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### 2017 Wyndham Championship Pre-Tournament Notes

**Dates:** August 14-20, 2017  
**Where:** Sedgefield Country Club, Greensboro, N.C.  
**Par/Yards:** 70/7,127 yards  
**2016 champion:** Si Woo Kim  
**Purse:** \$5,800,000/\$1,044,000  
**FedExCup:** 500 points to the winner  
**Format:** 72-hole stroke play  
**Field:** 156  
**Website:** <http://www.wyndhamchampionship.com>  
**Twitter:** @WyndhamChamp

### The Wyndham Championship and the FedExCup

As the final event in the PGA TOUR Season, the Wyndham Championship plays a pivotal role in shaping the fields for the FedExCup Playoffs. The event offers the final opportunity for players to improve their FedExCup positions heading into the Playoffs, or in some instances, move into the top 125 in the FedExCup standings and qualify for the first Playoffs event, THE NORTHERN TRUST.

### Noteworthy players on the FedExCup top 125 bubble in the Wyndham Championship field (note: all are in the Wyndham Championship field)

FEC Standing	Player
123	Seamus Power
124	Daniel Summerhays
125	Geoff Ogilvy
126	Cameron Tringale
127	Sam Saunders
128	Ryan Palmer
129	Billy Hurley III
130	J.T. Poston
131	Graeme McDowell
132	Trey Mullinax
133	Aaron Baddeley
134	J.J. Henry
135	Smylie Kaufman

### More on the Wyndham Championship and the FedExCup

- In the 10-year history of the FedExCup, no player has made the TOUR Championship starting the Wyndham Championship outside the Playoffs cut line.
- With his win at the 2015 Wyndham Championship, Davis Love III moved from 186<sup>th</sup> to 76<sup>th</sup> in the FedExCup standings (110 spots) marking the largest move up the standings in tournament history. Love III is the first player to move more than 100 spots in the standings at the Wyndham Championship.
- The furthest any player has gone starting the Wyndham Championship outside the cut line since 2009 (new point structure) is Ernie Els in 2011. Els started the Wyndham Championship ranked 126<sup>th</sup> in the standings and went onto finish 67<sup>th</sup> in the standings in 2011.
- 16 players have qualified for the FedExCup Playoffs every year. Three players are in danger of losing that streak including Jim Furyk (No. 156). Jerry Kelly is No. 219 after committing to a full PGA TOUR Champions

schedule, while John Senden is 208 after taking a leave of absence from competition to be with his family as his son Jacob undergoes treatment for a brain tumor.

- The Web.com Tour Finals debuted four years ago with the Wyndham Championship playing a key role in the final qualification. Players ranked Nos. 126-200 on the FedExCup points list will be eligible for the Web.com Tour Finals.

#### **Players moving inside the top 125 following the Wyndham Championship (by year)**

<b>Year</b>	<b># of players</b>
2016	2
2015	5
2014	1
2013	0
2012	1
2011	3
2010	1
2009	5
2008	5
2007	3

*See below for a full history of player movement following the Wyndham Championship*

#### **How the Wyndham Championship was won in 2016**

Before he was the 2017 PLAYERS Championship winner, Si Woo Kim collected his first PGA TOUR title in record fashion at the Wyndham Championship. At the age of 21 years, 1 month, 24 days, Kim became the youngest winner on TOUR last season.

#### **More on Si Woo Kim**

- Set a new tournament course record with a 60 in the second round.
- Tied the 72-hole tournament record at 21-under-par 259 (Carl Pettersson –2008).
- Earned 500 FedExCup points and moved to 15<sup>th</sup> in the FedExCup standings. Advanced all the way to the TOUR Championship, as the youngest player in the field for the Playoffs finale.
- Became the eighth Korean-born player to win on the PGA TOUR.
- Will not defend his title following a withdrawal from the PGA Championship.

#### **Wyndham Championship field notes**

- 10 of the top 50 in the current FedExCup standings: Kevin Kisner (9), Kyle Stanley (17), Charles Howell III (20), Jason Dufner (22), Billy Horschel (23), Bill Haas (34), Webb Simpson (37), Sung Kang (42), Keegan Bradley (44) and Cameron Smith (45).
- Eight players who made it to the 2016 TOUR Championship: Ryan Moore, Russell Knox, Emiliano Grillo, Jason Dufner, Roberto Castro, Kevin Kisner, William McGirt and Kevin Na.
- Seven players in the top 50 of the Official World Golf Ranking: Henrik Stenson (9), Kevin Kisner (24), Jason Dufner (34), Bill Haas (37), Ryan Moore (43), Russell Knox (44), and Billy Horschel (47).
- Seven past champions of the Wyndham Championship: Davis Love III (2015, 2006, 1992), Camilo Villegas (2014), Webb Simpson (2011), Arjun Atwal (2010), Ryan Moore (2009), Carl Pettersson (2008) and K.J. Choi (2005)
- 11 major championship winners: Ernie Els (4), Pádraig Harrington (3), Retief Goosen (2), Keegan Bradley (1), Jason Dufner (1), Lucas Glover (1), Davis Love III (1), Graeme McDowell (1), Geoff Ogilvy (1), Webb Simpson (1), and Henrik Stenson (1).

#### **Kevin Kisner: FedExCup (9), Official World Golf Ranking (24)**

- Kisner has seven top-10s in 23 starts this season, including his second career PGA TOUR victory at the DEAN & DELUCA Invitational. After holding the lead/co-lead after the first three rounds of the PGA Championship last week, he finished T7 in the season's final major.
- Kisner will make his fifth start in the Wyndham Championship following top-10s in his last two starts: 2014/T8 and 2016/T10.
- At No. 7 in the Presidents Cup U.S. Team Standings, Kisner is poised to make his first Presidents Cup squad.

**Henrik Stenson:** FedExCup (75), Official World Golf Ranking (9)

- Stenson will make his first start at the Wyndham Championship since 2012, and fourth overall: 2012 (WD), 2011 (MC) and 2010 (MC).
- The 2016 Open Championship winner has made 12 starts on TOUR this season with a T7 at the Valspar Championship his best showing.
- The 2013 FedExCup champion has only returned to the TOUR Championship once since he won the TOUR Championship and FedExCup in 2013. He finished runner-up in Atlanta in 2015.
- This is his highest position entering the FedExCup Playoffs since 2012 when his season ended at No. 111 after a T54 in the first Playoffs event, THE NORTHERN TRUST.
- Stenson is one of three PLAYERS champions in the field with Davis Love III and K.J. Choi.

**Chris Stroud:** FedExCup (69), Official World Golf Ranking (149)

- In the last two weeks, Stroud won his first PGA TOUR title in his 290<sup>th</sup> PGA TOUR start at the Barracuda Championship and finished T9 at the PGA Championship after earning the final spot in the field. He has three total top-10s this season and seven top-25s.
- Stroud is looking to return to the FedExCup Playoffs after missing them in 2016, after five consecutive seasons.
- In 10 previous starts in the Wyndham Championship, Stroud has only made the cut four times, with a T37 in 2013 his best finish.

**Bill Haas:** FedExCup (34), Official World Golf Ranking (37)

- Having finished in the top six in two of the last three years, Haas will make his 13<sup>th</sup> start in the Wyndham Championship. He owns a total of four top-10s, three of which came in his last four starts: 2009/T10, 2012/T7, 2014/T2 and 2015/T6. He finished T22 in 2016.
- In 21 starts this season, Haas has three top-10s, including a T5 at the U.S. Open, his best showing ever in a major.

**Webb Simpson:** FedExCup (37), Official World Golf Ranking (59)

- 2010 Wyndham Championship winner and Wake Forest alum Webb Simpson will make his ninth start in the Wyndham Championship. In eight previous starts, he owns four top-10s.
- In 23 starts this season, Simpson has three top-10s, highlighted by a playoff loss to Hideki Matsuyama at the Waste Management Phoenix Open.

**Harold Varner III:** FedExCup (138), Official World Golf Ranking (156)

- Harold Varner III, who grew up in Gastonia, N.C. and went to East Carolina University, will make his second start in the Wyndham Championship. He missed the cut in 2016.
- In 28 starts this season, Varner has five top-25s.

**History of FedExCup positioning at the Wyndham Championship**  
**2016**

Two players in the field moved outside the top 125 to inside the top 125 in the FedExCup standings: Kyle Stanley (from No. 127 to No. 116) and Shawn Stefani (moved from No. 133 to No. 123). Two players who entered the week inside the top 125 moved outside the top 125 in the FedExCup standings: Matt Jones (from No. 124 to No. 126) and Whee Kim (from No. 125 to No. 127)

**2015**

Five players in the field moved from outside the top 125 to inside the top 125 in the FedExCup standings: Davis Love III (from No. 186 to No. 76), Jason Gore (from No. 166 to No. 98), Jonax Blixt (From No. 135 to No. 121), Camilo Villegas (from No. 129 to No. 123) and Ryo Ishikawa (from No. 130 to No. 124). Five players who entered the week inside the top 125 moved outside the top 125 in the FedExCup standings: Will MacKenzie (from No. 116 to No. 126), Brian Stuard (from No. 119 to No. 128), Scott Stallings (from No. 120 to No. 129), Jamie Donaldson (from No. 121 to No. 130) and Nicholas Thompson (from No. 123 to No. 131). Davis Love III's jump from 186<sup>th</sup> to 76<sup>th</sup> marked the largest move up the standings in tournament history.

**2014**

Sangmoon Bae was the only player in the field to move from outside the top 125 to inside the top 125 in FedExCup points standings. Nicholas Thompson was the only player to drop out of the top 125.

### **2013**

No one moved in or dropped out of the top 125 in the FedExCup standings at the Wyndham Championship in 2013. It marked the first time in the seven years of the FedExCup that at least one player has not used the Wyndham Championship to move inside the top 125.

### **2012**

Heath Slocum (No. 124) was the only player to move into the top 125 in the final FedExCup standings at the Wyndham Championship. Slocum was from 128th in the FedExCup standings entering the week. Johnattan Vegas dropped out of the top 125 after missing the cut. In the final round at the 2012 Wyndham Championship, Slocum was on the No. 14 tee and projected at No. 120 in the FedExCup standings. He double-bogeyed No. 14 and dropped to No. 123 in the projections, made par on No. 15 and then bogeyed No. 16 and remained at No. 123 in the projections. He bogeyed No. 18 after missing a 5-foot-7-inch par putt, which dropped him to No. 124.

### **2011**

In 2011 at the Wyndham Championship, Ernie Els, Pdraig Harrington and William McGirt moved into the top 125 in the final FedExCup standings and earned a trip to The Barclays and the FedExCup Playoffs. Matt Jones, David Mathis and Cameron Beckman dropped out of the top 125 after missing the cut. Justin Leonard finished No. 126 in the FedExCup standings to miss the Playoffs for the first time, thanks to a bogey on his 72<sup>nd</sup> hole at the Wyndham Championship.

### **2010**

In 2010, Scott Piercy was the only player to move into the top 125 in the FedExCup standings at the Wyndham Championship. Piercy moved from 140th in the FedExCup standings entering the week to claim the 125th and final spot. Chris Stroud dropped out of the top 125 after missing the cut at the Wyndham Championship.

### **2009**

In 2009, five players made to The Barclays after starting the week ranked outside the top 125: David Mathis, Kevin Stadler, Chris Riley, Todd Hamilton and Jeff Maggert. Players that were inside the top 125 of the FedExCup standings at the beginning of the week who dropped out after the Wyndham Championship included Tom Watson (DNP), Andrew Romero (DNP), Rich Beem (63), Matt Jones (69) and Charles Warren (MC).

In 2009, Slocum missed the cut at the Wyndham Championship and finished No. 124 in the FedExCup standings, just one point ahead of Matt Jones (No. 125) and two points from No. 126 in the standings. In his next start in the first event of the Playoffs, Slocum won The Barclays and moved to No. 3 in the FedExCup standings. He finished No. 8 in the FedExCup that season.

### **2008**

There were five players in 2008 that played their way into the FedExCup Playoffs at the Wyndham Championship including Justin Bolli, Lee Janzen, Martin Laird, Rich Beem and JJ Henry. As a result, the following players dropped out of the top 144: Marco Dawson, Brett Rumford, Todd Hamilton, Tag Ridings and Gavin Coles.

### **2007**

In 2007, three golfers played their way into the FedExCup Playoffs at the Wyndham Championship: Jeff Overton, Anders Hansen and Shigeki Maruyama.