



## 2017 Wyndham Championship

(The final of 43 events in the 2016-17 PGA TOUR Season)

Greensboro, N.C.  
Sedgefield Country Club

August 17-20, 2017  
Par/Yards: 70/7,127

FedExCup Points: 500 (winner)  
Purse: \$5,800,000

### First-Round Notes – Thursday, August 17, 2017

*Weather: Partly cloudy, with an afternoon high of 90. Wind SSW 4-8 mph.*

#### **First-Round Leaderboard**

Matt Every 61 (-9)  
Henrik Stenson 62 (-8)  
Seven players at 7-under 63

#### **Matt Every**

Two-time PGA TOUR winner Matt Every started his round with a hole-out eagle from 105 yards on the par-4 first hole and posted seven birdies against no bogeys for a career-low 9-under 61. His previous-low round on the PGA TOUR was a 62 which he posted in round two of the 2013 Greenbrier Classic.

The tournament 18-hole record is 10-under 60, set by Si Woo Kim in 2016 (second round).

Despite no top-10s, this is the third time Every has been in the lead/co-lead after 18 holes on TOUR this season. He held a share of the first-round lead in both the FedEx St. Jude Classic (T27) and the RBC Canadian Open (T14). This marks the seventh time in his career he has led/co-led after 18 holes. He has never converted a first-round lead to victory.

Every only missed one green in the first round, his best GIR performance in a round on TOUR this season.

In 29 previous starts this season, Every has only seven made cuts. His best showing came at the RBC Canadian Open (T14).

Every is currently T183 in the FedExCup standings. He remains exempt on the PGA TOUR through next season as the back-to-back winner of the 2014 and 2015 Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard. Last season, Every finished No. 200 in the standings, failing to advance to the FedExCup Playoffs for the first time since 2011.

Every is making his 181<sup>st</sup> start on the PGA TOUR and fifth start in the Wyndham Championship. Prior to a missed cut in 2016, and a withdrawal in 2013, he finished T5 in 2013.

#### **First-Round Lead Notes**

Since making a return to Sedgefield Country Club in 2008, only two first-round leaders have hung on for the win: Arjun Atwal (2010) and Camilo Villegas (2014). Since 1976, the only other first-round leaders to convert for the win are Danny Edwards (1982), Mike Springer (1994) and Jesper Parnevik (1999).

Through 41 stroke-play events this season, seven players have managed to hang on for the win. Most recently, Jordan Spieth at The Open Championship.

#### **Henrik Stenson**

Returning to the Wyndham Championship for the first time since 2012, Henrik Stenson opened with a flawless 62, his low round on the PGA TOUR. He has recorded a 63 four times, most recently en route to a historic victory at The Open Championship in 2016.

In three previous starts in Greensboro, Stenson missed the cut (2010 and 2011) and withdrew in 2012.

This is Stenson's 13<sup>th</sup> start on the PGA TOUR this season. He has five missed cuts and six top-25s, including a T2 at the World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions and a T7 at the Valspar Championship.

The 2013 FedExCup champion is No. 75 in the FedExCup standings, 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.

### **Webb Simpson**

2011 Wyndham Championship winner Webb Simpson went out in 28 with five birdies and an eagle (No. 15) on the back nine, to tie the best nine-hole score at Sedgefield (Erik Compton/front nine/first round/2015 and Briny Baird/back nine/third round/2008). With two bogeys coming in, he posted a 7-under 63, the fourth time he has posted a 63 in 31 rounds at Sedgefield.

His 63 was his 19<sup>th</sup> round in the Wyndham Championship at 67 or better, the most of any player since 2008.

Simpson's eagle at No. 15 was his 10<sup>th</sup> at Sedgefield, the most of any player since 2008 (Martin Laird and Ryo Ishikawa have 7).

Simpson enters the week No. 37 in the FedExCup standings as he heads to the FedExCup Playoffs for the ninth consecutive season. He has eight top-25s this season, including three top-10s.

Simpson, who was born in Raleigh and lives in Charlotte, N.C., named his third child, born in 2014, Wyndham. He is one of three Wake Forest alums to win the Wyndham Championship (Lanny Wadkins/1983 and Scott Hoch/2001).

### **Additional Player Notes**

Gastonia, N.C.'s and East Carolina alum Harold Varner III posted eight birdies and one bogey for a 7-under 63, his low round of the season. Varner is currently No. 134 in the FedExCup standings.

Three-time Wyndham Championship winner Davis Love III posted a bogey-free 64 in his 22<sup>nd</sup> start in the tournament. Love was unable to defend his 2015 title in 2016 after undergoing hip surgery. His last five rounds at Sedgefield: 64-66-69-64-64.

Sam Saunders birdied the 18<sup>th</sup> to cap a bogey-free, career-low 7-under 63 in his third start in the Wyndham Championship. Saunders is currently 127<sup>th</sup> in the FedExCup standings and looking to make the FedExCup Playoffs for the first time in his career. In his last start, he finished eighth at the Barracuda Championship.

### **Miscellaneous Notes**

Three players hit all 18 greens in regulation in the first round: Davis Love III, C.T. Pan and Cameron Smith.

With a bogey-free 65 including five birdies, Lucas Glover extended his birdie total at Sedgefield to 141, the most of any player in the Wyndham Championship since 2008. Brandt Snedeker is second with 135, however Webb Simpson's seven birdies in round one moved him to 134.

Seven past champions of the Wyndham Championship are in the field: three-time champion Davis Love III (64), Camilo Villegas/2014 (68), Webb Simpson/2011 (63), Arjun Atwal/2010 (69), Ryan Moore/2009(67), Carl Pettersson/2008 (72) and K.J. Choi/2005 (68).

Bogey-free rounds:

R1: Matt Every (61), Lucas Glover (65), Michael Kim (66), Davis Love III (64), Jonathan Randolph (66), Tag Ridings (66), Sam Saunders (63), Cameron Smith (63), Henrik Stenson (62), Robert Streb (66), Vaughn Taylor (63).

Scoring Averages at the par-70 Sedgefield Country Club:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1	33.686	34.872	68.558	---

A.M. Scoring Average: 68.33

P.M. Scoring Average: 68.78

## FedExCup Notes

As the final event in the PGA TOUR Season, the Wyndham Championship 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.

### Current 125 Bubble Entering Wyndham Championship

Player	FEC Rank	First-Round Score
David Hearn	121 <sup>st</sup>	67 (-3)
Richy Werenski	122 <sup>nd</sup>	67 (-3)
Seamus Power	123 <sup>rd</sup>	67 (-3)
Daniel Summerhays	124 <sup>th</sup>	67 (-3)
Geoff Ogilvy	125 <sup>th</sup>	70 (E)
Cameron Tringale	126 <sup>th</sup>	71 (+1)
Sam Saunders	127 <sup>th</sup>	63 (-7)
Ryan Palmer	128 <sup>th</sup>	72 (+2)
Billy Hurley III	129 <sup>th</sup>	70 (E)
J.T. Poston	130 <sup>th</sup>	67 (-3)

Geoff Ogilvy is currently No. 125 in the FedExCup standings and opened with an even-par 70. Six of the last seven players ranked 125th in the standings entering the Wyndham Championship remained inside the cut line entering the FedExCup Playoffs. Last season, Whee Kim failed to make the cut and missed the Playoffs by 10 points.

Thirteen rookies are currently inside the top 125, looking to advance to the FedExCup Playoffs (**\*bold indicates in the Wyndham Championship field**): Wesley Bryan (25), Xander Schauffele (31), Mackenzie Hughes (32), **Grayson Murray** (66), **Ollie Schniederjans** (74), Patrick Cantlay (77), **C.T. Pan** (85), **Cody Gribble** (87), **J.J. Spaun** (96), **Ryan Blaum** (103), Dominic Bozzelli (112), **Richy Werenski** (122) and **Seamus Power** (123).

### Rookies to qualify for FedExCup Playoffs

2014-15	9
2013-14	2
2013	9
2012	11
2011	11
2010	7
2009	6
2008	9 (field was 144)
2007	11