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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

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, September 23, 2017

Weather: Partly Cloudy with a high of 87. Winds NE at 5-10 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.

Third-Round Leaderboard

Paul Casey	66-67-65—198 (-12)
Kevin Kisner	68-68-64—200 (-10)
Xander Schauffele	69-66-65—200 (-10)
Brooks Koepka	66-69-68—203 (-7)
Patrick Reed	69-65-69—203 (-7)
Justin Thomas	67-66-70—203 (-7)

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	67-70-69—206 (-4)	T13	3
2	Justin Thomas	67-66-70—203 (-7)	T4	2
3	Dustin Johnson	68-69-69—206 (-4)	T13	4
4	Marc Leishman	71-71-69—211 (+1)	T22	6
5	Jon Rahm	67-67-70—204 (-6)	T4	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.

Paul Casey, 1st (-12) / FedExCup – started 10th, projected 1st

Playing in the TOUR Championship for the fourth time since the start of the FedExCup in 2007, Paul Casey has never finished outside of the top 5 at East Lake Golf Club. His third-round got off to a blistering start, with three birdies and an eagle through his first seven holes. Following two bogeys at the eighth and the ninth, Casey righted the ship and holds a two-shot lead over Kevin Kisner and Xander Schauffele. As it stands right now, Casey is projected to win the FedExCup. If he goes on to win the FedExCup, he would join Bill Haas (2011) as the only FedExCup champions to win with a single victory on their record for the season.

Casey's finishes at the TOUR Championship:

Year	Finish
2010	T4
2015	T5
2016	4

The Englishman is once again having a consistent 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.

To win the FedExCup, Paul Casey must win the tournament AND

- Jordan Spieth must finish in a three-way tie for 4th or worse
- Justin Thomas must finish in a three-way tie for 3rd or worse
- Dustin Johnson must finish in a three-way tie for 2nd or worse
- Marc Leishman must finish in a two-way tie for 2nd or worse
- Jon Rahm must finish 2nd or worse

Year	Final Rank	Began Playoffs Rk	TNT	Dell Tech	BMW	TOUR Champ
2008	74	90	T7 (38)	CUT (74)		
2009	52	18	DNS	DNS	DNS (52)	
2010	6	26	T12 (23)	T25 (21)	2 (5)	T4 (6)
2011	144	144				
2012	233	233				
2013	197	197				
2014	95	118	T22 (85)	DNS		
2015	13	19	T39 (21)	WD (24)	T23 (22)	T5 (13)
2016	5	63	T31 (59)	2 (10)	2 (5)	4 (5)
2017		18	5 (12)	T4 (8)	T33 (10)	

Third-Round Leader Statistics

The third-round leader/co-leader has won 19 of 30 times at the TOUR Championship. The last was Jordan Spieth in 2015.

Casey is one for two in converting 54-hole leads to victory, winning his only PGA TOUR event at the 2009 Shell Houston Open and finishing second at the 2016 Dell Technologies Championship.

The third-round leader/co-leader has gone on to victory 15 of 45 times this season, most recently Marc Leishman at last week's BMW Championship.

Kevin Kisner, 2nd (-10) / FedExCup – Started 18th, Projected 8th

On the strength of seven birdies and one bogey, American Kevin Kisner matched the low round of the tournament, a 6-under 64, putting him in a tie for second place, two back of Paul Casey's lead. Kisner has finished 28th and 26th in his first two appearances at East Lake, which came in the last two years. Kisner left directly after his round on a helicopter to go to the University of Georgia's football game against Mississippi State in Athens, Ga.

Kisner collected eight top 10 finishes this season, including his second career PGA TOUR title at the DEAN & DELUCA Invitational and two runner-up finishes at Zurich Classic of New Orleans and Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard.

Beginning the final round of the DEAN & DELUCA Invitational three back of Webb Simpson, Kisner carded a final-round 4-under-par 66 for a 10-under-par 270 total, good for a one-stroke victory over Jordan Spieth, Sean O'Hair and Jon Rahm. The victory, coming in his 16th start of the season, also marked his fifth top-10 and ninth top-25 of the season, just one shy of his career-high 10 top-25s each of the last two seasons.

The win boosted Kisner to No. 7 in the FedExCup standings. Thanks to two other top-10 finishes over the course of the season – at the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide and the PGA Championship – Kisner has remained inside the top 20 in the standings, which has ensured a third consecutive trip to East Lake and the TOUR Championship.

Year	Final Rank	Began Playoffs Rk	TNT	Dell Tech	BMW	TOUR Champ
2011	195					
2012	153					
2014	104	93	CUT (104)			
2015	21	17	T13 (20)	T12 (15)	T41 (18)	28 (21)
2016	23	11	T48 (12)	T46 (17)	T39 (19)	26 (23)
2017		9	T54 (11)	T53 (14)	T67 (18)	

To win the FedExCup - No. 18 Kevin Kisner (Currently T2 in the tournament)

- Must win the tournament AND
- Jordan Spieth must finish in a two-way tie for 11th or worse (T13)
- Justin Thomas must finish 5th or worse (T4)
- Dustin Johnson must finish in a three-way tie for 3rd or worse (T13)
- Marc Leishman must finish 3rd or worse (T22)
- John Rahm must finish in a three-way tie for 2nd or worse (T7)
- Rickie Fowler must finish in a two-way tie for 2nd or worse (T28)

Xander Schauffele, 3rd (-10) / FedExCup – Started 26nd, Projected 9th

Rookie Xander Schauffele shot a 4-under 66 in the third round and is tied for second place, just two shots off the lead.

Schauffele is one of only two rookies (Patrick Cantlay) at the TOUR Championship and one of only 11 rookies since the inception of the FedExCup in 2007 to qualify for the TOUR Championship. Schauffele posted a T20 finish at last week's BMW Championship to jump 14 spots in the standings and solidify a spot in the season finale. With a win tomorrow, Schauffele would be the first rookie to win in TOUR Championship history. He would also 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).

After winning The Greenbrier Classic by one stroke over Robert Streb to earn his first PGA TOUR victory in his 23rd start, Schauffele moved to No. 27 in the FedExCup standings, became the fourth rookie to win on TOUR in 2016-17 (that number has since increased to five with Grayson Murray's victory at The Barbasol Championship), and earned a spot in The Open Championship, where he finished T20. His T2 position through three rounds is the best in his PGA TOUR career; his previous-best position through 54-holes was T3 at this year's Greenbrier Classic, which he went on to win.

In 27 starts this season, the 2015 San Diego State University graduate has recorded 10 top-25 and three top-10 finishes. He finished T5 at the U.S. Open Championship while seeking to become the first player since Francis Ouimet in 1913 to win the U.S. Open in his first attempt.

Year	Final Rank	Began Playoffs Rk	TNT	Dell Tech	BMW	TOUR Champ
2017		31	T17 (27)	T53 (32)	T20 (26)	

To win the FedExCup - No. 26 Xander Schauffele (Currently T2 in the tournament)

- Must in the tournament AND
- Jordan Spieth must finish 21st or worse (T13)
- Justin Thomas must finish 6th or worse (T4)
- Dustin Johnson must finish 4th or worse (T13)
- Marc Leishman must finish in a two-way tie for 3rd or worse (T22)
- John Rahm must finish in a three-way tie for 2nd or worse (T7)
- Rickie Fowler must finish in a two-way tie for 2nd or worse (T28)

Additional Player Notes

FedExCup leader Jordan Spieth fired a third-round 69 and sits at 4-under in his bid to become just the second player to win multiple FedExCups (Tiger Woods – 2007, 2009). There are several scenarios that would result in him accomplishing that feat (included below in scenarios).

Second-round co-leader Justin Thomas battled to an even-par 70 in the third round, and he is T4, five shots off the lead of Casey. The No. 2 seed heading into the TOUR Championship, Thomas still has a good shot to win the FedExCup tomorrow (scenarios below), which would cap off a season that has seen him win five times, including a FedExCup Playoffs event and his first major championship at the PGA Championship at Quail Hollow.

Jon Rahm is six shots off the pace 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. At fifth in the FedExCup entering the week, Rahm would claim the FedExCup with a win at the TOUR Championship.

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 McIlroy	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 T13, eight shots off the lead.

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 T2 after a third-round 65 and Patrick Cantlay at T22 after a 71 in the third round.

Miscellaneous Notes

The projected FedExCup leader changed 10 times after the final group teed off, with four different players sitting in the top spot at some point during the day (Thomas, Day, Casey, Koepka). There were seven changes between 3 p.m. and 4 p.m.

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.

FedExCup Scenarios for the top 5 in the standings

To win the FedExCup, No. 1 Jordan Spieth (Currently T11 in the tournament)

- Wins if he wins the tournament OR
- Finishes 2nd in the tournament AND
- Justin Thomas (2nd seed) finishes T2 or worse
- Dustin Johnson (3rd seed) finishes T2 or worse
- Marc Leishman (4th seed) finishes T2 or worse
- Jon Rahm (5th seed) finishes T2 or worse

To win the FedExCup, Justin Thomas, the No. 2 seed (Currently T6 in the tournament)

- Wins if he wins the tournament OR
- Finishes 2nd in the tournament AND
- Jordan Spieth (1st seed) finishes 3rd or worse
- Dustin Johnson (3rd seed) finishes T2 or worse
- Marc Leishman (4th seed) finishes T2 or worse
- Jon Rahm (5th seed) finishes T2 or worse

To win the FedExCup - No. 3 Dustin Johnson (Currently T12 in the tournament)

- Wins if he wins the tournament OR
- Finishes 2nd in the tournament AND
- Jordan Spieth (1st seed) finishes T3 or worse
- Justin Thomas (2nd seed) finishes in a three-way tie for 3rd or worse
- Marc Leishman (4th seed) finishes 2nd or worse
- Jon Rahm (5th seed) finishes 2nd or worse
- Rickie Fowler (6th seed) finishes 2nd or worse
- Hideki Matsuyama (7th seed) finishes 2nd or worse
- Justin Rose (8th seed) finishes 2nd or worse

To win the FedExCup - No. 4 Marc Leishman (Currently T22 in the tournament)

- Wins if he wins the tournament OR
- Finishes 2nd in the tournament AND

- Jordan Spieth (1st seed) finishes in a three-way tie for 4th or worse
- Justin Thomas (2nd seed) finishes T3 or worse
- Dustin Johnson (3rd seed) finishes in a three-way tie for 2nd or worse
- Jon Rahm (5th seed) finishes 2nd or worse
- Rickie Fowler (6th seed) finishes 2nd or worse
- Hideki Matsuyama (7th seed) finishes 2nd or worse
- Justin Rose (8th seed) finishes 2nd or worse
- Brooks Koepka (9th seed) finishes 2nd or worse

To win the FedExCup - No. 5 Jon Rahm (Currently T6 in the tournament)

- Wins if he wins the tournament OR
- Finishes 2nd in the tournament AND
- Jordan Spieth (1st seed) finishes 6th or worse
- Justin Thomas (2nd seed) finishes T3 or worse
- Marc Leishman (4th seed) finishes T2 or worse
- Rickie Fowler (6th seed) finishes 2nd or worse
- Hideki Matsuyama (7th seed) finishes 2nd or worse
- Justin Rose (8th seed) finishes 2nd or worse
- Brooks Koepka (9th seed) finishes 2nd or worse

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

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
Thursday	34.967	34.267	69.233	
Friday	34.333	34.533	68.867	69.050
Saturday	34.633	34.967	69.600	69.233

The par-4 14th hole is the most difficult on the course through two rounds, playing to 4.311 average, and the par-5 sixth is the easiest, playing to a 4.378 average.

Bogey-free rounds:

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

R2 – Jon Rahm (67)

R3 – None

