



2013 Farmers Insurance Open

(The 4th of 36 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

La Jolla, Calif. Torrey Pines Golf Course South Course (Host) North Course Purse: \$6,100,000 (\$1,098,000 to the winner)

500 FedExCup points to winner Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,668 Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,052

First-Round Notes – Thursday, January 24, 2013

Weather: Cloudy skies, with light rain throughout the day. Winds WSW 5-10 mph.

Jan. 21-27, 2013

First-Round Leaderboard

Brandt Snedeker 65 (-7)/NC K.J. Choi 65 (-7)/SC Ross Fisher 66 (-6)/NC Adam Hadwin 66 (-6)/NC Billy Horschel 66 (-6)/NC Charles Howell III 66 (-6)/NC Luke List 66 (-6)/NC Scott Stallings 66 (-6)/NC Josh Teater 66 (-6)/SC Mike Weir 66 (-6)/NC

The last player to convert a first-round lead into victory at the Farmers Insurance Open was George Burns in 1987. Burns opened with a 9-under 63 and won by four.

First-Round Leader Notes

Brandt Snedeker

Defending Farmers Insurance Open champion Brandt Snedeker opened with a bogey-free, 7-under 65 on the North Course Thursday. Dating to his rookie year of 2007 (seven rounds), Snedeker is now 28-under on the North Course at Torrey Pines. In the first round of his first start in this event of 2007, Snedeker fired an 11-under 61 on the North Course (a course-record tie).

Snedeker is making his seventh start at the Farmers Insurance Open. In addition to last year's win at Torrey Pines, other top-10s include a T9 in 2011, a T2 in 2010 and third-place finish in 2007. His lone missed cut in this event came in 2008.

Snedeker is making his third start of the season, as the 2012 FedExCup champion seeks his fifth career PGA TOUR title. Snedeker finished T3 at the Hyundai Tournament of Champions and T27 at last week's Humana Challenge.

Snedeker has previously held just one 18-hole lead, which was at the 2007 Farmers Insurance Open, following his opening-round, 11-under 61. He finished third. Today's 18-hole lead is his 11th overall, after any round.

K.J. Choi

South Korea's K.J. Choi opened with 7-under 65 on the South Course, the low round of the day on that course, to take a share of the first-round lead with defending champion Brandt Snedeker.

Choi is making his 11th start at the Farmers insurance Open, with a best finish of T15 in 2010. Choi is making his second start of the season this week, following a missed cut at the Sony Open in Hawaii.

Choi is in search of his ninth career PGA TOUR win and first since the 2011 PLAYERS Championship.

This is Choi's seventh 18-hole lead. Of the previous six, he has parlayed three into wins. Today's 7-under 65 is good for his 20th lead after any round.





Charles Howell III

Following his playoff loss last week to Brian Gay at the Humana Challenge, Charles Howell III opened the Farmers Insurance Open with a 6-under 66.

Howell has finished in the top-5 in both of his previous starts this season (T3/Sony Open in Hawaii, P2 Humana Challenge).

Dating to the second round of the Justin Timberlake Shriners Hospitals for Children Open, Howell is 23/25 for sub-par rounds. Of the nine he has played this year, he has yet to post a score worse than 67.

Howell is making his 11 consecutive start in the Farmers Insurance open this week, dating to 2003, and has never missed a cut. Two of Howell's 14 runner-up finishes on TOUR have come in this event. He finished solo-second in 2007 and T2 in 2005.

Mike Weir

Playing out of the top 25 in career money category, Mike Weir opened the 2013 Farmers Insurance Open with a 6-under 66 on the North Course. He'll begin round two just one stroke back.

At last week's Humana Challenge, a triple-bogey seven on his 36th hole was the difference between making and missing the cut. He also missed the cut a week earlier at the Sony Open in Hawaii in his first start of the season.

Weir's 2012 season was marred by 14 missed cuts in 14 starts. In 2011, the 2003 Masters champion made just two cuts in 15 starts. His lone top-10 finish since 2010 came in the form of sixth-place honors at the Humana Challenge in 2010.

Through seven rounds this season, Weir is now 13-under through six rounds.

Mike Weir is one of just two players in the top-10 after round one to start the week on the South Course. Josh Teater was the other (66).

Adam Hadwin

Monday Qualifier Adam Hadwin opened with a bogey-free, 6-under 66 on the North Course at the Farmers Insurance Open.

From Abbotsford, British Columbia, Canada the 25 year-old Hadwin is making his eighth career start on the PGA TOUR this week, and first at the Farmers insurance Open. In his lone start on TOUR last year, Hadwin missed the cut at the RBC Canadian Open.

Hadwin was a full-time member of last year's Web.com Tour, having amassed a pair of third-place finishes in 25 starts, including a T3 at the Web.com Tour Championship in October. He finished 30th on the Web.com Tour money list.

Josh Teater

Making his fourth consecutive start at the Farmers Insurance Open, Josh Teater posted a 6-under 66 on the South Course.

Teater is making his third start of the season, coming off a T15 at the Sony Open in Hawaii and a missed cut at last week's Humana Challenge.

Teater, who has made it to the FedExCup Playoffs the last three seasons, remains in search of his first PGA TOUR in in his 96th career PGA TOUR start this week.

Tiger Woods

En route to a 4-under 68 on the South Course, six-time Farmers Insurance Open winner Tiger Woods followed a double-bogey six at No. 4 on the South Course with a birdie-eagle rebound on Nos. 5 and 6. He will begin round two three strokes back.

<u>Aces</u>

Tag Ridings made a hole-in-one at No. 3 on the South Course from 141 yards with a pitching wedge.

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First-Round Scoring Averages:

North Course – 70.064 South Course – 71.731

Hardest/Easiest Holes

Most difficult (North) – 490-yard, par 4 11th (4.269) Easiest (North) – 516-yard, par 5 18th (4.282) Most difficult (South) – 488-yard, par 4 4th (4.436) Easiest (South) – 560-yard, par-5 6th (4.487)

Bogey-free rounds:

R1 – Brand Snedeker (65), Adam Hadwin (66), Luke List (66), Billy Horschel (66), Peter Tomasulo (67), James Driscoll (68), Justin Leonard (68), Stuart Appleby (69), Casey Wittenberg (69).

2011 Farmers Insurance Open champion Bubba Watson withdrew prior to the start of the first round with flu-like symptoms. He was replaced by Billy Mayfair (74).

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