



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

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, August 26, 2017

Weather: *Mostly sunny with a high of 77. Winds NNW at 8-12 mph.*

Third-Round leaders

Jordan Spieth 69-65-64—198 (-12)
Dustin Johnson 65-69-67—201 (-9)
Four tied at -7

Jordan Spieth (3rd in the FedExCup)

2015 FedExCup champion Jordan Spieth fired a third-round 64 and holds a three-shot lead through 54 holes at THE NORTHERN TRUST, the opening leg of the FedExCup Playoffs. The 64 ties the low round of the week (Russell Henley/R1, Matt Kuchar/R2, Kevin Chappell/R3, Jordan Spieth/R3), which is also the course record in the first playing of the event at Glen Oaks.

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

This marks Spieth's 15th 54-hole lead/co-lead on the PGA TOUR, converting nine of his last 10 into victory:

Spieth's 54-hole leads/co-leads	Result
2014 Sentry Tournament of Champions	2
2014 Masters Tournament	T2
2014 THE PLAYERS Championship	T4
2015 Shell Houston Open	T2
2015 Masters Tournament	1
2015 U.S. Open	1
2015 John Deere Classic	1
2015 TOUR Championship	1
2016 Sentry Tournament of Champions	1
2016 Masters Tournament	T2
2016 DEAN & DELUCA Invitational	1
2017 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am	1
2017 Travelers Championship	1
2017 The Open Championship	1
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

Third-Round Lead Notes

25 of 48 first-round leaders have won THE NORTHERN TRUST since its inception in 1967, most recently by Jason Day (tied) in 2015 at Plainfield Country Club. The 54-hole lead stats at THE NORTHERN TRUST do not include the rain-shortened 1998 or 2011 events.

Through 42 stroke-play events this season, 13 players have managed to hang on for the win after holding the 54-hole lead. Most recently, Henrik Stenson at the Wyndham Championship.

Spieth's three-shot lead in an individual stroke-play event is the largest through 54 holes this season since he led by three going into the final round of The Open Championship..

The largest 54-hole lead at THE NORTHERN TRUST is 6-strokes set by Bob Gilder in 1982 and Ernie Els in 1996.

Dustin Johnson (4th in the FedExCup)

In a bid to join Justin Thomas with four victories this season, second-round co-leader Dustin Johnson shot a third-round 67 and is three shots back of Spieth's lead. The largest come-from-behind win at THE NORTHERN TRUST came in 2013, when Adam Scott came from six back to win.

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

Additional Player Notes

Kevin Chappell (30th in the FedExCup) shot a 6-under 64 and is T8, 5-under for the tournament. Chappell, entered the week at No. 11 in the Presidents Cup points list. Based on his current standing at THE NORTHERN TRUST, he is projected to move to 10th in the standings. There is one more week for players to accrue FedExCup points, and the U.S. and International teams will make their captain's picks on Sept. 6. Interestingly, Chappell holds the course record at Liberty National Golf Club, firing a 62 in the third round of THE NORTHERN TRUST in 2013.

Lucas Glover (55th in the FedExCup) shot a third round 72 and is T52 through three rounds. Glover's right foot slipped on his approach shot on the 18th hole, injuring his right knee. Scans after the round were negative.

Rickie Fowler, who shot a second-round 66 and played with Jordan Spieth in the third round, struggled to a 74 and is T22.

FedExCup leader Hideki Matsuyama missed the cut at THE NORTHERN TRUST. Jordan Spieth (2015) and Billy Horschel (2014) are the only players to win the FedExCup after missing the cut at THE NORTHERN TRUST.

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.

Thursday	36.000	34.825	70.825	
Friday	36.025	35.151	71.176	71.000
Saturday	35.314	35.000	70.314	70.772

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