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2019 Barracuda Championship Pre-Tournament Notes

Dates: July 22-28, 2019

Where: Reno, Nevada

Course: Montreux Golf & Country Club

Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,472 yards

Field: 132

2018 champion: Andrew Putnam

Purse: \$3,500,000/\$630,000 (winner)

FedExCup: 300 points to the winner

Format: 72-hole Modified Stableford

Things to Know

- Tournament is 21st consecutive at Montreux G&CC, a Jack Nicklaus Signature course in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada mountain range, 5,500 feet above sea level (second-highest course on TOUR behind Chapultepec GC)
- List of past champions includes major champions Geoff Ogilvy and Gary Woodland
- With two weeks (three events) remaining until the FedExCup Playoffs, all but three players ranked 126-135 in the FedExCup are in the field
- Notable players in the field and currently outside the top 125 in the FedExCup standings include Bill Haas (137), Beau Hossler (140), Martin Kaymer (149), Sam Saunders (167) and Brendan Steele (169)
- Sponsor exemptions include Special Temporary Member Collin Morikawa who has posted T2 and T4 in his last two starts
- Longtime Barracuda Championship volunteer Henry 'Skip' Monge, the 2018 PGA TOUR Volunteer of the Year, passed away recently following a battle with cancer

Notes on the field

- Players in top 30 in the FedExCup standings: Ryan Palmer/No. 23
- FedExCup champions: Bill Haas (2011)
- THE PLAYERS champions: Martin Kaymer (2014), David Duval (1999)
- Major champions: Padraig Harrington (3), John Daly (2), Martin Kaymer (2), David Duval, Mike Weir, Y.E. Yang
- PGA TOUR winners during the 2018-19 season: Martin Trainer/Puerto Rico Open, Jim Herman/Barbasol Championship
- Five past champions of the Barracuda Championship (six wins): Will MacKenzie (2006), Parker McLachlin (2008), John Rollins (2009), J.J. Henry (2012, 2015), Chris Stroud (2017); 2018 champion Andrew Putnam is scheduled to compete at this week's World Golf Championships-FedEx St. Jude Invitational
- Players in top 100 in the Official World Golf Ranking: Emiliano Grillo (62), Ryan Palmer (73), Andrea Pavan (80), Martin Kaymer (89)

FedExCup and the Barracuda Championship

With just two weeks (three events) remaining before the start of the FedExCup Playoffs, the Barracuda Championship will again play a key role in determining who qualifies for THE NORTHERN TRUST, the first event in the FedExCup Playoffs. Following their wins at the Barracuda Championship, Gary Woodland (2013) and Geoff Ogilvy (2014) advanced to the season-ending TOUR Championship. Andrew Putnam (2018) finished No. 33, missing the TOUR Championship by three spots in the standings.

- Top-ranked player in the current FedExCup standings: Ryan Palmer (No. 23)
- Over the previous three PGA TOUR seasons, 11 of 12 winners of events that offer 300 FedExCup points to the champion have advanced to the FedExCup Playoffs. Greg Chalmers finished No. 142 in the FedExCup after his 2016 Barracuda Championship win and failed to advance to the FedExCup Playoffs that season

Player	Tournament Won	FedExCup Finish
Jim Herman	2019 Barbasol Championship	134*
Graeme McDowell	2019 Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship	48*
Martin Trainer	2019 Puerto Rico Open	122*
Cameron Champ	2018 Sanderson Farms Championship	58*
Andrew Putnam	2018 Barracuda Championship	33
Troy Merritt	2018 Barbasol Championship	91
Brice Garnett	2018 Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship	61
Ryan Armour	2017 Sanderson Farms Championship	49
Chris Stroud	2017 Barracuda Championship	84
Grayson Murray	2017 Barbasol Championship	66
D.A. Points	2017 Puerto Rico Open	104
Cody Gribble	2016 Sanderson Farms Championship	87
Aaron Baddeley	2016 Barbasol Championship	69
Greg Chalmers	2016 Barracuda Championship	142
Tony Finau	2016 Puerto Rico Open	45
Peter Malnati	2015 Sanderson Farms Championship	104

* = current season; finish TBD

Current FedExCup standings

The top 10 in the FedExCup at the conclusion of the PGA TOUR Regular Season will share a \$10 million bonus pool through the Wyndham Rewards Top 10 program. Updated standings are below:

Position	Player	Points	Wins	Top-10s	Points Behind	Starts	Projected Bonus
1	Brooks Koepka	2,337	2	7	--	17	\$2 million
2	Matt Kuchar	2,300	2	8	37	18	\$1.5 million
3	Rory McIlroy	2,195	2	11	142	15	\$1.2 million
4	Xander Schauffele	1,830	2	5	507	17	\$1.1 million
5	Gary Woodland	1,789	1	8	548	20	\$1.0 million
6	Patrick Cantlay	1,671	1	8	666	17	\$850,000
7	Dustin Johnson	1,638	1	7	699	15	\$700,000
8	Paul Casey	1,546	1	6	791	18	\$600,000
9	Rickie Fowler	1,391	1	6	946	17	\$550,000
10	Jon Rahm	1,352	1	9	985	16	\$500,000

A look at the 2018 Barracuda Championship

- Andrew Putnam earned his first PGA TOUR victory, finishing with a total of 47 points, tying the second-best total since 2012 when the Modified Stableford format was introduced
- Putnam finished by holing out with a putter from the fringe from 22 feet for a birdie on the 72nd hole
- Putnam had 17 points in the second round, the best total of the day in the modified Stableford format, and 15 in the third round to enter the final round with 38 points and a three-point lead
- Combined with a T8 the previous week at the RBC Canadian Open, Putnam notched consecutive top-10 finishes for the first time in his PGA TOUR career
- Runner-up Chad Campbell earned his best result on TOUR since winning the 2007 Sanderson Farms Championship

Position	Player	Results
1	Andrew Putnam	+6/+17/+15/+9 – (+47)
2	Chad Campbell	+6/+4/+22/+11 – (+43)
T3	John Oda	+7/+9/+13/+8 – (+37)
T3	J.J. Spaun	+7/+12/+10/+8 – (+37)

Featured Player Notes

Padraig Harrington

- Makes 304th PGA TOUR start while seeking 55th career top-10
- Last top-10 came at the 2016 Sentry Tournament of Champions (T6)
- Making sixth start at the event, where T19 in 2012 is best among five previous appearances
- One of six major champions in the field (2007 Open Championship, 2008 Open Championship, 2008 PGA Championship)
- Six-time PGA TOUR winner's most recent title came at 2015 The Honda Classic with playoff win over Daniel Berger

Martin Kaymer

- Enters week No. 149 in FedExCup while making 140th PGA TOUR start
- Lone top-10 finish on TOUR in 2018-19 came at the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide (3rd) where he led by two through 54 holes
- First alternate for last week's Open Championship but failed to get a spot in the field
- 2014 THE PLAYERS Championship winner also claimed 2010 PGA Championship and 2014 U.S. Open titles

Collin Morikawa

- Finished T2 at inaugural 3M Open and T4 at John Deere Classic in his last two starts
- Sixth start as a professional; previous starts (all in 2019): RBC Canadian Open (T14), U.S. Open (T35), Travelers Championship (T36), 3M Open (T2), John Deere Classic (T4)
- Runner-up at 3M Open earned him Special Temporary Membership on the PGA TOUR, allowing him to accept unlimited sponsor exemptions for the remainder of the season; should he earn as many or more (non-member) FedExCup points as No. 125 in the FedExCup standings after the Wyndham Championship, he would earn full status for the 2019-20 season
- As a 19-year-old, then University of California standout contended at the Korn Ferry Tour's Air Capital Classic in 2016 posting weekend rounds of 63-63 for a 17-under total; lost to Ollie Schniederjans in a three-man playoff
- Four-time All-American and former top-ranked amateur in the world

John Daly

- Makes third start of the season after missing the cut at the PGA Championship and Barbasol Championship
- Finished T5 at the 2012 Barracuda Championship, his lone top-10 in eight starts
- Most recent of five PGA TOUR wins came at the 2004 Farmers Insurance Open
- Was 1991 PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year and 2004 PGA TOUR Comeback Player of the Year
- Two-time major champion has won on six different worldwide Tours

Jhonattan Vegas

- Three-time PGA TOUR winner claimed first title at 2011 Desert Classic before winning RBC Canadian Open in back-to-back seasons (2016, 2017)
- Makes fourth appearance in Reno (2014/MC, 2015/T47, 2016/T53)
- Enters the week No. 71 in FedExCup with three top-10 results this season (T10/Waste Management Phoenix Open, T3/THE PLAYERS Championship, T8/Wells Fargo Championship)
- Venezuelan seeks a spot on 2019 Presidents Cup International Team having played in the 2017 event, defeating Jordan Spieth in Sunday Singles match

Justin Suh

- Has made five starts as a professional with lone made-cut at 3M Open (T58)
- A four-time All-American at USC and former top-ranked amateur in the world
- 2018 Pac-12 Player of the Year, 2019 Pac-12 Scholar Athlete of the Year
- From San Jose, California

Ho Sung Choi

- 45-year-old South Korean set to make third PGA TOUR start (2019 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, 2019 John Deere Classic)
- Member of Japan Golf Tour, won the Casio World Open in November of 2018 and has earned notoriety for his idiosyncratic swing nicknamed "The Fisherman Swing"

Andrea Pavan

- 30-year-old Italian is a two-time winner on European Tour (2018 D+D Real Czech Masters, 2019 BMW International Open)
- Has made three previous starts on PGA TOUR (2014 U.S. Open/MC, 2018 WGC-HSBC Champions/T22, 2019 The Open/MC)
- Won Italian Amateur Strokeplay Championship at age 16
- Member of Texas A&M team which won 2009 NCAA Men's Golf Championship
- Finished T6 while representing Italy (with Renato Paratore) at 2018 ISPS Handa Melbourne World Cup of Golf

Additional Player Notes

- After advancing to the FedExCup Playoffs 11 years in a row (2007-17), **Bill Haas**, the 2011 FedExCup champion and currently No. 137, looks to avoid missing the Playoffs for the second consecutive season

- With 22 points in the third round in 2018, **Chad Campbell** tied Kyle Reifers (R4/2015) for the most points in a single round since the Barracuda Championship went to the Modified Stableford scoring format in 2012
- In the 2018 Barracuda Championship, **Sam Saunders** played in the final pairing on Sunday. Despite being one of 11 players to lose points in the final round, he finished T7 at +34 while seeking his first TOUR win in 122 starts and moved from 124th to 120th in the FedExCup, where he eventually finished the season. Saunders currently sits No. 167 in the FedExCup
- **J.J. Henry** seeks a return to the FedExCup Playoffs for the first time since 2017 when he finished No. 125. Henry, No. 200 heading into the Barracuda Championship, counts wins in 2012 and 2015 among his five top-10 results in 14 starts in Reno
- Union High School graduate **Alistair Docherty** won the 2019 Reno Open, earning a spot in the field this week. The Canadian-born 25 -year-old makes his PGA TOUR debut
- **Jim Herman** won last week's Barbasol Championship, his second PGA TOUR title, while establishing a new 72-hole scoring record at the Barbasol Championship (26-under 262). Herman moved to No. 134 in the FedExCup

Barracuda Championship and the Modified Stableford scoring format

The Barracuda Championship changed its format from stroke play to Modified Stableford in 2012, a format not utilized on the PGA TOUR since The INTERNATIONAL ended after 2006. The Modified Stableford scoring system allocates points based on the number of strokes taken at each hole, with the goal of achieving the highest overall number of points. The tournament includes a traditional 36-hole cut of low 70 and ties. The following is a breakdown of how points are awarded in a Modified Stableford scoring system:

Score	Points
Double eagle	+8 points
Eagle	+5 points
Birdie	+2 points
Par	0 points
Bogey	-1 point
Double bogey or worse	-3 points

Barracuda Bonus

- For the fourth consecutive season, the Barracuda Bonus is a \$50,000 charitable donation given in the name of the player who collects the most Modified Stableford points on the par-5 18th hole at Montreux G&CC over the course of the four competitive rounds. One-half of the \$50,000 will go to charity or charities in the Reno-Tahoe area while the other \$25,000 will go to a charity of the player's choice. Additionally, \$100,000 will be donated to charity for the first player to record an albatross at No. 18
- In 2018, sponsor exemption and former University of Nevada standout Grant Booth won the Barracuda Bonus. Booth earned 14 points on the hole with his eagle-birdie-birdie-eagle results for the week
- In 2017, Seamus Power won the Barracuda Bonus with 11 points, two clear of Vaughn Taylor, Daniel Summerhays and Chris Stroud
- In 2016, Sam Saunders and Greg Chalmers split the Barracuda Bonus via the fact that both had eagles at the last, the best of the five players tied at 11 points. In Sunday's final round, Rhein Gibson sank his second shot on the par-5 18th from 176 yards, picking up 8 points and the \$100,000 charity bonus. The only other albatross recorded in tournament history was by Shiv Kapur in the second round in 2010, when the hole was played as No. 9. The nines were reversed one year later

Barracuda Championship Notes

- The International (1986-2006) was the only other event in modern PGA TOUR history to employ the Modified Stableford scoring format
- 10 players have made the Barracuda Championship their first TOUR win: Notah Begay III (1999), Chris Riley (2002), Vaughn Taylor (2004), Will MacKenzie (2006), Parker McLachlin (2008), Matt Bettencourt (2009), Scott Piercy (2011), Greg Chalmers (2016), Chris Stroud (2017) and Andrew Putnam (2018)
- Since the event began in 1999, U.S.-born players have won every Barracuda Championship, with the exception of Australians Geoff Ogilvy (2014) and Greg Chalmers (2016)
- The 72-hole tournament record is 49 points by Geoff Ogilvy (2014)
- Two-time winners of the Barracuda Championship; Vaughn Taylor (2004, 2005), J.J. Henry (2012, 2015)
- There have been five playoffs in Barracuda Championship history (2000, 2002, 2004, 2015, 2017)
- The 54-hole leader/co-leader of the Barracuda Championship has gone on to victory 13 times in the 20-year history of the event, most recently Andrew Putnam (2018)
- Montreux G&CC is the second-highest course on current PGA TOUR schedule. According to ShotLink mapping data, the lowest part of Montreux G&CC is 5,476 above sea level and the highest part is 5,952 above sea level. As

a comparison, Chapultepec GC, host of WGC-Mexico Championship, is in the range of 7,603 – 7,835 feet above sea level

- Montreux G&CC is one of three Jack Nicklaus designs on the PGA TOUR in 2018-19 (four, if Nicklaus' re-design of PGA National Resort & Spa/The Honda Classic is included). Other Nicklaus courses to host events on TOUR this season include the Jack Nicklaus Tournament Course at PGA West/Desert Classic and Muirfield Village GC/the Memorial Tournament

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Significant changes for PGA TOUR in 2018-19

1. The new schedule – with an improved flow, from start-to-finish, will allow fans to better follow and engage in the PGA TOUR all season long. THE PLAYERS move to March and the PGA Championship move to May has created a "Season of Championships" -- with six straight months of significant events starting with THE PLAYERS, bookended by the FedExCup Playoffs in August.
2. The FedExCup Playoffs – which have been reduced from four to three events beginning this season and will conclude before Labor Day, allowing the TOUR to compete to own the August sports calendar – will feature fields of 125 for THE NORTHERN TRUST, 70 for the BMW Championship and 30 for the TOUR Championship, where the FedExCup Champion will be determined.
3. A simplified, strokes-based scoring system at the TOUR Championship that crowns a singular champion. Instead of a points reset at the TOUR Championship, the TOUR is instituting a strokes-based system related to the FedExCup standings through the BMW Championship. The scoring system virtually replicates the win probabilities of the current system but uses strokes instead of points – which is much easier for golf fans, and the casual sports fan, to understand. The leader through the first two FedExCup Playoffs events will begin the TOUR Championship at 10-under par. The next four players will start at -8 through -5, respectively. The next five will begin at -4, regressing by one stroke per five players until players 26-30 start at even par. With the implementation of this change, the player with the lowest total score including FedExCup Starting Strokes will be the FedExCup champion and be credited with an official victory in the TOUR Championship. Two constants will the drama and the crowning of a deserving champion seen over the first 12 years of the FedExCup. Using next year's scoring at the 2018 TOUR Championship, Justin Rose – thanks to a birdie on the 72nd hole -- would have captured the FedExCup by a single shot over Tiger Woods, Billy Horschel and Dustin Johnson.
4. A \$10 million Wyndham Rewards-sponsored bonus – the Wyndham Rewards Top 10 -- where players will be rewarded for their outstanding play during the Regular Season, prior to the start of the FedExCup Playoffs. The top Regular Season finisher in FedExCup points through the Wyndham Championship will earn \$2 million, followed by \$1.5 million for the runner-up with the 10th-place finisher earning \$500,000. Dustin Johnson led last year's FedExCup standings through the Wyndham Championship, just 83 points ahead of Justin Thomas.
5. Including the Wyndham Rewards Top 10, there will be a doubling of FedExCup total bonus money available to players, from \$35 million to \$70 million.