



## 2013 Northern Trust Open

(The 7<sup>th</sup> of 36 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

**Pacific Palisades, Calif.    Feb. 14-17, 2013    Purse: \$6,600,000 (\$1,188,000 to the winner)**  
**Riviera Country Club    Par/Yards: 35-36—71/7,349**

### Second-Round Notes – Friday, February 15, 2013

*Weather: Sunny, breezy and warm with temperatures reaching 77 degrees. Winds NE 8-12 mph.*

On Thursday, play was suspended at 5:43 p.m. due to darkness with 18 players still to complete their first round. The first round resumed at 7:20 a.m. on Friday and was completed at 8:14 a.m. The second-round started as scheduled.

**CUT:** 79 professionals at 2-over-par 144 from a field of 144 professionals.

#### Second-Round Leaderboard

Sang-Moon Bae	68-65—133 (-9)
Fredrik Jacobson	68-65—133 (-9)
John Merrick	68-66—134 (-8)
John Rollins	69-65—134 (-8)
Luke Donald	69-66—135 (-7)

#### Fredrik Jacobson

Jacobson is making his sixth start in the Northern Trust Open. His best finish here is T13 in 2012.

Fredrik Jacobson got into the World Golf Championships-Accenture Match Play Championship earlier this week when Brandt Snedeker withdrew. Jacobson is ranked No. 66 in the Official World Golf Ranking. It will be Jacobson's fourth start at the Accenture Match Play Championship. Fellow Swede Henrik Stenson won the Accenture Match Play Championship in 2007.

Jacobson's only other second-round lead/co-lead on TOUR was last year at the Travelers Championship where he finished T8.

Jacobson is one of eight Swedish-born players to win on the PGA TOUR, with Jesper Parnevik, Daniel Chopra, Gabriel Hjertstedt, Carl Pettersson, Richard S. Johnson, Jonas Blixt and Henrik Stenson.

#### Sang-Moon Bae

Bae is making his 34<sup>th</sup> career start on TOUR this week. His best finish is a playoff loss at the 2012 Transitions Championship. He is making his first start at the Northern Trust Open.

This is Bae's first lead after any round on TOUR.

Bae has now made the cut in all five of his starts on TOUR this season. He is looking for his first top-25 finish.

Last year as a rookie, Bae finished T5 at the WGC-Accenture Match Play Championship. It is the best finish by a Korean player at that event. Bae lost in the quarterfinals to Rory McIlroy, 3 and 2.

Bae reached No. 26 in the Official World Golf Ranking in 2011.

Bae is looking to join K.J. Choi, Y.E. Yang, Kevin Na and John Huh as the only South Koreans to win on TOUR.

The only players to win the Northern Trust Open in their first appearance are Harry Cooper (1926/first year of event), Danny Shute (1930), Tommy Bolt (1952), Pat Fitzsimons (1975) and Adam Scott (2005/unofficial win).

There have been eight players who made the Northern Trust Open their first victory on the PGA TOUR:

Victor Ghezzi, 1935  
Johnny Bulla, 1941  
Fred Wampler, 1954  
Phil Rodgers, 1962  
TC Chen, 1987  
Chip Beck, 1988  
Kirk Triplett, 2000  
Len Mattiace, 2002

### **John Merrick**

UCLA graduate and Long Beach, Calif., native John Merrick is making his sixth start in the Northern Trust Open. His best finish is T54 in 2010. In 14 rounds prior to this week at Riviera CC, Merrick only had three under-par rounds.

In interviews after his round, Merrick mentioned that he was aware that it was “USC Day” at the Northern Trust Open on Friday and that Saturday is “UCLA Day”.

Merrick is one of five UCLA alums in the Northern Trust Open field this week, joined by Corey Pavin (MC), Patrick Cantlay (MC), Kevin Chappell (MC) and Brandt Jobe (-1, T37).

Merrick finished No. 72 in the 2012 FedExCup standings. Merrick has qualified for the FedExCup Playoffs each of the first six years.

Merrick missed the cut in his first two starts this season at the Humana Challenge and Farmers Insurance Open. He finished T16 last week at the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am.

Merrick is looking for his first TOUR win in 169 starts. He has a pair of runner-up finishes on TOUR (2009 Humana Challenge and 2012 FedEx St. Jude Classic).

### **John Rollins**

Rollins has now made all five of his cuts this season to go with three top-25 finishes. He has 16 of 18 under-par rounds and 17 of 18 rounds at par-or-better this season.

Rollins is making his 11<sup>th</sup> start at the Northern Trust Open. He missed his last two cuts in 2011 and 2012. His best finish is T5 in 2006.

### **Luke Donald**

Donald is making his first start of 2013. This is the third consecutive time that Donald has started the season at the Northern Trust Open (2011/MC, 2012/T56).

Donald is making his 12<sup>th</sup> start at the Northern Trust Open, with a best finish of 2<sup>nd</sup> in 2010. His three top 10s in this event came in consecutive seasons (2008/T3, 2009/T6 and 2010/2<sup>nd</sup>).

Last year, Donald defeated Sang-Moon Bae and three other players in a playoff at the Tampa Bay Championship.

### **Additional Notes**

Last year on the Web.com Tour, James Hahn missed three of his four cuts to start the season. He has made his first six cuts on the PGA TOUR this season. Hahn has already made more money in five starts on the PGA TOUR than he did in 77 career starts on the Web.com Tour.

Northern Trust Open Exemption recipient Jeremiah Wooding (brother of the 2010 recipient) birdied the final two holes at twilight to shoot 5-under-par on the day and is 1-under-par for the tournament (T37).

### **Miscellaneous Notes**

The Northern Trust Open field includes four of the top five players in the current FedExCup standings. Here's a look at where they stand:

2	Brian Gay	MC
3	Phil Mickelson	138 (-4)
4	Dustin Johnson	MC
5	Russell Henley	MC

From the Official World Golf Ranking, 18 of the top 30 are in the field and 25 of the top 50, the most players from the top 30 and top 50 in a tournament field so far this year on TOUR.

Bogey-free rounds:

R1 – Matt Kuchar (64), Jesper Parnevik (71)

R2 – Bill Haas (67), Ernie Els (68), Trevor Immelman (69), Keegan Bradley (70).

Scoring Averages for the par-71 Riviera Country Club:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1	35.641	36.570	72.211	--
R2	35.181	36.304	71.486	71.854

The Northern Trust Open is excited to once again be part of Chevron's EAGLES FOR EDUCATION® program. Chevron's EAGLES FOR EDUCATION initiative will donate \$3,500 for every eagle scored during the Northern Trust Open. Each eagle will support 350 students through the Los Angeles Junior Chamber of Commerce and The First Tee. Chevron's goal is to raise \$100,000 over the course of the week. In addition to the funding provided, Chevron is also hosting more than 500 Los Angeles area students to the "STEM Zone" - a customized hospitality area dedicated to science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education. During the 2012 Northern Trust Open, Chevron's Eagles for Education program raised \$97,500.

Eagles in round one:  $16 \times \$3,500 = \$56,000$

Eagles in round two:  $21 \times \$3,500 = \$73,000$

Total:  $37 \times \$3,500 = \$129,000$

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