

2019 Barbasol Championship Broadcast Window & Pre-Tournament Notes



ShotLink Keys to Victory - Troy Merritt

Troy Merritt earned his second PGA TOUR victory in his 178th career start on TOUR. Merritt earned 300 FedExCup points moving inside the top 70 in the FedExCup standings. Troy Merritt was a combined 39-under par in his last three starts on TOUR at this point in the season, 17 strokes better than in his first 19 stroke-play events of the 2017-18 season (-22).

Strokes Gained Statistics vs. The Field

	Rank	Average
Off-the-Tee	12 th	+0.966
Approach-the-Green	1st	+2.552
Around-the-Green	32 nd	+0.156
Putting	T51	-0.107
Total	1 st	+3.567

72% of Merritt's total strokes gained for the week were a result of his iron play, becoming the sixth player to lead in SG: Approach-the-Green en route to victory last season.

Best Final Round SG: Approach-the-Green Performance PGA TOUR Winners Last Season

In the final round, Merritt hit 16 of 18 greens in regulation and outperformed the field by +3.573 total strokes on approach shots, marking the best final round SG: Approach-the-Green performance by a PGA TOUR winner last season.

	Player	Total	GIR
Barbasol Championship	Troy Merritt	+3.573	16
Houston Open	Ian Poulter	+3.525	17
FedEx St. Jude Classic	Dustin Johnson	+3.175	12
RBC Heritage	Satoshi Kodaira	+2.691	13
Arnold Palmer Invitational	Rory McIlroy	+2.682	13

133-yard hole-out eagle (2): Troy Merritt holed out from 133 yards for an eagle (2) on the par-4 eighth hole in the final round, marking his career longest hole-out (where ShotLink lasers were present).

Longest Hole Outs PGA TOUR Career (Where ShotLink lasers were present)

		Rd	Hole	Yards	Score
2018 Barbasol Championship	Keene Trace Golf Club	Final	8th	133	Eagle
2016 Charles Schwab Challenge	Colonial CC	3 rd	18 th	129	Eagle
2016 Barbasol Championship	RTJ Trail (Grand National)	1 st	11 th	120	Eagle

FedExCup Finishes

Barbasol Championship Winners Since 2015

		FEC Finish
Troy Merritt	2018	91st
Grayson Murray	2017	66th
Aaron Baddeley	2016	69th
Scott Piercy	2015	22nd

Since 2015, all four winners at the Barbasol Championship have qualified for the FedExCup Playoffs and Scott Piercy finished 22nd in the final FedExCup standings, marking the best FedExCup finish by a winner at this event.

Course Stats

Last season, the field made birdie or better from the fairway 27.08% of the time at Keene Trace GC, marking the third-highest Birdie or Better Percentage from the Fairway of any course.

Highest Birdie or Better PCT. From Fairway PGA TOUR Last Season

	PCT.
Plantation Course at Kapalua	27.73
Glen Abbey GC	27.66
Keene Trace Golf Club	27.08
TPC Deere Run	25.72
East Lake GC	25.36

Highest Birdie or Better PCT. Inside 125 Yards PGA TOUR Last Season

	PCT.
Keene Trace Golf Club	29.71
Stadium Course	27.82
Aronimink GC	27.59
Glen Abbey GC	27.47
Waialae CC	27.31

Last season, Keene Trace GC had the highest Birdie or Better Percentage from Inside 125 yards of any course with the field making birdie or better 29.71% of the time from approach shots inside 125 yards.

1,781: Last season the field made 1,781 Total Birdies, marking the fourth-most Birdies made of any course.

Most Total Birdies PGA TOUR Last Season

	Total
Glen Abbey GC	2,021
Trinity Forest Golf Club	1,916
TPC Deere Run	1,865
Keene Trace Golf Club	1,781
TPC Sawgrass	1,754

Broadcast Window Notes

2019 Barbasol Championship *(featured groups)*

Troy Merritt

Troy Merritt (defending champion) is set to make his fourth start at the Barbasol Championship. Since 2015, Troy Merritt has earned 337 total FedExCup season points at the Barbasol Championship, marking the most of any player in this timeframe. In regular season events, the Barbasol Championship is one of three events Merritt has earned over 300 FedExCup points.

Most FedExCup Points Earned in Regular Season Events PGA TOUR Career

	Total
Quicken Loans National	589
FedEx St. Jude Classic	361
Barbasol Championship	337
RBC Heritage	272
Zurich Classic of New Orleans	268

Barbasol Championship Performance Since 2015

Wins	1 (2018)
Top 25s	2
Starts / Cuts Made	3 / 3
Score to Par	-46
FedExCup Points Earned	337

Troy Merritt is a combined 46-under par at the Barbasol Championship, marking the third-best score in relation to par of any player at this event since 2015.

Three 10-under par rounds since 2014-15 season: Since the start of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR season, Troy Merritt has three rounds on TOUR of 10-under par, including Round One en route to victory at this event last season. Merritt's three rounds of 10-under or better mark the most of any player in this timeframe.

Jason Dufner

Jason Dufner is set to make his tournament debut at the Barbasol Championship. Dufner currently ranks 127th in the FedExCup standings entering this week, 24,349 points behind Danny Willett for the 125th position of the standings. Jason Dufner is seeking to qualify for the FedExCup Playoffs for the 12th time of his career.

FedExCup Career Performance

	# of Seasons
Playoffs Appearances	11
Top 70	7
Top 30	6
Best Finish	11 th (2009)

**Currently Ranked: 127th*

FedExCup Top 125 Bubble Entering This Week

		Pts Ahead/Behind
121.	Andrew Landry	+19.743
122.	Richy Werenski	+7.621
123.	Shawn Stefani	+7.154
124.	Wes Roach	+3.117
125.	Danny Willett	---
126.	Peter Uihlein	-2.889
127.	Jason Dufner	-24.349
128.	Martin Laird	-25.369
129.	Sebastián Muñoz	-29.472
130.	Beau Hossler	-31.996

Bill Haas

2011 FedExCup champion Bill Haas is set to make his tournament debut at the Barbasol Championship. In tournament debuts, Bill Haas has 18 top 25s, 10 top 10s, six top-five finishes and one victory (2011 TOUR Championship) in 57 total tournament debuts on TOUR.

Results in Tournament Debuts PGA TOUR Career

	Value
Starts	57
Wins	1
Top 5s	6
Top 10s	10
Top 25s	18

**Won 2011 TOUR Championship & FedExCup title*

Best SG: Approach-the-Green Performance Since Start of 2016-17 PGA TOUR Season

Bill Haas is coming off a T10 finish at last week's John Deere Classic where Haas recorded his best SG: Approach-the-Green performance since the start of the 2016-17 PGA TOUR season. Last week Bill Haas outperformed the field by +1.454 strokes per round on all approach shots.

	Average	Evt Finish
2019 John Deere Classic	+1.454	T10
2017 WGC-Mexico Championship	+1.429	T32
2017 U.S. Open	+1.155	T5
2017 Valspar Championship	+0.915	T41

**Four-Measured Rd Events*

Six-time PGA TOUR winner Bill Haas has the third-most TOUR victories of players in the field at the Barbasol Championship this week. Bill Haas is seeking his first PGA TOUR victory in his 117th start since his last TOUR victory (2015 Desert Classic). Haas has 17 top-10 finishes in his previous 116 starts since his last TOUR win, marking the second most top-10 finishes of any player without a win since the 2015 Desert Classic.

Most PGA TOUR Wins in the Field This Week

	# of Wins
David Toms	13
Mike Weir	8
Bill Haas	6
Hunter Mahan	6
Jonathan Byrd	5
John Daly	5
Jason Dufner	5
Mark Wilson	5

PGA TOUR Performance Since Last Win

	Value	PCT.
# of Starts	116	
Top 5s	7	6.0%
Top 10s	17	14.7%
Top 25s	39	33.6%
Cuts Made	83	71.6%

**Last Win: 2015 Desert Classic*

Ryan Armour

Ryan Armour is set to make his fourth start at the Barbasol Championship. Armour currently ranks 109th in the FedExCup standings on the strength of one top 10 and six top-25 finishes. Since the start of the 2016-17 PGA TOUR season, Ryan Armour has hit the fairway 73.39%, marking the second-best Driving Accuracy Percentage of any player (min 50 rds). Ryan Armour and Chez Reavie are the only two players who have ranked inside the top five in Driving Accuracy in each of the last three seasons.

**Best Driving Accuracy Percentage
Since Start of 2016-17 PGA TOUR Season**

	PCT.
Henrik Stenson	73.56%
Ryan Armour	73.39%
Chez Reavie	72.81%
Jim Furyk	72.33%
Ken Duke	72.24%

**Min 50 Rds*

**Ranked Inside Top-5 in Driving Accuracy
in Each Season Since 2016-17**

	2016-17	2017-18	This Season
Chez Reavie	4 th	3 rd	1 st
Ryan Armour	1st	2nd	4th

Jhonattan Vegas

Jhonattan Vegas is set to make his second appearance at the Barbasol Championship (2016, T4). Vegas is currently ranked 68th in the FedExCup standings on the strength of three top 10s and five top-25 finishes, marking his second-best position entering week #36 of the season since the start of the wrap-around schedule. Since 2013-14, Jhonattan Vegas has qualified for the TOUR Championship, finishing inside the top-30 of FedExCup standings in both of his previous seasons when ranked inside the top 100 at this point.

**Best FedExCup Position Entering Week #36
Since Start of 2013-14 PGA TOUR Season**

	Entering Week #36	Season Finish
2015-16	26 th	29 th
This Season	68th	??
2016-17	87 th	23 rd
2013-14	110 th	115 th
2017-18	119 th	95 th
2014-15	142 nd	153 rd

**Strokes Gained: Off-the-Tee Ranks
Since 2014-15 Season**

	Rank
This Season	5th
Last Season	46 th
2016-17	36 th
2015-16	13 th
2014-15	66 th

This season, Jhonattan Vegas ranks fifth in SG: Off-the-Tee outperforming the PGA TOUR by +0.768 strokes per round off the tee. Jhonattan Vegas has improved 61 positions in SG: Off-the-Tee where he ranked 66th in SG: Off-the-Tee in 2014-15.

Brice Garnett

Brice Garnett is set to make his third appearance at the Barbasol Championship and 26th start of the season. Entering the Barbasol Championship, Brice Garnett has the second longest active streak of consecutive rounds at par or better (15). Brice Garnett has a 4.33 Birdie Average, a stroke average of 68.40 and is a combined 40-under par in his last 15 rounds on TOUR.

Current Streak of Rounds Par or Better on PGA TOUR

	# of Rds
Wyndham Clark	17
Brice Garnett	15
Brian Harman	13
Roger Sloan	13
Sungjae Im	13

**Entering This Week*

Scoring Performance Last 15 Rounds on PGA TOUR

	Value
Scoring Average	68.40
Birdie Average	4.33
Bogey Average	1.47
Score to Par	-40
Rds in the 60s	10 of 15

**Entering This Week*

Brice Garnett currently ranks 116th in the FedExCup standings on the strength of one top 10 and four top-25 finishes. In his career, Garnett has spent 150 of 207 weeks ranked inside the top-125 of the FedExCup standings and finished a career-best 61st in the FedExCup standings last season.

FedExCup Career Performance

	Value
Weeks Inside Top 125	150
Weeks Inside Top 70	44
Weeks Inside Top 30	1
Playoffs Appearances	2
Best FEC Finish	61st (2018)

**Currently Ranked: 116th*