



2013 Northern Trust Open

(The 7th 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

Final Notes – Sunday, February 17, 2013

Weather: Partly cloudy turning to mostly sunny in the early afternoon. Temperatures reached a high of 65 degrees. Winds S 4-8 mph.

Final Leaderboard

John Merrick (won playoff)	68-66-70-69—273 (-11)
Charlie Beljan	67-71-68-67—273 (-11)
Fredrik Jacobson	68-65-72-69—274 (-10)
Charl Schwartzel	69-67-68-70—274 (-10)
Bill Haas	70-67-64-73—274 (-10)

John Merrick

UCLA graduate and Long Beach, Calif., native John Merrick won the Northern Trust Open in his sixth start at Riviera CC to become the first player from Los Angeles County to win the event. Merrick made a par-4 on the second playoff hole (No. 10) to defeat Charlie Beljan. It was Merrick's first playoff on the PGA TOUR.

Merrick wins the 18th playoff in tournament history and the second consecutive at Riviera CC. The only other time there has been back-to-back playoffs at the Northern Trust Open was when there was four consecutive from 1969-1972.

This was the second playoff on TOUR this season (Humana Challenge).

Birthdate: March 20, 1982

Birthplace/Resides: Long Beach, Calif./Long Beach, Calif.

Family: Wife, Jody; Chase Sampson (7/11/11)

Height/Weight: 6-1, 170

College: UCLA (2004, Sociology)

Turned Pro: 2004

Joined TOUR: 2007

- Earns his 1st career PGA TOUR victory at the age of 30 years, 10 months and 25 days in his 169th career start.
- Moves to No. 4 in the FedExCup standings. Brandt Snedeker continues to lead.
- Earns a two-year exemption on the PGA TOUR through 2015
- Records 14th career top-10 finishes on TOUR.
- 2013 starts-made cuts-top-10s-wins: 5-3-1-1.

PGA TOUR Victories (1)

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2013 Northern Trust Open Statistics

Driving Accuracy	30/56	T27
Greens in Regulation	46/72	T23
Driving Distance	286.8	56 th
Total Putts	110	T10
Strokes Gained – Putting	0.485	25 th

If Merrick stays in the top 10 in the FedExCup standings following the Honda Classic he will earn his first invitation into the World Golf Championships-Cadillac Championship.

Merrick's best previous finish at the Northern Trust Open was T54 in 2010.

In 14 rounds prior to this week at Riviera CC, Merrick only had three under-par rounds. He had three of four rounds in the 60s this week.

Merrick came from three shots back entering the final round to force the playoff with Charlie Beljan.

Merrick was 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 (T61).

In interviews after his round on Friday, Merrick mentioned that he was aware that it was "USC Day" at the Northern Trust Open when he shot a 66. He followed up with a 70 on Saturday on "UCLA Day".

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

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.

Prior to this win, Merrick's best finishes on TOUR were a pair of runner-up finishes (2009 Humana Challenge and 2012 FedEx St. Jude Classic).

Merrick is the ninth player to record their first-ever PGA TOUR win at the Northern Trust Open:

John Merrick, 2013
Len Mattiace, 2002
Kirk Triplett, 2000
Chip Beck, 1998
TC Chen, 1987
Phil Rodgers, 1962
Fred Wampler, 1954
Johnny Bulla, 1941
Victor Ghezzi, 1935

Merrick earns his third career start in the Masters in April. He finished T6 in 2009 and missed the cut in 2010. In 2008, Merrick finished T6 at the U.S. Open to earn a spot into the 2009 Masters. His top 10 at the Masters in 2009 got him in the field the following years.

Charlie Beljan

Beljan, who closed the 2012 season with a T10 at the McGladrey Classic and a win at the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals Classic, records his fourth top 10 on TOUR. After finishing T23 at the season-opening non-cut Hyundai Tournament of Champions, he missed his next four cuts entering the Northern Trust Open.

Beljan came from five strokes back in the final round to force the playoff with John Merrick.

In his 13 previous rounds entering this week, Beljan had only three rounds in the 60s in 13 total rounds. He had three of four rounds in the 60s this week.

Beljan was trying to win in his first start at the Northern Trust Open. 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).

Back in November at the Children's Miracle Network Classic, Beljan spent Friday night in the hospital after heart palpitations, shortness of breath and fatigue in round two. He also took with him the tournament lead, then three strokes. It became a lead he would not relinquish. Beljan came into the final event of the 2012 season ranked No. 139 on the money list. With a two-stroke victory at Disney, he finished the season ranked No. 63. Since becoming the last official event of the PGA TOUR season in 2007, no player had ever started outside the top-125 and gone on to win at Disney before Beljan. The winner previously ranked closest to No. 125 the year he won was Robert Garrigus at No. 122 in 2010. When Davis Love III won in 2008, he came into the week ranked 118th.

Bill Haas

Haas finished T3 to record his third consecutive top-10 finish after a T9 at the Farmers Insurance Open and at T6 at the Waste Management Phoenix Open.

Haas recorded a bogey on No. 2 in the final round, breaking a streak of 42 holes without a blemish on his card. Before that his last bogey was on his 14th hole (No. 5) in the first round.

Haas, who had a three-shot lead entering the final round of the Northern Trust Open, has only converted one of three third-round leads/co-leads on TOUR (2010 Viking Classic).

Last year, Haas entered the final round T6, two strokes behind co-leaders Phil Mickelson and Keegan Bradley. In a memorable playoff, it was Haas who secured victory with a 45-foot putt on the 10th hole, the second playoff hole.

Charl Schwartzel

Schwartzel (T3) records his first top 10 on TOUR since last March (T5/Honda Classic and T4/WGC-Cadillac Championship), a span of 13 events.

Schwartzel, who made his PGA TOUR debut this week, has played in two European Tour events this season, finishing 2nd at the Joburg Open and winning the Alfred Dunhill Championship in December. He also won the Thailand Golf Championship on the Asian Tour by 11 shots at the end of 2012.

Schwartzel is looking for his first TOUR victory since the 2011 Masters.

Schwartzel was trying to become the third South African in tournament history to win the Northern Trust Open: Rory Sabbatini (2006) and Ernie Els (1999).

Hunter Mahan

Mahan's (T8) best finish in seven previous starts at the Northern Trust Open was T17 in 2009.

Mahan, who was born in Orange, Calif. and is a lifelong Los Angeles Lakers fan, records his first top 10 of the season. Coming into this week, Mahan had three straight top-16 finishes.

Coming into this week, Mahan only had seven of 22 rounds in the 60s at Riviera Country Club. He had three of four rounds in the 60s this week.

Last year Mahan finished T24 at the Northern Trust Open and followed up the next week with a win at the World Golf Championships – Accenture Match Play Championship to go with his WGC-Bridgestone title in 2010. He joined Tiger Woods (Accenture Match Play Championship – 2003, 2004; Cadillac – 1999, 2002, 2003, 2005; Bridgestone – 1999, 2000, 2001, 2005) as the only players to capture multiple World Golf Championships titles in their 20s.

Fredrik Jacobson

Jacobson (T3) missed a putt from one-foot 11-inches for par on No. 18 that would have put him in the playoff.

Jacobson made his sixth start in the Northern Trust Open. His previous best finish here was 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 held the second-round lead this week. His only other second-round lead/co-lead on TOUR was last year at the Travelers Championship where he finished T8.

Miscellaneous Notes

Northern Trust Open Exemption recipient Jeremiah Wooding (brother of the 2010 recipient) is the first Northern Trust Open Exemption recipient to make the cut and finished T42 after a final round 74.

Webb Simpson (T6) records his first top 10 in five starts this season. Simpson has become a regular in the top 10 of PGA TOUR events the last two seasons (averaging a top-10 finish every 2.5 events with 19 top 10s in 48 events in 2011 and 2012). In 2011 and 2012 combined seasons, only Luke Donald (22) has more top-10 finishes than Simpson's 19.

Sang-Moon Bae (T8) records his first top 10 since he lost in a playoff to Luke Donald at the 2012 Tampa Bay Championship. Two weeks prior to the playoff loss he recorded his only other top 10 on TOUR at the World Golf Championships-Accenture Match Play Championship (T5).

Josh Teater (T6) records his sixth top-10 finish in his last 15 starts on TOUR. He had four top 10s last season, with each of them coming after June. He closed 2012 with four top 10s in his last nine starts and he has opened 2013 with two top 10s in six starts.

Ted Potter, Jr. (T10) records his second top 10 on TOUR in 30 career starts. His other is a win at the 2012 Greenbrier Classic.

From the Official World Golf Ranking, 18 of the top 30 were in the Northern Trust Open 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).

R3 – Bill Haas (64)

R4 – Cameron Tringale (68)

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
R3	35.418	36.430	71.848	71.852
R4	35.425	36.411	71.836	71.850

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 x \$3,500 = \$56,000

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

Eagles in round three: 16 x \$3,500 = \$56,000

Eagles in round four: 5 x \$3,500 = \$17,500

Total: 58 X \$3,500 = \$203,000

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