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## 2013 Waste Management Phoenix Open Media Notes

**Dates:** January 31-February 3, 2013  
**Where:** TPC Scottsdale; Scottsdale, Ariz.  
**Par/Yards:** 35-36—71/7,216  
**Field:** 132  
**Format:** 72-hole stroke play  
**Defending Champion:** Kyle Stanley  
**Purse:** \$6,200,000; **Winner's Share:** \$1,116,000  
**Website:** [wmphoenixopen.com](http://wmphoenixopen.com)  
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### A look back at 2012

Coming off a final-round collapse a week earlier at the Farmers Insurance Open, Stanley turned the tables on the field at TPC Scottsdale to claim his first PGA TOUR title. Stanley played the final round without a bogey on his way to shooting a 6-under, 65. He made six birdies on Sunday including back to back birdies on two and three and again on thirteen and fourteen. For the tournament Stanley made 18 birdies and two eagles to finish at 15-under par, one stroke better than Ben Crane (-14) and two better than the 54 hole leader Spencer Levin (-13). ,

Over the last two seasons, there have been seven winners who came back from at least six strokes back in the final round to win, including Brian Gay at the Humana Challenge two weeks ago. Gay trailed Scott Stallings by six entering the final round and went on to defeat Charles Howell III and David Lingmerth in a sudden-death playoff.

### **Largest 54-hole comebacks since 2012:**

- 8 Kyle Stanley/Waste Management Phoenix Open
- 7 Brandt Snedeker/Farmers Insurance Open
- 7 John Huh/Mayakoba Golf Classic
- 7 Tommy Gainey/McGladrey Classic
- 6 Phil Mickelson/AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am
- 6 Marc Leishman/Travelers Championship
- 6 Ernie Els/British Open
- 6 Brian Gay/Humana Challenge in partnership with the Clinton Foundation

### **More on Stanley:**

- Stanley was just one of two players, Ben Crane the other, to post all four rounds in the 60s in 2012.
- Stanley's win came in his first start at the Waste Management Phoenix Open.
- Stanley is seeking to become just the sixth player to successfully defend a title at the Waste Management Phoenix Open – Ben Hogan (1946-47), Jimmy Demaret (1949-50), Lloyd Mangrum (1952-53), Arnold Palmer (1961-63) and Johnny Miller (1974-75).

### **A look at the field**

- The first three winners of 2013: Dustin Johnson (Hyundai Tournament of Champions), Russell Henley (Sony Open in Hawaii) and Brian Gay (Humana Challenge in partnership with the Clinton Foundation). The rookie Henley won his first TOUR start as a member and has posted 64 or better in four of his eight rounds in 2013.

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- 24 players won PGA TOUR events in 2012. Among them is reigning Masters champion, Bubba Watson, as well as three-time Masters champion, PGA Champion, World Golf Hall of Fame member and ASU grad Phil Mickelson.
- Players in the field with seven or more PGA TOUR wins: Phil Mickelson (40), Vijay Singh (34 wins), David Toms (13 wins), Justin Leonard (12 wins), K.J. Choi (8 wins), Mike Weir (8 wins) and Geoff Ogilvy (7 wins).
- Past champions in the field: Kyle Stanley (2012), Mark Wilson (2011), Hunter Mahan (2010), J.B. Holmes (2006, 2008), Aaron Baddeley (2007), Phil Mickelson (1996, 2005), Vijay Singh (1995, 2003), Jesper Parnevik (1998).
- 14 of the 30 players that qualified for the 2012 TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola will play in the Waste Management Phoenix Open: Brandt Snedeker, Nick Watney, Phil Mickelson, Bubba Watson, Hunter Mahan, Keegan Bradley, Bo Van Pelt, Robert Garrigus, Scott Piercy, Rickie Fowler, John Huh, Ryan Moore, Jason Dufner and Carl Pettersson.
- Making their first starts of the season are three-time major champion Pádraig Harrington and former PGA Championship winner Martin Kaymer. The rookie Kaymer of Germany lives in Scottsdale.
- Five players that competed for the U.S. Team in the 2012 Ryder Cup: Keegan Bradley, Brandt Snedeker, Phil Mickelson, Jason Dufner and Bubba Watson. Nicolas Colsemaerts and Martin Kaymer from the victorious Ryder Cup team are also in the field.
- Arizona State has eight active former players playing on the PGA TOUR in 2013, tied with Oklahoma State for fourth-most behind the University of Georgia (10), Georgia Tech (9) and UNLV (9).
- The last two FedExCup champions are in the Waste Management Phoenix Open field (Brandt Snedeker/2012 and Bill Haas/2011). Snedeker led the 2012 PGA TOUR in strokes gained – putting outperforming the TOUR average by +.860 strokes per round.
- 12-time international winner Ryo Ishikawa will make his second start of the PGA TOUR season this week and first start at the Waste Management Phoenix Open.
- The last eight PGA TOUR Rookies of the Year: John Huh (2012), Keegan Bradley (2011), Rickie Fowler (2010), Marc Leishman (2009), Andres Romero (2008), Brandt Snedeker (2007), Trevor Immelman (2006) and Sean O'Hair (2005).

## **2013 PGA TOUR Storylines**

### **Structural changes to the PGA TOUR**

- For the first time in the FedExCup era, the 40-tournament official money schedule will give the season a definitive end at the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola, the fourth event in the FedExCup Playoffs. The 2013-2014 PGA TOUR Season officially begins three weeks later with those tournaments that formerly made up the Fall Series; those events begin awarding full FedExCup points.
- Year seven of the FedExCup includes 36 events before the Playoffs, one less than 2012 due to the Mayakoba Golf Classic moving to its own unencumbered fall date in the 2013-14 PGA TOUR Season.
- The CIMB Classic and World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions become official events on the PGA TOUR (official victory, full FedExCup points, official money; winners qualify for Hyundai Tournament of Champions).
- For the first time, the Web.com Tour becomes the path for the PGA TOUR's 50 new membership cards. The top 25 players on the money list for the Web.com Tour Regular Season will earn cards but must play the Finals for positioning. The Web.com Tour Finals will determine an additional 25 cards, based on cumulative earnings in those events, as well as the positioning of all 50 cards.

### **Progression of young stars**

15 of the 37 different winners on the PGA TOUR in 2012 were under the age of 30, accounting for a total of 19 victories: defending Waste Management Phoenix Open champion Kyle Stanley, Bill Haas, 2010 Waste Management Phoenix Open champion Hunter Mahan (2), John Huh, Rory McIlroy (4), Rickie Fowler, Dustin Johnson, Webb Simpson, Marc Leishman, Ted Potter, Jr., Scott Stallings, Keegan Bradley, Ryan Moore, Jonas Blixt and Charlie Beljan. The trend continues in 2013 as winners Dustin Johnson (Hyundai Tournament of Champions) and Russell Henley (Sony Open in Hawaii) are under the age of 30.

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### **Top players playing and winning on the PGA TOUR**

Entering the 2013 season, 28 of the top 30 players in the Official World Golf Ranking are members of the PGA TOUR. Last year, 20 of the 37 different winners in 2012 were inside the top 50 in the Official World Golf Ranking as of January 1: Steve Stricker (6); Brandt Snedeker/2 (38); Phil Mickelson (14); Bill Haas (27); Hunter Mahan/2 (19); Rory McIlroy/4 (3); Justin Rose (18); Luke Donald (1); Tiger Woods/3 (23); Bubba Watson (21); Jason Dufner/2 (33); Rickie Fowler (32); Matt Kuchar (11); Zach Johnson/2 (37); Dustin Johnson (7), Webb Simpson (10), Keegan Bradley (31), Sergio Garcia (17), Nick Watney (12) and Ian Poulter (16).

### **Tournament notes**

- Since 2000, only four players have followed a win at the Waste Management Phoenix Open with another victory the same year. The most recent was Hunter Mahan in 2010, who won the World Golf Championships-Bridgestone Invitational after his win in Scottsdale. The others; Kenny Perry (2009) Phil Mickelson (2005) and Vijay Singh (2003).
- Since 2000, the only players to have made their Waste Management Phoenix Open win their career first were Kyle Stanley (2012), J.B. Holmes (2006) and Jonathan Kaye (2004).
- Since 1980, the only two players to win the Waste Management Phoenix Open in a first attempt was Jeff Mitchell (1980) and Kyle Stanley (2012).