

# BMW Championship 2007

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## **Tiger Woods sets a record with BMW Championship victory**

World Number One secures his 60<sup>th</sup> PGA TOUR title and leads Playoff series

**Chicago.** World Number One Tiger Woods became the inaugural winner of the BMW Championship 2007 yesterday with a remarkable final-day round of 63, which swept him to a record 22 under par total, two strokes clear of Australian Aaron Baddeley.

Securing the title at the Cog Hill Golf & Country Club in Chicago took Woods to the top of the FedEx-Cup leaderboard and, with one tournament left in the playoff series, leaves him favourite to win the \$10-million prize.

The BMW Championship 2007 victory was Woods' fourth at this tournament, which was known as the Western Open before becoming the BMW Championship. Woods joins Willie Anderson (1902, 1904, 1908, and 1909) and Billy Casper (1965, 1966, 1969 and 1973) as the only four-time winners. He is poised to challenge Walter Hagen, the only player to have won the title five times (1916, 1921, 1926, 1927 and 1932). The victory also marked the 60th PGA TOUR title Woods has won in his 12 years of professional golf. "I never could have foreseen that," Woods said. "I've exceeded my expectations and it's been a lot of fun ..."

A total of 140,000 fans thronged the Dubs dread course during the BMW Championship and were treated to a superb display of golf from 65 of the world's best players. On the final day, they were able to watch a masterclass from Woods as he went blow for blow with Aaron Baddeley and Steve Stricker. The turning point came with a birdie on the 13<sup>th</sup>, which took Woods into sole possession of the lead, a position he never relinquished for the remaining five holes.

"We believe that the inaugural BMW Championship has been a rewarding and enjoyable experience for players and fans alike. Even though the week started out with some rainy weather, the skies turned to blue in time for the weekend and we saw a terrific bump in attendance on Saturday and Sunday. The competition has been strong and fans have been able to see some of the world's best golfers on one of the finest courses in the U.S. – Cog Hill. It has been a pleasure working with our good friends at the PGA Tour and Western Golf

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Association and we look forward to continued success with the BMW Championship in the years to come.", said Tom Purves, Chairman and CEO of BMW (US) Holding Corp.

6,000 visitors were entertained at the innovative Earth Lounge showcasing the sustainability strategy of the BMW Group and 167 took test drives in BMW Hydrogen 7 cars. BMW Championship Merchandise was completely sold out by Friday.

Woods, who missed only two fairways on the weekend rounds and carded 67, 67, 65 and 63 for the championship, added \$1.26 million to his season's winnings, taking his total to over \$9 million for 2007. Baddeley took home \$756,000 for his 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish, while Steve Stricker won \$476,000 for finishing 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Afterwards, Woods commented: "This tournament has been very special to me. I got an exemption to play here as an amateur. I ended up making my first cut ever on the PGA TOUR here. I have somehow always played well here and I've enjoyed the atmosphere."

The BMW Championship was the third and penultimate tournament in the FedEx-Cup playoff series making its debut this year. Of the 144 players who qualified for the playoffs, the field was cut to 70 for the BMW Championship and is further cut to 30 for the decider.

Heading into the finale at the PGA TOUR Championship in Atlanta, Georgia, Woods tops the points, followed by Stricker, Phil Mickelson, K.J. Choi and Rory Sabbatini. Statistically, only those five are in with a chance of winning the playoff prize.

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