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2017 TOUR Championship
(The 4th of 4 events in the FedExCup Playoffs)

Atlanta, Ga.
East Lake Golf Club

September 19-25, 2016
Par/Yards: 35-35—70/7,385

Purse: \$8,750,000

First-Round Notes – Thursday, September 21, 2017

Weather: Partly cloudy with a high of 90 degrees. NNE winds at 4-8 mph.

FedExCup and the TOUR Championship

- The TOUR Championship is the last of four events of the FedExCup Playoffs and the finale to the PGA TOUR season for the 11th consecutive season since the FedExCup Playoffs were introduced in 2007.
- The top-125 players on the final PGA TOUR Season FedExCup points list (following the Wyndham Championship) qualified for THE NORTHERN TRUST (won by Dustin Johnson).
- The top-100 players on the FedExCup points list following THE NORTHERN TRUST qualified for the Dell Technologies Championship (won by Justin Thomas).
- The top-70 players on the FedExCup points list after the Dell Technologies Championship have advanced to the BMW Championship, contested at Conway Farms Golf Club in Lake Forest, Ill. (won by Marc Leishman).
- The top-30 players following the BMW Championship qualified for the TOUR Championship. Prior to the start of the TOUR Championship, a “points reset” took place, giving all players in the field a mathematical opportunity to win the FedExCup title. The top-five players control are in control and would claim the FedExCup with a victory at East Lake.

First-Round Leaderboard

Kyle Stanley	64 (-6)
Webb Simpson	66 (-4)
Daniel Berger	66 (-4)
Brooks Koepka	66 (-4)
Paul Casey	66 (-4)

The top-five players in the FedExCup standings entering the TOUR Championship will win the FedExCup title should they go on to victory at East Lake.

FEC	Name	Score	Position	FedExCup Projection
1	Jordan Spieth	67	T6	1
2	Justin Thomas	67	T6	3
3	Dustin Johnson	68	T11	4
4	Marc Leishman	71	T21	6
5	Jon Rahm	67	T6	5

A points reset took place following the BMW Championship giving all 30 players in the field at the TOUR Championship a mathematical chance to win the FedExCup.

Kyle Stanley, #22 in FedExCup, Projected #2

Kyle Stanley is making his first appearance in the TOUR Championship; his previous-best finish in the FedExCup was 31st in 2012. His opening-round 64 included seven birdies, including four in a row on the front nine, and a lone bogey on the eighth hole. It was Stanley's lowest round on the PGA TOUR this season, and lowest since he shot a 64 at the 2016 Sony Open in Hawaii. His career-low round was a 62 at Torrey Pines at the Farmers Insurance Open.

Should Stanley go on to win, he would join Chad Campbell (2003), Bart Bryant (2005), Bill Haas (2011) and Henrik Stenson (2013) as players to win the TOUR Championship in their first appearance (not including Tom Watson's win at the first TOUR Championship in 1987).

Stanley returned to the winner's circle in 2017 with his victory at the Quicken Loans National, his first win since the 2012 Waste Management Phoenix Open. Stanley was steady in the playoffs with T25 finishes at THE NORTHERN TRUST and the Dell Technologies Championship. For the season, Stanley made 22 of 28 cuts and recorded 11 top-25 finishes. This is Kyle Stanley's first time reaching the TOUR Championship in his seventh season on the PGA TOUR.

Kyle Stanley's opening rounds at the FedExCup Playoffs events this season;

<i>R1</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Result</i>
70 (E)	THE NORTHERN TRUST	T25
67 (-4)	Dell Technologies Championship	T25
70 (-1)	BMW Championship	T47
64 (-6)	TOUR Championship	--

Scenarios to win the FedExCup;

- Wins the TOUR Championship

And...

- Jordan Spieth (#1) finishes T-18 or worse
- Justin Thomas (#2) finishes T-6 or worse
- Dustin Johnson (#3) finishes T-3 or worse
- Marc Leishman (#4) finishes in a 3-way tie for 2nd or worse
- Jon Rahm (#5) finishes in a 3-way tie for 2nd or worse
- Rickie Fowler (#6) finishes T-2 or worse

First-Round Leader Statistics

The first-round leader/co-leader has won 12 of 30 times at the TOUR Championship. The last was Billy Horschel in 2014.

Kyle Stanley holds the first-round lead/co-lead for the third time in his career, most recently at the 2012 Farmers Insurance Open, where he finished second after hitting a ball in the water on the 18th hole at Torrey Pines. He went on to win the next week at the Waste Management Phoenix Open. His other lead/co-lead through 18 holes was at the 2011 OHL Classic at Mayakoba, where he finished T13.

The first-round leader/co-leader has won 8 of 45 stroke-play events this season, most recently Marc Leishman at last week's BMW Championship.

Webb Simpson, #16 FedExCup, Projected #13

Webb Simpson has had a resurgent 2016-17 season, continuing today at the TOUR Championship, where he shot an opening-round 66 and is two off the pace set by Kyle Stanley. The highlight of the round for Simpson came at the par-5 sixth, where he hit it to 7 feet 5 inches on his approach from 229 and drained the putt for an eagle.

Webb's T2 position through the opening round is his best position through 18 holes since he was T2 after the first round of the 2016 DEAN & DELUCA Invitational, where he eventually finished T3.

Simpson's season started by making seven of his first eight cuts—including a runner-up finish at the Waste Management Phoenix Open where he lost to Hideki Matsuyama in a playoff—and has since finished strong by making the cut in 12 consecutive events. A third-place finish in his home state for the North Carolina native at the final regular season event of the year put him in good form at the start of the FedExCup Playoffs. With top

10s at THE NORTHERN TRUST (T6) and the BMW Championship (T9), he returns to the TOUR Championship after advancing to the event in four consecutive seasons from 2011-2014.

Scenarios to win the FedExCup;

- Wins the TOUR Championship

And...

- Jordan Spieth (#1) finishes T-10 or worse
- Justin Thomas (#2) finishes T-4 or worse
- Dustin Johnson (#3) finishes 3rd or worse
- Marc Leishman (#4) finishes T-2 or worse
- Jon Rahm (#5) finishes T-2 or worse
- Rickie Fowler (#6) finishes T-2 or worse

Daniel Berger, #14 FedExCup, Projected #11

Daniel Berger closed with an eagle at the par-5 18th to shoot a 4-under 66, two shots off Kyle Stanley's lead. The T2 position is the best for Berger after the opening round since he was T2 after the first round of the 2015 BMW Championship, eventually finishing second.

The 2015 PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year has advanced to all four FedExCup Playoffs events for three consecutive seasons. Heading into the 2016 BMW Championship, Berger was No. 31, but a T10 finish secured his spot inside the top-30 and a trip to the finale. A T15 finish at East Lake last year resulted in Berger finishing the season No. 26 in the FedExCup standings. He finished 11th in his rookie year.

Thanks to his victory at the FedEx St. Jude Classic—his second PGA TOUR title in his 74th career start—Berger became the third player to successfully defend a title in the 2016-17 PGA TOUR Season (behind Justin Thomas/CIMB Classic and Hideki Matsuyama/Waste Management Phoenix Open). In addition to the win, Berger finished runner-up in a memorable playoff to Jordan Spieth at the Travelers Championship. Berger came back from three strokes with three birdies on his last six holes to force sudden death with Spieth.

On the first extra hole, No. 18, Spieth made birdie after holing his shot from the greenside bunker and Berger was unable to make his long put, marking Berger's second playoff lost (2015 Honda Classic/Padraig Harrington).

Berger will make his debut for the U.S. Presidents Cup Team next week at Liberty National Golf Club.

Scenarios to win the FedExCup;

- Wins the TOUR Championship

And...

- Jordan Spieth (#1) finishes T-8 or worse
- Justin Thomas (#2) finishes T-4 or worse
- Dustin Johnson (#3) finishes 3rd or worse
- Marc Leishman (#4) finishes T-2 or worse
- Jon Rahm (#5) finishes T-2 or worse

Brooks Koepka, #9 FedExCup, Projected #7

On the strength of a bogey-free 66, U.S. Open champion Brooks Koepka is two off the lead heading into the second round of the TOUR Championship. Koepka is looking to improve on his best FedExCup finish, 24th in his rookie season in 2015. The bogey-free round was the first bogey-free round for Koepka in 37 rounds in the FedExCup Playoffs in his career.

Koepka gained more than two strokes on the field with his putter, good enough for the fourth-best number through the first round, and he finished with 29 putts and made 101 feet, 2 inches of putts in the round.

Koepka is finishing off the best season of his young career, making his second appearance at the TOUR Championship on the back of his first major championship victory at the U.S. Open at Erin Hills. To go along with his victory, Koepka has two runner-up finishes, one early in the season at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open and another at the Valero Texas Open. After missing four cuts early in the year, Koepka has yet to miss one since the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard in March.

After a 3-under opening nine on Sunday at the U.S. Open, Brooks Koepka three-putted the 10th hole for his fifth bogey of the week, and first on the back nine. With three consecutive birdies at holes 14, 15 and 16, and two closing pars, Koepka came from one back at the start of the day to seal a comfortable four-stroke victory and claim his first major. The win was the second of his career, to go along with the 2015 Waste Management Phoenix Open.

In just two previous seasons on the PGA TOUR, Koepka has fared well in the FedExCup, finishing 24th in his first season after qualifying for the TOUR Championship, and 35th last year.

Scenarios to win the FedExCup;

- Wins the TOUR Championship

And...

- Jordan Spieth (#1) finishes in a 3-way tie for 3rd or worse
- Justin Thomas (#2) finishes in a 3-way tie for 2nd or worse
- Dustin Johnson (#3) finishes T-2 or worse

Paul Casey, #10 FedExCup, Projected #9

Englishman Paul Casey continued his streak of strong play in the FedExCup Playoffs, logging a first-round 66 that was highlighted by a birdie at the first, as he was just one of two players to birdie the difficult par-4.

Casey is once again having a great season, coming on the heels of his best FedExCup finish in 2015-16, when he finished fifth. Despite only one PGA TOUR win on his resume at the 2009 Shell Houston Open, Casey has amassed 47 top 10s in 218 career starts, including eight this year, tied for the most in any one season in his career. His consistency in 2016-17 is unmatched in any other season of his career, as he has missed only one cut, and has recorded 16 top 25s in 22 starts this season.

Casey has a history of playing well in the FedExCup Playoffs, especially recently. Last year he entered the playoffs ranked 63rd, but a pair of runner-up finishes at the Dell Technologies Championship and BMW Championship vaulted him to fifth heading into the season-ending TOUR Championship, giving him a chance to win the FedExCup with a win at East Lake.

Following his highly successful campaign last season, Casey got his season off to a fast start at the Safeway Open, recording his best finish of the year in the opening event, a tie for third. Casey's record at the TOUR Championship is sterling, as he has never finished outside the top five in three previous appearances

Scenarios to win the FedExCup;

- Wins the TOUR Championship

And...

- Jordan Spieth (#1) finishes in a 3-way tie for 4th or worse
- Justin Thomas (#2) finishes T-3 or worse
- Dustin Johnson (#3) finishes in a 3-way tie for 2nd or worse
- Marc Leishman (#4) finishes in T-2 or worse
- Jon Rahm (#5) finishes 2nd* or worse

*Tie for the FedExCup

Additional Player Notes

FedExCup leader Jordan Spieth opened with a 3-under 67 in his bid to become just the second player to win multiple FedExCups (Tiger Woods – 2007, 2009). After the first round he is projected to keep a hold of his lead, which he has held since losing to Dustin Johnson in a playoff at the playoff opener, THE NORTHERN TRUST.

Jon Rahm opened with a 67 in his bid to win the FedExCup in his first TOUR Championship appearance. He would be the second-youngest winner of the FedExCup, second only to Spieth in 2015.

Justin Thomas, playing alongside Jordan Spieth, opened with 67, and if he wins the TOUR Championship, will win the FedExCup. If he goes on to win, it would be his sixth win of the year in what is a breakout year for the young star.

First Timers at the TOUR Championship

Eight players are making their first appearance at the TOUR Championship this week, including Jon Rahm, Pat Perez, Brian Harman, Adam Hadwin, Kyle Stanley, Tony Finau, Xander Schauffele and Patrick Cantlay. With a victory, they would join Chad Campbell (2003), Bart Bryant (2005), Bill Haas (2011) and Henrik Stenson (2013) as players to win the TOUR Championship in their first appearance (not including Tom Watson's win at the first TOUR Championship in 1987).

FedExCup Notes

Here's a year-by-year look at FedExCup winners and their performance throughout the Playoffs in the years they won:

Year	FedExCup Champion	THE NORTHERN TRUST	Dell Technologies Championship	BMW	TOUR Championship
2016	Rory Mclroy	T31	Won	T42	Won
2015	Jordan Spieth	MC	MC	T13	Won
2014	Billy Horschel	MC	T2	Won	Won
2013	Henrik Stenson	T43	Won	T33	Won
2012	Brandt Snedeker	2 nd	6 th	T37	Won
2011	Bill Haas	T24	T61	T16	Won
2010	Jim Furyk	DNP	T37	T15	Won
2009	Tiger Woods	T2	T11	Won	2 nd
2008	Vijay Singh	Won	Won	T44	T22
2007	Tiger Woods	N/A	T2	Won	Won

Jordan Spieth (2015) is the only past FedExCup champion at East Lake this year, and he has a chance to join Tiger Woods (2007, 2009) as the only two-time winner of the FedExCup. Spieth lies T6 after an opening 67.

Rookies and the FedExCup

For the second straight year, two rookies have qualified for the TOUR Championship (Xander Schauffele and Patrick Cantlay). Last year was the first time more than one rookie qualified for East Lake, with Emiliano Grillo and Si Woo Kim earning their way into the field. Schauffele stands T17 after the first round and Cantlay 28th.

Miscellaneous Notes

Last year, the decision was made to reverse the nines at East Lake Golf Club with the goal of creating more drama and excitement on the finishing stretch. The final five holes, in particular, now have more potential for lead changes and provide more risk-reward opportunities. The finishing stretch on the back nine begins with the par-4, 500-plus-yard 14th hole that has statistically been the most difficult hole on the course dating back to 2007. From there, players will be faced with a peninsula green at the par-3 15th that has traditionally resulted in a wide range of scores from birdie to double bogey. The final three holes rewarded players for solid play with potential birdie opportunities while also penalizing players for mistakes off the tee and on their approach shots.

Scoring Averages for the par-70 East Lake Golf Club:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
Thursday	34.967	34.267	69.233	

The par-4 first hole was the most difficult on the course, playing to 4.267 average, and the par-5 sixth was the easiest, averaging 4.467.

Bogey-free rounds:

R1 – Brooks Koepka (66), Gary Woodland (67), Dustin Johnson (68)

