



THE NORTHERN TRUST 2017

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

Old Westbury, NY
Glen Oaks Club

August 24-27, 2017

FedExCup Points: 2000 Purse: \$8,750,000
Par-Yards: 35-35—70/7,346

Second-Round Notes – Friday, August 25, 2017

Weather: Partly cloudy with a high of 74. Winds NNW at 8-12 mph.

36-Hole Cut: 70 professionals at 2-over 142 from a field of 120 professionals.

Second-Round leaders

Jhonattan Vegas	69-65—134 (-6)
Dustin Johnson	65-69—134 (-6)
Rickie Fowler	68-66—134 (-6)
Jordan Spieth	69-65—134 (-6)
Matt Kuchar	71-64—135 (-5)
Bubba Watson	67-68—135 (-5)

Dustin Johnson (4th in the FedExCup)

In a bid to join Justin Thomas with four victories this season, Dustin Johnson opened with rounds of 65-69 and is currently tied for the 36-hole lead at 5-under 134 with three others at Glen Oaks Club.

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'.

Johnson 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.

This is Johnson's ninth appearance at THE NORTHERN TRUST, an event he won in 2011 (shortened due to Hurricane Irene). 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, Johnson's 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. Currently 403 points behind FedExCup leader Hideki Matsuyama, Johnson is seeking to advance to the TOUR Championship for the eighth time in his career.

FedExCup Playoffs starts (including this week) – 30

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

FedExCup Playoffs top-5s – 8

FedExCup Playoffs top-10s – 15

Johnson will take a 36-hole lead/co-lead on the PGA TOUR for the 12th time. Of the previous 11, five have resulted in victory. Most recently, he converted at this year's Genesis Open.

Jordan Spieth (3rd in the FedExCup)

2015 FedExCup champion Jordan Spieth posted a second-round 5-under 65 to move into a four-way tie for the lead at the midway point of THE NORTHERN TRUST.

Spieth is hoping to join Tiger Woods (2007, 2009) as the only multiple winners of the FedExCup.

This marks Spieth's 11th 36-hole lead/co-lead on the PGA TOUR, converting six into victory:

Spieth's 36-hole leads/co-leads	Result
2013 Quicken Loans National	6 th
2014 Farmers Insurance Open	T19
2014 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am	T4
2015 Masters Tournament	Won
2015 U.S. Open	Won
2016 Sentry Tournament of Champions	Won
2016 Masters Tournament	T2
2016 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am	Won
2017 Travelers Championship	Won
2017 Open Championship	Won
2017 THE NORTHERN TRUST	TBD

Currently No. 3 in the standings, Spieth has never finished worse than 15th in the FedExCup (7th in 2013, 15th in 2014, first in 2015, ninth in 2015).

This week marks the 20th start of the season for Spieth, highlighted by victories at The Open Championship, AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am and Travelers Championship. With eight top-10 finishes, he trails only Rickie Fowler and Justin Thomas (both with nine) for most this season.

Spieth is making his fifth start at THE NORTHERN TRUST, with his T10 a year ago his best outing.

FedExCup Playoffs starts – 17
 FedExCup Playoffs wins – 1 (2015 TOUR Championship)
 FedExCup Playoffs top-5s – 3
 FedExCup Playoffs top-10s – 6

Rickie Fowler (5th in the FedExCup)

Rickie Fowler, who claimed his fourth PGA TOUR title earlier this season at The Honda Classic, followed an opening-round 68 with a 4-under 66 to move into a four-way tie for the lead at THE NORTHERN TRUST.

This marks Fowler's sixth 36-hole lead/co-lead on the PGA TOUR. He has not been able to convert any for the win. He most recently was leading/co-leading after the second round at the 2017 Masters Tournament (T11).

Fowler is making his eighth start at THE NORTHERN TRUST, with his three top-10 finishes coming in his last four starts (T9-2013, T9-2014, MC-2015, T7-2016).

Fowler is currently tied with Justin Thomas with a PGA TOUR-leading nine top-10 finishes this season. He needs one to equal the most of his career in a season (10 in 2014).

Fowler is seeking his fourth trip to the TOUR Championship, with top-10 finishes in the FedExCup two of the past three seasons (No. 9 in 2014, No. 4 in 2015, No. 31 in 2016). Since his rookie season in 2010, Fowler has finished no worse than No. 43 (2011) in the FedExCup standings.

FedExCup Playoffs starts – 25
 FedExCup Playoffs wins – 1 (2015 Dell Technologies Championship)
 FedExCup Playoffs top-5s – 3
 FedExCup Playoffs top-10s – 7

Jhonattan Vegas (29th in the FedExCup)

Following a bogey-free 5-under 65, Jhonattan Vegas moved into a four-way tie for the lead at THE NORTHERN TRUST. This week marks Vegas' fourth start at this event (70th-2011, T66-2014, T22-2016).

This marks the fifth time Vegas has held/shared the 36-hole lead on the PGA TOUR, going on to win in his first attempt at the 2011 CareerBuilder Challenge.

Vegas enters the week No. 29 in the FedExCup standings, the same position he finished the 2015-16 season, in which he made his first-ever trip to the 30-player TOUR Championship.

This week marks the 26th start of the season for Vegas, highlighted by his third win on the PGA TOUR (RBC Canadian Open). In all, he now owns 15 made cuts in 26 starts.

FedExCup Playoffs starts – 9
 FedExCup Playoffs wins – 0 (best finish: T22 at THE NORTHERN TRUST in 2016)

FedExCup Playoffs top-5s – 0
FedExCup Playoffs top-10s – 0

Second-Round Lead Notes

Thirteen of 50 first-round leaders have won THE NORTHERN TRUST since its inception in 1967, most recently by Patrick Reed in 2016.

Through 42 stroke-play events this season, 13 players have managed to hang on for the win. Most recently, Henrik Stenson at the Wyndham Championship.

Four players tied for the 36-hole lead equals the most of the PGA TOUR season (Masters Tournament, DEAN & DELUCA Invitational, U.S. Open).

Most players tied for the 36-hole lead at THE NORTHERN TRUST: 7 (1977), 4 (2017).

Additional Player Notes

First-round leader Russell Henley (T7) fell out of the top spot at THE NORTHERN TRUST with a second-round 2-over 72. Henley is attempting to win his second PGA TOUR event this year (Shell Houston Open), and the fourth of his career.

Matt Kuchar (No. 15 in the FedExCup) stood 2-over on his round through seven holes, before adding birdies on Nos. 8-11, 13-14 and 16-17 for a 6-under 64 (T5). His 6-under 29 equaled the best back nine score at THE NORTHERN TRUST (set on multiple occasions and most recently by Pdraig Harrington at Bethpage Black in 2012). Kuchar (who is making his 399th TOUR start this week) joined Russell Henley (from round one) with the course record at Glen Oaks Club, which is hosting a PGA TOUR event for the first time this week.

Bubba Watson followed an opening-round, bogey-free, 3-under 67 with a 2-under 68 to move to T5 (one behind the four leaders) as he tries to qualify for the Dell Technologies Championship. Entering the week No. 113 in the FedExCup, Watson is currently projected No. 49 in the standings.

Graham DeLaet withdrew on the third hole Friday with a back injury. The former Presidents Cup member is currently No. 67 in the FedExCup standings (projected No. 76).

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.

Players eliminated from the FedExCup Playoffs

Fourteen players ranked between Nos. 101 and 125 in the FedExCup have been eliminated from the Playoffs following the second round of play: Jimmy Walker, Brian Gay, Brandon Hagy, Steve Stricker, Derek Fathauer, Tyrone Van Aswegen, Harris English, Dominic Bozzelli, Nick Watney, John Huh, Blayne Barber, Ben Martin, Rory Sabbatini, J.J. Henry.

Bubble Watch

FedExCup Rank	Player	Pos. Thru R2	Proj. FEC Standing
96 th	Byeong Hun An	MC	103 rd
97 th	Chris Kirk	T25	86 th
98 th	Camilo Villegas	T10	62 nd
99 th	Robert Garrigus	MC	107 th
100 th	Seung-Yul Noh	MC	108 th
101 st	Jimmy Walker	MC	110 th /eliminated
102 nd	Scott Stallings	T47	104 th
103 rd	David Lingmerth	T25	90 th

104 th	D.A. Points	T19	84 th
105 th	Ryan Blaum	T32	101 st

Rookies and the FedExCup

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.

Here's a look at PGA TOUR rookies who advanced to the FedExCup Playoffs this season:

<i>Player</i>	<i>FEC Standing</i>	<i>Second-Round Position/FEC projection</i>
Wesley Bryan	27	T62 (33 rd)
Xander Schauffele	33	T10 (22 nd)
Mackenzie Hughes	34	T25 (28 th)
Ollie Schniederjans	39	MC (41 st)
Grayson Murray	69	T32 (61 st)
*Patrick Cantlay	78	T10 (50 th)
C.T. Pan	86	T25 (71 st)
Cody Gribble	89	MC (99 th)
J.J. Spaun	91	T25 (78 th)
Ryan Blaum	105	T32 (101 st)
Richy Werenski	108	T47 (106 th)
Dominic Bozzelli	115	DNS

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

Miscellaneous 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).

Morning wave scoring average: R1: 71.05; R2: 71.78

Afternoon wave scoring average: R1: 70.60; R2: 70.58

Bogey-free Rounds

R1: Scott Brown (67), Chris Kirk (67), Patrick Cantlay (67), Bubba Watson (67)

R2: Jhonattan Vegas (65), Tony Finau (68).

Scoring Averages at the par-70 Glen Oaks Club:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
Thursday	36.000	34.825	70.825	
Friday	36.025	35.151	71.176	71.000

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