



**2019 BMW Championship Pre-Tournament Notes**

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**Dates:** August 12-18, 2019

**Where:** Medinah, Illinois

**Course:** Medinah Country Club No. 3 (36-36—72/7,613 yards)

**Field size:** 69 (Kevin Na)

**Defending champion:** Keegan Bradley

**Purse:** \$9,250,000 (\$1,665,000/winner)

**FedExCup:** 2,000 points to the winner

**Format:** 72-hole stroke play

**Things to know**

- As the second of three events in the FedExCup Playoffs, the BMW Championship is the final opportunity for players outside the top 30 to qualify for the TOUR Championship
- Brooks Koepka enters the BMW Championship in the No. 1 position in the FedExCup standings
- Four players played their way into BMW Championship following THE NORTHERN TRUST: Harold Varner III, Troy Merritt, Wyndham Clark, Joaquin Niemann
- Phil Mickelson is the only player to qualify for the BMW Championship every year during the FedExCup era
- Tiger Woods is in search of PGA TOUR victory No. 82, which would tie Sam Snead for the most all-time; Woods won two of his 15 major championships at Medinah Country Club – the PGA Championship in 1999 (by one over Sergio Garcia) and 2006 (by five over Shaun Micheel)
- This week marks the final week for players to move into the top eight in the Presidents Cup standings. After the top eight earn their spots on their respective teams following the BMW Championship on Sunday, August 18, International Team Captain Ernie Els and U.S. Team Captain Tiger Woods will have the opportunity to each make four additional Captains’ selections following the conclusion of the World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions in November.
- 22 players in the field previously competed in previous events held at Medinah; 1999 PGA Championship, 2006 PGA Championship and the 2012 Ryder Cup;

<b>22 players in the 2019 BMW Championship field competed at Medinah previously</b>			
	<b>1999 PGA Championship (3)</b>	<b>2006 PGA Championship (15)</b>	<b>2012 Ryder Cup (13)</b>
Bradley, Keegan			2012 Ryder Cup
Casey, Paul		2006 PGA Championship (MC)	
Furyk, Jim	1999 PGA Championship (T8)	2006 PGA Championship (T29)	2012 Ryder Cup
Glover, Lucas		2006 PGA Championship (T46)	
Holmes, J.B.		2006 PGA Championship (T37)	
Howell III, Charles		2006 PGA Championship (MC)	
Johnson, Dustin			2012 Ryder Cup
Kuchar, Matt			2012 Ryder Cup
McDowell, Graeme		2006 PGA Championship (T37)	2012 Ryder Cup
McIlroy, Rory			2012 Ryder Cup
Mickelson, Phil	1999 PGA Championship (T57)	2006 PGA Championship (T16)	2012 Ryder Cup
Molinari, Francesco			2012 Ryder Cup
Moore, Ryan		2006 PGA Championship (T9)	
Palmer, Ryan		2006 PGA Championship (T49)	
Poulter, Ian		2006 PGA Championship (T9)	2012 Ryder Cup
Rose, Justin		2006 PGA Championship (T41)	2012 Ryder Cup
Sabbatini, Rory		2006 PGA Championship (MC)	
Scott, Adam		2006 PGA Championship (T3)	
Simpson, Webb			2012 Ryder Cup
Snedeker, Brandt			2012 Ryder Cup
Taylor, Vaughn		2006 PGA Championship (MC)	
Woods, Tiger	1999 PGA Championship (won)	2006 PGA Championship (Won)	2012 Ryder Cup

### Notes on the field

- The top 70 in the FedExCup standings qualified for the BMW Championship
- Eight FedExCup champions: Tiger Woods (2007, 2009), Jim Furyk (2010), Brandt Snedeker (2012), Billy Horschel (2014), Jordan Spieth (2015), Rory McIlroy (2016), Justin Thomas (2017), Justin Rose (2018)
- Of the top 25 players in the Official World Golf Ranking, only No. 25 Bubba Watson failed to qualify for the BMW Championship: Brooks Koepka (1), Dustin Johnson (2), Rory McIlroy (3), Justin Rose (4), Jon Rahm (5), Tiger Woods (6), Francesco Molinari (7), Bryson DeChambeau (8), Patrick Cantlay (9), Justin Thomas (10), Xander Schauffele (11), Webb Simpson (12), Tommy Fleetwood (13), Tony Finau (14), Patrick Reed (15), Gary Woodland (16), Adam Scott (17), Rickie Fowler (18), Matt Kuchar (19), Shane Lowry (20), Paul Casey (21), Jason Day (22), Louis Oosthuizen (23), Marc Leishman (24).

### The BMW Championship and the FedExCup

- New in 2019, the top 70 players in the FedExCup standings following THE NORTHERN TRUST advanced to the BMW Championship; when there were four Playoffs events, the top 70 was determined at the Dell Technologies Championship
- On three occasions a player won the BMW Championship en route to winning the FedExCup (Tiger Woods in 2007 and 2009, Billy Horschel in 2014)
- Justin Rose is currently No. 12 in the standings in his attempt to become the first FedExCup champion to defend his title
- Keegan Bradley finished No. 8 in the final 2017-18 FedExCup standings following his BMW Championship win; he is currently ranked No. 66
- Current FedExCup standings below:

Pos.	Player	Points	Wins	Top-10s	Points Behind	Starts
1	Brooks Koepka	2,980	3	8	--	19
2	Patrick Reed	2,774	1	4	206	23
3	Rory McIlroy	2,670	2	13	310	17
4	Matt Kuchar	2,313	2	8	667	20
5	Jon Rahm	2,097	1	11	883	18
6	Patrick Cantlay	1,957	1	8	1,023	19
7	Xander Schauffele	1,858	2	5	1,122	19
8	Abraham Ancer	1,822	0	4	1,158	25
9	Gary Woodland	1,820	1	8	1,160	22
10	Dustin Johnson	1,819	1	7	1,161	17

### Players on the TOUR Championship bubble

Pos.	Player	Points
25	Shane Lowry	1,162
26	Sungjae Im	1,161
27	Corey Connors	1,126
28	Louis Oosthuizen	1,109
29	Harold Varner III	1,108
30	Andrew Putnam	1,100
31	Ryan Palmer	1,096
32	Jason Kokrak	1,082
33	Hideki Matsuyama	1,061
34	Francesco Molinari	1,061
35	Scott Piercy	1,038

### Players who moved inside the top 70 at THE NORTHERN TRUST

Player	FEC Before	Result at TNT	Current FEC
Harold Varner III	102	T3	29
Troy Merritt	72	T12	59
Wyndham Clark	90	T18	68
Joaquin Niemann	74	T30	70

**Players who entered the BMW Championship outside the cutoff for the TOUR Championship and went on to qualify**

	Entering BMW	Player	Thru BMW	FEC Finish
2018	52 <sup>nd</sup>	Keegan Bradley	6 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>
2018	41 <sup>st</sup>	Xander Schauffele	18 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>
2017	39 <sup>th</sup>	Tony Finau	24 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup>
2017	34 <sup>th</sup>	Sergio Garcia	25 <sup>th</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup>
2017	32 <sup>nd</sup>	Xander Schauffele	26 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
2017	41 <sup>st</sup>	Patrick Cantlay	29 <sup>th</sup>	29 <sup>th</sup>
2016	53 <sup>rd</sup>	Roberto Castro	21 <sup>st</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup>
2016	43 <sup>rd</sup>	Charl Schwartzel	30 <sup>th</sup>	25 <sup>th</sup>
2016	42 <sup>nd</sup>	J.B. Holmes	28 <sup>th</sup>	30 <sup>th</sup>
2016	31 <sup>st</sup>	Daniel Berger	26 <sup>th</sup>	26 <sup>th</sup>
2015	46 <sup>th</sup>	Daniel Berger	9 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>
2015	44 <sup>th</sup>	Scott Piercy	20 <sup>th</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup>
2015	34 <sup>th</sup>	Kevin Na	27 <sup>th</sup>	25 <sup>th</sup>
2015	32 <sup>nd</sup>	Harris English	30 <sup>th</sup>	28 <sup>th</sup>
2014	68 <sup>th</sup>	Morgan Hoffmann	21 <sup>st</sup>	26 <sup>th</sup>
2014	37 <sup>th</sup>	Ryan Palmer	23 <sup>rd</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup>
2013	54 <sup>th</sup>	Luke Donald	29 <sup>th</sup>	28 <sup>th</sup>
2013	34 <sup>th</sup>	Nick Watney	12 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>
2012	31 <sup>st</sup>	Robert Garrigus	20 <sup>th</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup>
2012	35 <sup>th</sup>	Ryan Moore	28 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>
2011	69 <sup>th</sup>	Geoff Ogilvy	24 <sup>th</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup>
2011	55 <sup>th</sup>	John Senden	9 <sup>th</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup>
2011	34 <sup>th</sup>	Justin Rose	3 <sup>rd</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
2010	58 <sup>th</sup>	Ryan Moore	26 <sup>th</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup>
2010	52 <sup>nd</sup>	K.J. Choi	23 <sup>rd</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>
2010	41 <sup>st</sup>	Kevin Na	20 <sup>th</sup>	26 <sup>th</sup>
2010	33 <sup>rd</sup>	Camilo Villegas	25 <sup>th</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup>
2009	67 <sup>th</sup>	Marc Leishman	16 <sup>th</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup>
2009	32 <sup>nd</sup>	Luke Donald	28 <sup>th</sup>	30 <sup>th</sup>
2008	67 <sup>th</sup>	Dudley Hart	14 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
2008	35 <sup>th</sup>	D.J. Trahan	25 <sup>th</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup>
2007	32 <sup>nd</sup>	Stewart Cink	24 <sup>th</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup>
2007	33 <sup>rd</sup>	Tim Clark	27 <sup>th</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup>
2007	34 <sup>th</sup>	Camilo Villegas	28 <sup>th</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup>

**Players who moved into the top 30 via the BMW Championship multiple times**

- Camilo Villegas (2007, 2010)
- Luke Donald (2009, 2013)
- Kevin Na (2010, 2015)
- Ryan Moore (2010, 2012)
- Daniel Berger (2015, 2016)
- Xander Schauffele (2017, 2018)

### **Rookies in the FedExCup Playoffs**

Five of the eight rookies who qualified for the 2019 FedExCup Playoffs remain:

- Sungjae Im (No. 26)
- Collin Morikawa (No. 57)
- Cameron Champ (No. 58)
- Adam Long (No. 65)
- Wyndham Clark (No. 68)
- Matthew Wolff (eliminated after THE NORTHERN TRUST)
- K.H. Lee (eliminated after THE NORTHERN TRUST)
- Sepp Straka (eliminated after THE NORTHERN TRUST)

12 rookies in the FedExCup era (since 2007) have qualified for the TOUR Championship:

- 2018 – Aaron Wise (24)
- 2017 – Xander Schauffele (3), Patrick Cantlay (29)
- 2016 – Emiliano Grillo (11), Si Woo Kim (17)
- 2015 – Daniel Berger (11)
- 2013 – Jordan Spieth (7)
- 2012 – John Huh (29)
- 2011 – Keegan Bradley (20)
- 2009 – Marc Leishman (20)
- 2008 – Andres Romero (28)
- 2007 – Brandt Snedeker (20)

In addition to the eight rookies qualifying for the FedExCup Playoffs, 12 additional players qualified for the Playoffs for the first time, with five advancing to the BMW Championship:

- Corey Connors (No. 27)
- Nate Lashley (No. 54)
- Max Homa (No. 56)
- Dylan Frittelli (No. 60)
- Joaquin Niemann (No. 70)
- Adam Schenk (eliminated)
- Kiradech Aphibarnrat (eliminated)
- Sam Burns (eliminated)
- Talor Gooch (eliminated)
- Denny McCarthy (eliminated)
- Sebastian Munoz (eliminated)
- Roger Sloan (eliminated)

### **Players who have advanced to the FedExCup Playoffs each season**

Nine players have qualified for the FedExCup Playoffs in each season since the inception of the FedExCup in 2007. Only Phil Mickelson (No. 46) has qualified for the BMW Championship each season.

- Matt Kuchar (No. 4)
- Justin Rose (No. 12)
- Adam Scott (No. 14)
- Brandt Snedeker (No. 22)
- Charles Howell III (No. 23)
- Phil Mickelson (No. 46)
- Ryan Moore (No. 49)
- Bubba Watson (eliminated)
- Charley Hoffman (eliminated)

### **Longest active streaks qualifying for the TOUR Championship**

- 10 – Dustin Johnson (since 2009)
- 6 – Jason Day (since 2013)

## BMW Championship results by FedExCup Champions

Year	Player	BMW result
2018	Justin Rose	P2
2017	Justin Thomas	T47
2016	Rory McIlroy	T42
2015	Jordan Spieth	T13
<b>2014</b>	<b>Billy Horschel</b>	<b>Won</b>
2013	Henrik Stenson	T33
2012	Brandt Snedeker	T37
2011	Bill Haas	T16
2010	Jim Furyk	T15
<b>2009</b>	<b>Tiger Woods</b>	<b>Won</b>
2008	Vijay Singh	T44
<b>2007</b>	<b>Tiger Woods</b>	<b>Won</b>

## A look back at the 2018 BMW Championship

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
P1	Keegan Bradley	66	64	66	64	260 (-20)
P2	Justin Rose	66	63	64	67	260 (-20)
T3	Billy Horschel	64	67	66	64	261 (-19)
T3	Xander Schauffele	63	64	67	67	261 (-19)
5	Rory McIlroy	62	69	63	68	262 (-18)

- Keegan Bradley defeated 54-hole leader Justin Rose with a par-4 on the first extra hole (No. 18) to win the 2018 BMW Championship; he overcame a three-stroke deficit in the final round with a 6-under 64 to force the playoff
- Bradley's win came in his 209th start on the PGA TOUR at the age of 32 years, 3 months, 3 days
- Victory came in his 161<sup>st</sup> start since winning the 2012 WGC-Bridgestone Invitational
- Despite the loss, Rose moved to No. 1 in the OWGR for the first time in his career; 22<sup>nd</sup> player to reach the No. 1 position
- Bradley and Xander Schauffele played their way into the TOUR Championship via the BMW Championship
- Jordan Spieth and Emiliano Grillo fell out of the top 30 and failed to advance to the TOUR Championship, leading to Spieth missing the Playoffs Finale for the first time
- Marc Leishman finished T41 in his bid to become the first player to win this event in successive years in the FedExCup era

## Player notes – Top four in the FedExCup standings

### No. 1 – Brooks Koepka

#### Entering the week

#1	FedExCup
#1	OWGR
4	Start at BMW Championship
2	Top-25s at BMW Championship
123	PGA TOUR starts
7	PGA TOUR wins
38	PGA TOUR Top-10s
19	PGA TOUR starts in 2018-19
3	Wins in 2018-19
8	Top-10s in 2018-19

**Wins (7):** 2015 Waste Management Phoenix Open, 2017 U.S. Open, 2018 PGA Championship, 2018 U.S. Open, 2018 The CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES, 2019 PGA Championship, 2019 WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational

- Took the lead in the FedExCup standings for the first time in his career following The Open Championship (T4)
- Earned third win of the season and first World Golf Championships title at the WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational
- First three-win season of his career and only player with three wins in the 2018-19 season
- Became the fifth player to win a World Golf Championships event and a major in the same season, joining Tiger Woods (1999-2002, 2005-2008), Geoff Ogilvy (2006), Rory McIlroy (2014) and Dustin Johnson (2016)
- Recently wrapped up the top prize in the Wyndham Rewards Top 10 (\$2 million) and Aon Risk Reward Challenge (\$1 million)
- Has two career top-10s in 15 starts in the FedExCup Playoffs (6th/2017 TOUR Championship, T8/2018 THE NORTHERN TRUST)

- Has advanced to the TOUR Championship three times highlighted by ninth-place result in the FedExCup in 2017-18

## **No. 2 – Patrick Reed**

### **Entering the week**

#2	FedExCup
#15	OWGR
6	Start at BMW Championship
0	Top-10s at BMW Championship (best finish T13 in 2016)
202	PGA TOUR starts
7	PGA TOUR wins
39	PGA TOUR Top-10s
23	PGA TOUR starts in 2018-19
1	Win in 2018-19
4	Top-10s in 2018-19

**Wins (7):** 2013 Wyndham Championship, 2014 Desert Classic, 2014 World Golf Championships-Mexico Championship, 2015 Sentry Tournament of Champions, 2016 THE NORTHERN TRUST, 2018 Masters Tournament, 2019 THE NORTHERN TRUST

- Won seventh PGA TOUR title last week at THE NORTHERN TRUST in his 202<sup>nd</sup> start at 29 years, 6 days
- Won THE NORTHERN TRUST for the second time, becoming the seventh player with multiple victories at the event (Vijay Singh/4, Jack Nicklaus/2, Seve Ballesteros/2, Ernie Els/2, Sergio Garcia/2, Dustin Johnson/2). Also won in 2016 at Bethpage (Black Course)
- With his win at Liberty National, has converted five of seven 54-hole lead/co-leads on TOUR (previous: 2018 Masters Tournament)
- Owns four top-10 finishes this season (T7/WGC-HSBC Champions, T5/Rocket Mortgage Classic, 10<sup>th</sup>/The Open Championship, 1<sup>st</sup>/THE NORTHERN TRUST)
- Is a lock to reach the TOUR Championship for the sixth consecutive season

## **No. 3 – Rory McIlroy**

### **Entering the week**

#3	FedExCup
#3	OWGR
8	Start at BMW Championship
1	Wins at BMW Championship (2012, Crooked Stick)
4	Top-10s at BMW Championship
166	PGA TOUR starts
16	PGA TOUR wins
80	PGA TOUR Top-10s
17	PGA TOUR starts in 2018-19
2	Wins in 2018-19
13	Top-10s in 2018-19

**Wins (16):** 2010 Wells Fargo Championship, 2011 U.S. Open, 2012 The Honda Classic, 2012 PGA Championship, 2012 Dell Technologies Championship, 2012 BMW Championship, 2014 The Open Championship, 2014 World Golf Championships-Bridgestone Invitational, 2014 PGA Championship, 2015 World Golf Championships-Dell Technologies Match Play, 2015 Wells Fargo Championship, 2016 Deutsche Bank Championship, 2016 TOUR Championship, 2017 Arnold Palmer Invitational, 2019 THE PLAYERS Championship, 2019 RBC Canadian Open

- Leads the PGA TOUR in top-10s (13)
- Two wins during the 2018-19 season (THE PLAYERS Championship, RBC Canadian Open)
- Four career wins in the FedExCup Playoffs, tied with Dustin Johnson and Tiger Woods for the most all-time (2012 Dell Technologies Championship, 2012 BMW Championship, 2016 Dell Technologies Championship, 2016 TOUR Championship)
- With his win at THE PLAYERS Championship in 2019, joined Tiger Woods and Henrik Stenson as the only players to win at least one FedExCup, THE PLAYERS, a major and a World Golf Championships event
- Became the sixth player in PGA TOUR history to win the U.S. Open, The Open Championship and the RBC Canadian Open (Tommy Armour, Walter Hagen, Arnold Palmer, Lee Trevino, Tiger Woods, Rory McIlroy)
- With his win at the RBC Canadian Open, claimed his sixth different national Open title – UBS Hong Kong Open (2011), U.S. Open (2011), Emirates Australian Open (2013), The Open Championship (2014), Dubai Duty Free Irish Open Hosted by the Rory Foundation (2016), RBC Canadian Open (2019)
- 2016 FedExCup Champion

## **No. 4 – Matt Kuchar**

### **Entering the week**

#4	FedExCup
#19	OWGR
10	Start at BMW Championship
4	Top-10s at BMW Championship
446	PGA TOUR starts
9	PGA TOUR wins
106	PGA TOUR Top-10s
20	PGA TOUR starts in 2018-19
2	Wins in 2018-19
8	Top-10s in 2018-19

**Wins (9):** 2002 The Honda Classic, 2009 Turning Stone Resort Championship, 2010 THE NORTHERN TRUST, 2012 THE PLAYERS Championship, 2013 World Golf Championships-Dell Technologies Match Play, 2013 the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide, 2014 RBC Heritage, 2018 Mayakoba Golf Classic, 2019 Sony Open in Hawaii

- Two-time winner during the 2018-19 season (Mayakoba Golf Classic, Sony Open in Hawaii)
- Collected ninth PGA TOUR victory at the 2019 Sony Open in Hawaii at the age of 40 years, 6 months, 23 days
- Multiple-win season is second of career (2013/WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play, the Memorial Tournament)
- One of four multiple winners this season, joining Brooks Koepka, Xander Schauffele and Rory McIlroy
- Held the lead in the FedExCup standings for a 16-week stretch during the Regular Season, the longest streak this season
- Missed the TOUR Championship in 2018 for the first time since 2009