015 Dell Technologies Championship)

FedExCup Playoffs top-5s – 3

FedExCup Playoffs top-10s – 7

The Next Five

While Dustin Johnson has three Playoffs wins, and Jordan Spieth and Rickie Fowler have one each, Hideki Matsuyama and Justin Thomas, Nos. 1 and 2 respectively, are the only players in this season's top five without a victory in any FedExCup Playoffs event. Here's a look at the FedExCup Playoffs records of players ranked Nos. 6-10 in the standings;

Position	Player	Best Result	Starts	Top-10s
No. 6	Jon Rahm	--	--	--
No. 7	Brooks Koepka	T18 (2015 TOUR)	7	--
No. 8	Daniel Berger	2nd (2015 BMW)	8	2
No. 9	Kevin Kisner	T12 (2015 Dell Tech)	9	--
No. 10	Brian Harman	T5 (2012 TNT)	14	1

Additional Notes

This year is the 51st playing of THE NORTHERN TRUST. Members of the World Golf Hall of Fame who have won this event include Vijay Singh (4 times), Ernie Els (twice), Seve Ballesteros (twice), Jack Nicklaus (twice), Hale Irwin, Raymond Floyd, Curtis Strange, David Graham, Gene Littler, Johnny Miller, Arnold Palmer and Julius Boros. The event was also known as the Westchester Classic (1967-1975), American Express Westchester Classic (1976-1978), Manufacturers Hanover Westchester Classic (1979-1989), Buick Classic (1990-2004), Barclays Classic (2005, 2006) and The Barclays (2007-2016).

Sixteen players have started in the FedExCup Playoffs in each of the previous 10 years since the Playoffs were introduced. 10 of those 16 players will make their 11th FedExCup Playoffs appearances;

<i>Player</i>	<i>Current Rank</i>	<i>Best FEC Finish</i>	<i>Year</i>
Charley Hoffman	11	4	2010
Matt Kuchar	15	2	2010
Charles Howell III	21	18	2007
Sergio Garcia	22	3	2008
Justin Rose	32	5	2011
Bill Haas	36	Won	2011 (is IN Wyndham)
Zach Johnson	42	5	2013
Phil Mickelson	51	2	2009
Brandt Snedeker	64	Won	2012
Adam Scott	66	4	2013 & 2016
Ryan Moore	59	7	2016 (is IN Wyndham)
Luke Donald	107	3	2011 (is IN Wyndham)
Bubba Watson	113	5	2015

Jim Furyk	156	Won	2010
*John Senden	208	13	2011
**Jerry Kelly	219	22	2009

*Senden took an indefinite break from the TOUR after announcing in April his son, Jacob, was diagnosed with a brain tumor.

**Kelly, who turned 50 in November of 2016 played seven TOUR events while focusing on PGA TOUR Champions.

Rookies

Six rookies advanced to the FedExCup Playoffs last season, with Emiliano Grillo and Si Woo Kim the only rookies to advance to the TOUR Championship, the first time in FedExCup history more than one rookie advanced to the TOUR Championship. Both finished T10 at East Lake, with Kim winding up No. 17 in the FedExCup and Grillo at No. 11. Grillo's peers voted him as the PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year at the close of the 2015-16 season.

Rookies in the running to advance to the FedExCup Playoffs this year included:

<i>Player</i>	<i>FEC Standing</i>
Wesley Bryan	27
Xander Schauffele	33
Mackenzie Hughes	34
Ollie Schniederjans	39
Grayson Murray	69
*Patrick Cantlay	78
C.T. Pan	86
Cody Gribble	89
J.J. Spaun	91
Ryan Blaum	105
Richy Werenski	108
Dominic Bozzelli	115
Seamus Power	130
J.T. Poston	132
Trey Mullinax	137
Rick Lamb	150
Sebastian Munoz	153

*Rookie in 2013-14, but played in less than 10 events due to injury.

Twelve rookies finished in the top 125 and advanced to the FedExCup Playoffs, the most ever to qualify for the FedExCup Playoffs:

Rookies to qualify for FedExCup Playoffs

2016-17	12
2015-16	6
2014-15	9
2013-14	2
2013	9
2012	11
2011	11
2010	7
2009	6
2008	9 (field was 144)
2007	11

Richy Werenski, winner of Golf Channel’s “Big Break The Palm Beaches” in 2015, saved his best for last in his PGA TOUR rookie season. After missing five consecutive cuts from the Wells Fargo Championship through The Greenbrier Classic and sitting No. 160 in the FedExCup standings, here’s a look at his performances since that poor stretch. He makes his way into the FedExCup Playoffs at No. 108.

Tournament	Result	FEC Standing
John Deere Classic	T25	154
Barbasol Championship	T18	155
RBC Canadian Open	T42	154
Barracuda Championship	P2	121
Wyndham Championship	T10	108

Top 125

Heading into the Wyndham Championship, the final event of the 2016-17 PGA TOUR Season that determines the top 125 players for THE NORTHERN TRUST and the FedExCup Playoffs, here’s a look at players who were around the bubble, and their position after the Wyndham Championship.

Player	FEC # before	FEC # after	Season Highlight
Zac Blair	120	126	T8 at Shell Houston Open is lone top-10
David Hearn	121	128	Back-to-back top-10s at FedEx St. Jude & Travelers
Richy Werenski	122	108	Lost to Chris Stroud in 3-man playoff at Barracuda
Seamus Power	123	130	T10 at RBC Canadian Open with final-round 66
Daniel Summerhays	124	131	T10 at the Memorial after holding 54-hole lead
Geoff Ogilvy	125	116	T4 at Shriners is his only event with 4 rounds in 60s
Cameron Tringale	126	133	65-66-67-68 at Barbasol led to best finish of T6
Sam Saunders	127	129	T5 at Puerto Rico Open. Also 8 th at Barracuda
Ryan Palmer	128	134	Fourth at Zurich Classic with Spieth as teammate
Billy Hurley III	129	135	T8 at Wells Fargo Championship is lone top-10
J.T. Poston	130	132	Best result is T10 at Puerto Rico Open
Graeme McDowell	131	136	Four top-25s, but no top-10s in 16 starts
Trey Mullinax	132	137	In his first start in a major, finished T9 at U.S. Open
Aaron Baddeley	133	138	Fifth at Valero Texas Open is one of 2 top-10s
J.J. Henry	134	125	T8 at Puerto Rico Open included final-round 63
Smylie Kaufman	135	141	T5 at Wells Fargo is lone top-10 result

Miscellaneous Notes

- In the history of the FedExCup Playoffs, the worst-ranked players entering THE NORTHERN TRUST to go on to qualify for the TOUR Championship were Morgan

Hoffmann in 2014 and Heath Slocum in 2009 at No. 124. Slocum finished No. 8 on the strength of a victory at THE NORTHERN TRUST. The only other player to advance to the TOUR Championship after starting the FedExCup Playoffs outside the top 100 was Kevin Streelman in 2010 at No. 102.

- Jordan Spieth (2015) and Billy Horschel (2014) are the only players to win the FedExCup after missing the cut at THE NORTHERN TRUST.
- In 2014, Billy Horschel was No. 69 in the standings heading into THE NORTHERN TRUST, the highest standing for an eventual FedExCup champion, with Rory McIlroy the next highest (No. 34, 2016). In 2015, eventual FedExCup champion Jordan Spieth entered THE NORTHERN TRUST ranked No. 1 in the FedExCup standings.
- Vijay Singh is the only player to win THE NORTHERN TRUST and go on to win the FedExCup (2008).
- Since 2007, when THE NORTHERN TRUST became a FedExCup Playoffs event, eight aces have been recorded at this event, with Justin Rose making the first on No. 14 in round three at Westchester Country Club in 2007. Rose made the first hole-in-one in Olympic Golf competition while winning the Gold medal in Rio last year. In the final round of THE NORTHERN TRUST in 2015, Brian Harman became just the third player in PGA TOUR history to record two holes-in-one in a single round, and the first since Yusaku Miyazato in 2006. Harman aced the third hole at Plainfield Country Club with a 7-iron from 183 yards, then repeated a hole-in-one on the 14th hole with a 4-iron from 218 yards.
- It took 633 points to advance to the Dell Technologies Championship last season, with Chad Campbell earning the final spot in the 100th position on the FedExCup standings.
- THE NORTHERN TRUST has experienced two playoffs since becoming a FedExCup Playoffs event in 2007. Vijay Singh prevailed over Kevin Sutherland and Sergio Garcia in 2008 while Matt Kuchar defeated Martin Laird in 2010.