

2018 THE NORTHERN TRUST

Broadcast Window & Pre-Tournament Notes

THE NORTHERN TRUST serves as the start of the FedExCup Playoffs - the entire season has built to this four-tournament stretch. There is more on the line than just a victory at THE NORTHERN TRUST - players in the top half of the 125 will be looking to move up, working towards the coveted top-five position heading to the TOUR Championship; players near the 100th position need enough points to advance to the Dell Technologies Championship (top-100). The top 125 players on the FedExCup points list qualify for THE NORTHERN TRUST.

Potential #1 Scenario's at THE NORTHERN TRUST

58 Players Can Move to #1: 58 players in the field are currently within 2,000 points of the #1 ranked Dustin Johnson (last season 38 players were within 2,000 points of Hideki Matsuyama) and can in turn potentially move to #1 with a victory this week. Jimmy Walker is the last player (61st position) who could possibly take over the #1 position. The 125th position currently owned by Seamus Power is currently 2,340 points behind first place and could move as high as 3rd with a victory.

Moving Week at THE NORTHERN TRUST

This is the first week where point values are quadrupled (4x their Regular Season value). Prior to this week event winners would receive 500 points (regular events) where now they will receive 2,000 points. THE NORTHERN TRUST has traditionally served as the catalyst event to make substantial moves in the FedExCup standings.

Entering the 2009 THE NORTHERN TRUST, **Heath Slocum** ranked 124th in the standings. His victory vaulted him 121 spots to 3rd and secured a spot at the TOUR Championship (largest move in the 11-year history of the FedExCup Playoffs).

Largest Moves in any FedExCup Playoff Event (2009-2016)

Player	Year	Event	Finish	Start	End	Move
Heath Slocum	2009	NORTHERN TRUST	Won	124th	3rd	+121
Sean O'Hair	2016	NORTHERN TRUST	T2	108th	15th	+93
Martin Laird	2010	NORTHERN TRUST	2 nd	95 th	3 rd	+92
Kevin Streelman	2010	NORTHERN TRUST	T3	102 nd	18 th	+84
Stuart Appleby	2014	NORTHERN TRUST	T2	98 th	19 th	+79
Chez Reavie	2011	Dell Technologies	2 nd	87 th	9 th	+78
Geoff Ogilvy	2014	Dell Technologies	T2	100 th	24 th	+76
Graham DeLaet	2012	NORTHERN TRUST	T5	106 th	44 th	+62
Billy Horschel	2014	Dell Technologies	T2	82 nd	20 th	+62
Zac Blair	2015	NORTHERN TRUST	T4	106 th	45 th	+61
Hunter Mahan	2014	NORTHERN TRUST	Won	62 nd	1 st	+61
Fredrik Jacobson	2009	NORTHERN TRUST	T6	107 th	48 th	+59
Camilo Villegas	2011	NORTHERN TRUST	T6	109 th	51 st	+58
Charley Hoffman	2010	Dell Technologies	Won	59 th	2 nd	+57
Brian Harman	2012	NORTHERN TRUST	T5	97 th	41 st	+56

Last Season, **Bubba Watson** was the biggest mover in any event of the 2017 FedExCup Playoffs moving from 113th to 72nd (41 positions) at THE NORTHERN TRUST.

In 2016, **Sean O'Hair** moved from 108th to 15th with his t-2 finish at THE NORTHERN TRUST. O'Hair moved up 93 spots ranking as the 2nd largest move in any event in FedExCup Playoff history.

The Top 125 Breakdown:

Rookies: This Season, Eight Rookies have qualified for the FedExCup Playoffs and 3 have recorded victories.

Rookies to Qualify for the FedExCup Playoffs This Season

Rank		# of Wins	# of Top 10's
27 th	Aaron Wise	1	3
31 st	Austin Cook	1	3
68 th	Keith Mitchell	0	4
77 th	Satoshi Kodaira	1	1
81 st	Peter Uihlein	0	4
94 th	Brandon Harkins	0	3
108 th	Tyler Duncan	0	2
114 th	Sam Ryder	0	3

Aaron Wise is the highest ranked Rookie this season, recording one win (AT&T Byron Nelson) and three top-10 finishes. Wise is seeking to become the 12th Rookie to make it to the TOUR Championship in FedExCup existence.

Keegan Bradley holds the record as the highest ranked rookie in the 11-year history entering the Playoffs (was 5th entering 2011 FedExCup Playoffs).

Qualifying for FedExCup Playoffs Every Year

	Playoff Appearances	Current Rank
Justin Rose	12 th	4 th
Bubba Watson	12 th	5 th
Phil Mickelson	12 th	11 th
Brandt Snedeker	12 th	30 th
Charles Howell III	12 th	47 th
Zach Johnson	12 th	52 nd
Ryan Moore	12 th	55 th
Matt Kuchar	12 th	64 th
Adam Scott	12 th	73 rd
Charley Hoffman	12 th	98 th

12th Year Qualifying for FedExCup

Playoffs: 10 of the top 125 players entering this week have qualified for all 12 seasons of the FedExCup Playoffs. Four of the 10 players enter THE NORTHERN TRUST ranked inside the top-30 of the FedExCup standings.

Since 2009, In the last three seasons 40 or more players in their 20s have qualified for the FedExCup playoffs. Last season, 49 players were in their 20s recording the greatest number of players in their 20s since 2009.

At 22 years old, Aaron Wise is the youngest player to make the 2018 FedExCup Playoffs.

Number of Players Inside Top 125 FedExCup by Age Since 2009

Year	20s	30s	40+
2018	47	61	17
2017	49	60	16
2016	42	65	18
2015	36	70	19
2014	33	73	19
2013	38	68	19
2012	30	71	24
2011	30	68	27
2010	26	71	28
2009	26	72	27

First Timers in 2018 FedExCup Playoffs

	FEC Rank
Tommy Fleetwood	23rd
Andrew Landry	26th
Aaron Wise (Rookie)	27th
Austin Cook (Rookie)	31 st
Andrew Putnam	35 th
Alex Noren	39 th
Beau Hossler	42 nd
Joel Dahmen	65 th
Keith Mitchell (Rookie)	68 th
Satoshi Kodaira (Rookie)	77 th
Tom Hoge	80 th
Peter Uihlein (Rookie)	81 st
Abraham Ancer	83 rd
Tyrrell Hatton	92 nd
Brandon Harkins (Rookie)	94 th
Trey Mullinax	95 th
Tyler Duncan (Rookie)	108 th
J.T. Poston	110 th
Bronson Burgoon	111 th
Sam Ryder (Rookie)	114 th
Sam Saunders	120 th
Seamus Power	125 th

Tommy Fleetwood is the highest ranked first timer entering THE NORTHERN TRUST. Tommy is one of three players who are making their first FedExCup Playoff appearance starting the playoffs inside the top 30.

Tony Finau currently ranks 12th in the FedExCup standings and is the highest ranked player without a win entering the 2017-18 FedExCup Playoffs.

Nine players are inside of the top 30 without recording a victory this season and have a combined **50** total top-10 finishes.

Highest Ranked Players Without a Win

Rank		Top 10s
12th	Tony Finau	8
17 th	Rickie Fowler	4
18 th	Kyle Stanley	5
20 th	Tiger Woods	5
22 nd	Marc Leishman	6
23 rd	Tommy Fleetwood	5
24 th	Chesson Hadley	7
28 th	Xander Schauffele	5
29 th	Luke List	5

Highest Ranked in FedExCup without a Win Entering the Playoffs

Year	Rank Entering		FEC Finish
2018	12 th	Tony Finau	??
2017	11 th	Charley Hoffman	20 th
2016	7 th	Patrick Reed	3 rd
2015	17 th	Kevin Kisner	21 st
2014	5 th	Jim Furyk	4 th
2013	9 th	Henrik Stenson	WON
2012	17 th	Jim Furyk	15 th
2011	12 th	Matt Kuchar	6 th
2010	6 th	Jeff Overton	29 th
2009	12 th	David Toms	19 th
2008	11 th	Robert Allenby	19 th
2007	12 th	Steve Stricker	2 nd

Tony Finau (12th) currently is the highest ranked player in the standings without a victory entering the FedExCup Playoffs.

In 2016, **Patrick Reed** entered the playoffs 7th and stayed inside the top 10 of the playoffs finishing 3rd.

2013 FedExCup champion Henrik Stenson was the highest ranked player in the standings without a victory entering the Playoffs (9th).

Top 5: The top 5 have 43 combined FEC playoff appearances and 28 TOUR Championship appearances. The only past FedExCup champion inside the top 5 is the Defending FedExCup champion Justin Thomas who is currently ranked 2nd.

Current Top 5 in the FedExCup Standings

Player	Current	Playoff Apps	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Johnson, Dustin	1 st	11 th	4 th	2 nd	7 th	30 th	13 th	8 th	4 th	5 th	14 th	134 th	--
Thomas, Justin	2 nd	4 th	Won	12 th	32 nd	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Koepka, Brooks	3 rd	4 th	10 th	35 th	24 th	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Rose, Justin	4 th	12 th	9 th	51 st	8 th	11 th	10 th	6 th	5 th	15 th	85 th	114 th	16 th
Watson, Bubba	5 th	12 th	75 th	21 st	5 th	5 th	37 th	13 th	26 th	22 nd	53 rd	30 th	37 th

#1 Seed: *Dustin Johnson* is currently the #1 seed entering the 2018 FedExCup Playoffs. In 2014-15 season, Jordan Spieth was the first #1 seed entering the FedExCup Playoffs to go onto to victory since Tiger Woods accomplished this feat in 2009.

**#1 Seed Entering
the FedExCup Playoffs**

Year	Rank		FEC Finish
2018	1 st	Dustin Johnson	??
2017	1 st	Hideki Matsuyama	8 th
2016	1 st	Jason Day	6 th
2015	1st	Jordan Spieth	WON
2014	1 st	Rory McIlroy	3 rd
2013	1 st	Tiger Woods	2 nd
2012	1 st	Tiger Woods	3 rd
2011	1 st	Nick Watney	9 th
2010	1 st	Ernie Els	9 th
2009	1st	Tiger Woods	WON
2008	1 st	Tiger Woods	70 th
2007	1st	Tiger Woods	WON

**Past FedExCup Champions
Seed Entering Playoffs**

Year	Rank		FEC Finish
2017	2 nd	Justin Thomas	WON
2016	36 th	Rory McIlroy	WON
2015	1 st	Jordan Spieth	WON
2014	45 th	Billy Horschel	WON
2013	9 th	Henrik Stenson	WON
2012	19 th	Brandt Snedeker	WON
2011	15 th	Bill Haas	WON
2010	3 rd	Jim Furyk	WON
2009	1 st	Tiger Woods	WON
2008	7 th	Vijay Singh	WON
2007	1 st	Tiger Woods	WON

In the last two seasons on TOUR, Dustin Johnson has a total of 28 weeks holding the #1 position in the FedExCup standings including leading the last 10 consecutive weeks.

**Most Weeks Ranked #1 in FedExCup Standings
PGA TOUR Since Start of Last Season**

	# of Weeks
Dustin Johnson	28
Justin Thomas	23
Hideki Matsuyama	13

Dustin Johnson (1st), Justin Thomas (2nd), Brooks Koepka (3rd)

Current FedExCup leader **Dustin Johnson** has led the standings for 10 of 40 weeks of the regular season on the strength of three wins (Sentry TOC, FedEx St. Jude Classic & RBC Canadian Open) and 10 top-10 finishes. Dustin Johnson is seeking to qualify for the TOUR Championship for the 10th consecutive season.

Driving Distance (All Drives) Performance PGA TOUR Since 2013-14

	Rank	Avg. (yards)
This Season	2 nd	307.6
Last Season	2 nd	305.8
2015-16	2 nd	306.5
2014-15	2 nd	303.3
2013-14	3 rd	298.7

Since 2013-14 PGA TOUR season, Dustin Johnson is the only player to rank inside the top five in Driving Distance (All Drives) in every season.

**Only Player Ranking Inside Top 5 Every Season in Span*

Defending FedExCup champion **Justin Thomas** enters the Playoffs second in the standings for the second consecutive season. Last season, Thomas ranked second entering the playoffs en route to winning the FedExCup title. This season, Thomas has spent 26 of 40 weeks ranked either first or second in the standings, most of any player.

FedExCup Rank Entering Playoffs vs. Season Finish

	Entering	Finish
This Season	2 nd	??
Last Season	2 nd	WON
2015-16	10 th	12 th
2014-15	36 th	32 nd

Most Weeks Ranked 1st or 2nd in FedExCup Standings This Season

	Rank	# of Weeks
Justin Thomas	2 nd	26
Patton Kizzire	15 th	18
Dustin Johnson	1 st	13

Brooks Koepka is seeking to qualify for the TOUR Championship for a third season. Brooks Koepka and Webb Simpson have each recorded four rounds of 63 or better, marking the most of any player this season. This season, Brooks Koepka is a combined 56-under par in the second and final round, ranking second in Scoring Average for both rounds (68.58, 2nd & 68.27, Final).

Most Rounds of 63 or Better PGA TOUR This Season

	# of Rds
Brooks Koepka	4
Webb Simpson	4
Brian Gay	3
Kevin Na	3
J.J. Spaun	3

Round Scoring PGA TOUR This Season

Round	Score to Par	Avg.
1 st	-4	70.58
2nd	-28	68.58
3 rd	+3	71.09
Final	-28	68.27
Total/Avg	-57	69.63

Career in FedExCup Playoffs

	This Season	Playoff App.	TOUR Championship App.	Best Finish
Dustin Johnson	1 st	11 th	9	2 nd (2016)
Justin Thomas	2 nd	4 th	2	WON (2017)
Brooks Koepka	3 rd	4 th	2	10 th (2017)

Justin Rose (4th), Bubba Watson (5th), Jason Day (6th)

Justin Rose, Bubba Watson and Jason Day have combined for 35 FedExCup Playoff appearances and 22 TOUR Championship appearances. Justin Rose and Bubba Watson are two of 10 players who have qualified for the FedExCup Playoffs in all 12 seasons.

On the Green Ranks Last Season vs. This Season

	Last Season	This Season
SG: Putting	123 rd	6 th
Putts Per Round	T112	16 th
Putting from 4-8 Ft	188 th	1 st
Putting Inside 10 Ft	T178	T6

This season, **Justin Rose** ranks sixth in SG: Putting compared to 123rd in this category last season. Rose is the only player on TOUR that has made over 80% of their attempts from four to eight feet. From this distance, Rose has made a TOUR leading 80.15% of his attempts (109 of 136).

Bubba Watson has a 69.87 stroke average at THE NORTHERN TRUST, marking his best scoring average in the four FedExCup Playoffs events. Since 2007, Bubba Watson has recorded 33 of 38 rounds (86.8%) par or better at THE NORTHERN TRUST, marking the most rounds of any player.

Best FedExCup Playoff Event Scoring Average

	Avg.
THE NORTHERN TRUST	69.87
BMW Championship	69.88
TOUR Championship	70.32
Dell Technologies Champ.	70.55

**Since 2007*

Most Rounds Par or Better THE NORTHERN TRUST

	# of Rds
Bubba Watson	33
Jason Day	32
Jim Furyk	30
Justin Rose	28
Matt Kuchar	26
Charley Hoffman	26

**Since 2007*

Round Breakdown THE NORTHERN TRUST

	# of Rds	PCT.
Under Par	24	63.2
Par or Better	33	86.8
Over Par	5	13.2

**Since 2007*

This season, **Jason Day** leads the TOUR in Strokes Gained: Putting. Day is outperforming the TOUR by +0.976 strokes per round on the greens. Day outperforms the Field in the FedExCup Playoffs by +0.738 strokes per round in SG: Putting, marking the second-best performance (min 40 rds). From five to 10 feet, Jason Day ranks second-all time in the Playoffs, converting 365 of 557 putts from this distance (65.53%). Jason Day is one of two players (Jim Furyk) that are over 200-under par in their FedExCup Playoffs career.

SG: Putting Leaders FedExCup Playoffs Since 2007

	Avg.
Daniel Summerhays	+0.822
Jason Day	+0.738
Greg Chalmers	+0.723
Luke Donald	+0.676
Jordan Spieth	+0.590

**Min 40 Rds*

Putting 5 to 10 Feet Leaders FedExCup Playoffs Since 2007

	PCT.
Russell Henley	65.59
Jason Day	65.53
Johnson Wagner	65.09
Mike Weir	64.74
Kevin Kisner	64.71

**Min 40 Rds*

Score to Par Leaders FedExCup Playoffs Since 2007

	RTP
Jim Furyk	-217
Jason Day	-213
Sergio Garcia	-186
Tiger Woods	-181
Justin Rose	-167

Career in FedExCup Playoffs

	This Season	Playoff App.	TOUR Championship App.	Best Finish
Justin Rose	4 th	12 th	8	5 th (2011)
Bubba Watson	5 th	12 th	7	5 th (2015)
Jason Day	6 th	11 th	7	3 rd (2015)

Webb Simpson (7th), Francesco Molinari (8th), Bryson DeChambeau (9th)

2018 PLAYERS Champion Webb Simpson is coming off his career-low final round 62 at last week's Wyndham Championship. This season marks the 10th year Webb Simpson has qualified for the FedExCup Playoffs below is a breakdown of how he has performed over the past nine seasons.

Seasons Entering Playoffs		
Inside Top 100, Top 30, Top 10 vs. Season Finish		
	Entering Playoffs	Season Finishes
Top 10	1	1*
Top 30	5	5
Top 100	9	9

*Finished 2nd in 2011

Approaches 50-125 Yards **PGA TOUR This Season**

	Value	Rank
Proximity to Hole	15' 11"	9 th
Score to Par	-47	6 th

This Season, **Webb Simpson** ranks inside the top 10 in Proximity to the Hole (15' 11", 9th) and Score to Par (-47, 6th) on approach shots from 50 to 125 yards.

Francesco Molinari has ranked inside the top 10 in the FedExCup standings in each of the last five consecutive weeks compared to none in his first 163 weeks.

Weeks Ranked Inside Top 10 FedExCup Standings	
First 163 Weeks	Last 5 Weeks
0	5

Driving Pct. 300-320 Yards (All Drives) Leaders **PGA TOUR This Season**

Rank		PCT.	# of Drives 300-320	Total Drives
1	Francesco Molinari	32.56	196	602
2	Luke List	32.39	298	920
3	Joaquin Niemann	31.97	188	588
4	Beau Hossler	31.19	340	1,090
5	Brandon Harkins	30.92	350	1,132

Bryson DeChambeau leads the TOUR in Going for the Green Hit Green percentage, hitting the green 32.7% of the time when going for it. Bryson is a combined 51-under par when hitting the green when going for it.

Going for the Green Hit Green Breakdown **PGA TOUR This Season**

	Value
Attempts	156
Hit Green	51
2-Putt Birdies	46
Score to Par	-51

Career in FedExCup Playoffs

	This Season	Playoff App.	TOUR Championship App.	Best Finish
Webb Simpson	7 th	10 th	5	2 nd (2011)
Francesco Molinari	8 th	4 th	0	37 th (2017)
Bryson DeChambeau	9 th	2 nd	0	49 th (2017)

Patrick Reed (10th), Phil Mickelson (11th), Tony Finau (12th)

Patrick Reed is one of six players who have qualified for the TOUR Championship in each of the last four PGA TOUR seasons.

Players Qualifying for TOUR Championship Last Four Years on TOUR

	2017	2016	2015	2014
Johnson, Dustin	4 th	2 nd	7 th	30 th
Day, Jason	18 th	6 th	3 rd	10 th
Reed, Patrick	22nd	3rd	12th	21st
Spieth, Jordan	2 nd	9 th	Won	15 th
Kuchar, Matt	14 th	18 th	19 th	8 th
Matsuyama, Hideki	8 th	13 th	16 th	28 th

Most Under Par Rounds FedExCup Playoffs

	Rds.
Jim Furyk	92
Phil Mickelson	91
Jason Day	90
Justin Rose	89
Matt Kuchar	85

Phil Mickelson has 91 total rounds under par in the FedExCup playoffs. His 91 rounds are one fewer than Jim Furyk with 92.

Phil Mickelson has played 60% (91 of 151) of his rounds under par in the playoffs and could get to the 100th round mark at the BMW Championship.

Tony Finau & Chesson Hadley are the only two players who have ranked inside the FedExCup Standings in every week this season.

Players Ranked Inside Top 30 Every Week PGA TOUR This Season

	# of Weeks
Tony Finau	40
Chesson Hadley	40

Most Total Eagles PGA TOUR Since Start 2014-15 Season

	# of Eagles
Thomas, Justin	55
Johnson, Dustin	54
Finau, Tony	52

Since the start of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR season, **Tony Finau** has accumulated 52 Total Eagles ranking as the third most in this timeframe.

Career in FedExCup Playoffs

	This Season	Playoff App.	TOUR Championship App.	Best Finish
Patrick Reed	10 th	6 th	4	3 rd (2016)
Phil Mickelson	11 th	12 th	8	2 nd (2009)
Tony Finau	12 th	4 th	1	19 th (2017)