



**2013 Hyundai Tournament of Champions**  
(The 1<sup>st</sup> of 36 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

**Kapalua, Maui, HI                      January 4-7, 2013**  
**The Plantation Course, Kapalua Resort**

**Purse: \$5,700,000 (\$1,140,000)**  
**Par/Yards: 36-37—73/7,452**

## **First-Round Notes – Monday, January 07, 2013**

Winds began to relax but conditions remained somewhat blustery with sustained winds of 20-30mph and peak gusts from 35-40 mph which was a slight improvement from Sunday. There were a few passing showers in the morning, but otherwise mostly sunny skies are expected this afternoon. Winds decreased slightly into Tuesday and are forecast at 15-25mph with gusts near 30mph.

Bad weather, especially high winds, have caused the Hyundai Tournament of Champions, originally scheduled to start on Friday, Jan. 4, to begin on Monday, Jan. 7. Tournament officials announced that players will play 36 holes on Monday and then return on Tuesday, Jan. 8 for a final 18 holes with the tournament completing after 54 holes.

### **54-hole event notes**

An event ending after 54 holes will give the champion an official PGA TOUR win/FedExCup points/money/100% OWGR points and gets the winner into the 2014 Hyundai Tournament of Champions.

The last 54-hole event on TOUR was The Barclays in 2011 (won by Dustin Johnson). The last 36-hole event on the PGA TOUR was the 2005 Northern Trust Open (won by Adam Scott).

If the Hyundai Tournament of Champions ends after 54 holes, it would be the 27th 54-hole event on the PGA TOUR since 1990. A look at the last five 54-hole events on the PGA TOUR (with Dustin Johnson winning the last two):

2011 The Barclays (Dustin Johnson)  
2009 AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am (Dustin Johnson)  
2005 BellSouth Classic (Phil Mickelson)  
2002 Southern Farm Bureau Classic (Luke Donald)  
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Since 1953, this will be the **THIRD** time (1988, 1997, 2013) that the Hyundai Tournament of Champions has been shortened to 54 holes.

### **First-round leaderboard**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Player</b>	<b>Score</b>
T1	Mark Wilson	-4 (69)
T1	Dustin Johnson	-4 (69)
T1	Nick Watney	-4 (69)
T4	Rickie Fowler	-3 (70)
T4	Ben Curtis	-3 (70)
T4	Carl Pettersson	-3 (70)
T4	Bubba Watson	-3 (70)
T4	Brandt Snedeker	-3 (70)

### **Dustin Johnson**

Dustin Johnson is looking to continue his streak of going undefeated in 54-hole events on the PGA TOUR after an opening-round 69 (4-under-par) that has him tied for the lead with Mark Wilson and Nick Watney. Johnson has played in two previous 54-hole events, winning both (2009 AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am and The Barclays in 2011). Johnson, who came to Kapalua before the New Year's holiday, played six practice rounds on The Plantation Course before the start of the tournament.

Johnson has won at least one PGA TOUR event in each of the last five seasons (2008-2012), the second-longest active streak of consecutive seasons with a victory behind only Phil Mickelson's nine (2004-2012). He

missed last year's Hyundai Tournament of Champions due to injury, playing now for the fourth time in his career with finishes of 11, T16 and 9.

This is the fourth time in Johnson's career that he has led or shared the lead following 18 holes, having won twice at the 2009 and 2010 AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am. He also led the 2010 Northern Trust Open where he finished T3.

Dustin Johnson has finished in the top 15 of the FedExCup in each of the last four years and inside the top 10 in each of the last three years on the PGA TOUR. Luke Donald is the only other player to finish inside the top 10 of the FedExCup standings in each of the last 3 years on TOUR. Dustin Johnson was also the only player to card a top-10 finish in all four events of the 2012 FedExCup Playoffs and the first to do so since Padraig Harrington accomplished this feat back in 2009.

Dustin Johnson shaved about one stroke off of his 2011 scoring average in 2012. A large portion of his improved success in 2012 can be attributed to his improvement on and around the greens. When comparing all ranked players from 2011 to 2012, Dustin was the most improved player on TOUR for 3-putt avoidance, second-most improved when putting from 5 to 10 feet, the third-most improved in scrambling, and fifth-most improved in strokes-gained putting.

#### **Dustin Johnson - Improvements from 2011 to 2012 Season**

Stat	2011	2012	Improvement
Scrambling	153rd 41.5%	38th 53.9%	+115
Strokes Gained-Putting	171st -0.49	50th +0.22	+121
3-Putt Avoidance	171st 3.9%	39th 2.5%	+132
Putting Inside 5 Feet	142nd 95.7%	78th 96.5%	+64
Putting 5 to 10 Feet	186th 47.1%	64th 57.6%	+122
Scoring Average	51st 70.46	8th 69.56	+43

Fewer 3-Putts in 2012: In 2011, Dustin was 3-putting once every 25 holes. However in 2012, on average he would 3-putt once every 40 holes.

**Driving Distance** – All Drives: Dustin Johnson has ranked 1st or 2nd in each year on the PGA TOUR since 2008. In 2012, Dustin hit about one in every three drives 320+ yards from the tee (29% of all drives 320+).

**Most 400 Plus Drives:** Dustin Johnson & Ernie Els hold the current record for most 400+ yard drives with 10 recorded in the last 10 years (since 2003).

#### **Mark Wilson**

Five-time PGA TOUR winner and second-oldest player in the field at 38, Mark Wilson shot an opening-round 4-under-par 69 for a share of the first-round lead at the Hyundai Tournament of Champions. Wilson had held or shared the lead only once before in his PGA TOUR career when he finished T9 the 2006 Chrysler Classic of Tucson.

Wilson is in the field after having won last year's Humana Challenge. He is no stranger to victory in Hawaii as he won the 2011 Sony Open in Hawaii.

Wilson is playing in the event for the fourth time in his career. In 12 previous rounds, Wilson has shot in the 60s only once and his 69 on Monday matches his career-best score at The Plantation Course, which he also shot during the third round last year. Wilson's best finish at the Hyundai Tournament of Champions is a T18 in 2012.

Historically a Faster Starter on TOUR: All five of Mark Wilson's career victories have come in the first three months of the season (Jan-Mar).

One of the Most Accurate from the Tee: Mark Wilson ranked 12th on TOUR in 2012 for driving accuracy finding 68.6% of his fairways from the tee. This marked the fifth consecutive season where Wilson has ranked inside the top 30 on TOUR for driving accuracy.

#### **Nick Watney**

After a slow start to the 2012 season, Nick Watney finished strong with victories at The Barclays and the CIMB Classic in Malaysia (unofficial event) in which he shot a final-round 60 for the win. Watney continued his strong play to open the 2013 season with a 4-under-par 69 to share the first-round lead at the Hyundai Tournament of Champions.

Watney, who debuted in 2013 in Nike gear and equipment, has shared or held the 18-hole lead at six previous PGA TOUR events, but has never gone on to win. His best finish after holding or sharing an 18-hole lead is T4 at the 2011 PLAYERS Championship.

Watney is making his fourth start at the Hyundai Tournament of Champions with his best finish coming in his first appearance – T5 in 2008.

### **Bubba Watson**

Bubba Watson shot 3-under-par, 70 and is one of five players to finish round one within one stroke of the lead.

Watson enters the Hyundai Tournament of Champions for the third consecutive year after earning his first major championship in 2012. The reigning Masters champion now has four wins in his last three years on the PGA TOUR and has reached the TOUR Championship the last three seasons.

Watson had one of the more memorable shots in Hyundai Tournament of Champions history when he carved a driver off the fairway that reached the green in two on the par 5 18<sup>th</sup> hole in 2011. Watson has been No. 1 or No. 2 on TOUR in driving distance seven times. Since 1980, only one other player has been No. 1 or No. 2 more times (John Daly – 12 times).

Watson's best score at the Plantation Course is 69, which he has shot twice (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> rounds in 2012).

### **Rickie Fowler**

Rickie Fowler, who hit the first official shot of the PGA TOUR Season (for the third time this week), shot an opening-round 3-under-par 70 in his first career appearance at the Hyundai Tournament of Champions. Fowler is in the event thanks to his thrilling playoff victory at the Wells Fargo Championship over Rory McIlroy and D.A. Points.

Fowler is one of nine first-time winners on the PGA TOUR in 2012 (Fowler, Kyle Stanley, John Huh, Jason Dufner, Marc Leishman, Tedd Potter Jr., Jonas Blixt, Tommy Gainey and Charlie Beljan). The last player to win the Hyundai Tournament of Champions in their first appearance at the event was Daniel Chopra in 2008.

Fowler is the second-youngest player in the field at 24 years old with 2012 PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year John Huh the youngest (22).

Fowler improved from 157<sup>th</sup> in driving accuracy in 2011 to 48<sup>th</sup> in 2012, the second-greatest improvement from year-to-year on TOUR, second only to Kevin Na (142-25).

### **Brandt Snedeker**

2012 FedExCup champion Brandt Snedeker is also one stroke behind the lead after 18 holes with a 3-under-par 70. Snedeker is playing in the Hyundai Tournament of Champions for the second time.

Most Sub-Par Rounds in 2012 FedExCup Playoffs: Brandt Snedeker played a TOUR leading 14 sub-par rounds in the FedExCup Playoffs. Over this stretch, Snedeker finished 2<sup>nd</sup> at The Barclays, 6<sup>th</sup> at the Deutsche Bank Championship, T37 at the BMW Championship and won the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola.

#### **STRENGTHS – TOUR Leading Putting & Short Game**

Strokes Gained - Putting	1st +.860
One-Putt Percentage	1st 44.3%
Putts / Rd	2nd 27.92
Feet of Putts Made / Rd	2nd 83' 73'

Brandt Snedeker finished first in 2012 PGA TOUR in strokes gained – putting outperforming the TOUR by +.860 strokes per round (works out to nearly 3.5 strokes per 4-round tournament on the greens).