



2013 Waste Management Phoenix Open
(The fifth of 36 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Scottsdale, AZ **Jan. 31-Feb. 3, 2013** **Purse: \$6,200,000 (\$1,116,000 winner)**
TPC Scottsdale **Par/Yards: 35-36—717,216 yards** **500 FedExCup points to winner**

Partial First-Round Notes – Thursday, January 31, 2013

Weather: Sunny. High of 69. Winds light and variable.

The start of the opening round was delayed one hour due to frost. Play was suspended due to darkness at 6:05 p.m. A total of 33 players in the field of 132 were not able to complete their rounds and will resume play on Friday at 7:30 a.m. The second-round is also scheduled to begin at 7:30 a.m.

This marks the third straight year the opening round of the Waste Management Phoenix Open has been delayed due to frost.

Partial First-Round Leaderboard

Phil Mickelson	60 (-11)
Ryan Palmer	64 (-7)
Brandt Snedeker	64 (-7)
Padraig Harrington	64 (-7)
Ted Potter Jr.	64 (-7)
Jeff Maggert	64 (-7)

Phil Mickelson

Making his 24th start at the Waste Management Phoenix Open, Phil Mickelson opened on Thursday with an 11-under 60, equaling both his career-low round on the PGA TOUR and the lowest score in Waste Management Phoenix Open history (his own second-round 60 en route to winning in 2005, Mark Calcavecchia/2001, Grant Waite/1996).

Mickelson's five best scores on the PGA TOUR:

60 (11-under) – 2013 Waste Management Phoenix Open (first round, TBD)
60 (11-under) – 2005 Waste Management Phoenix Open (second round, went on to win)
61 (9-under) – 2001 Travelers Championship (third round, went on to win)
62 (10-under) – 2005 AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am (first round, went on to win)
62 (9-under) – 2009 Northern Trust Open (third round, went on to win)

Mickelson appeared poised for a 59 until his 25' 5" birdie putt on his final hole (No. 9) horseshoed around the hole, leading to the 27th 60 in PGA TOUR history (25 players)

Mickelson joins Zach Johnson as the only players in PGA TOUR history with multiple rounds of 60 or better, with Mickelson the only to perform the feat on the same course:

Mickelson – 2005 Waste Management Phoenix Open (29-31—60; R2)
Johnson – 2007 TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola (31-29—60; R3)
Johnson – 2009 Valero Texas Open (30-30—60; R3)
Mickelson – 2013 Waste Management Phoenix Open (31-29—60; R1)

The previous-lowest opening-round score at the Waste Management Phoenix Open was 62, set by Steve Jones (1997), J.C. Snead (1973/Arizona CC), Harrison Frazar (2003) and Camilo Villegas (2010).

Mickelson has carded three 2s on his scorecard 25 times during his career, but Thursday marked the first time he has posted four. He birdied all four par-3s, including Nos. 4, 7, 12 and 16.

Mickelson began his round with four consecutive birdies on Nos. 10-13, marking his best beginning in 24 starts at the Waste Management Phoenix Open. His previous-best start was three birdies out of the gate in 1995 (went on to finish T35).

Mickelson carded a 7-under 29 on his opening nine holes on Thursday (the back nine at TPC Scottsdale after beginning the day on No. 10). It equals the low back-nine score at TPC Scottsdale: Rickie Fowler/2011/2nd round, J.J. Henry/2006/2nd round, Scott Verplank/1998/2nd round, Grant Waite/1996/fourth round.

Mickelson (1996, 2005) is one of 11 players with two wins at the Waste Management Phoenix Open. He is hoping to join three-time winners Mark Calcavecchia, Gene Littler and Arnold Palmer.

Should his four-shot lead hold up, Mickelson will own the largest 18-hole lead at the Waste Management Phoenix Open. The current record is three strokes: Paul Runyan (1940/Phoenix CC/finished 9th), Arnold Palmer (1962/Phoenix CC/won) and Davis Love III (1988/TPC Scottsdale/finished 4th).

Additional Player Notes

Ryan Palmer opened with a 7-under 64, one year after sharing the opening-round lead with Jason Dufner with the same score at the Waste Management Phoenix Open.

Making his first-career start at the Waste Management Phoenix Open, three-time Major Championship winner Padraig Harrington opened with a 7-under 64.

2012 FedExCup champion Brandt Snedeker, fresh off of a T2 at last week's Farmers Insurance Open, opened Thursday with a 7-under 64. He owns two top-10 finishes in seven previous starts here (T8-2011, T9-2008).

Other players with 7-under 64s on Thursday were 2012 Greenbrier Classic champion Ted Potter Jr. and three-time TOUR winner Jeff Maggert (the oldest player in the field).

Defending champion Kyle Stanley currently stands at 2-under through 16 holes. The last player to successfully defend his title at the Waste Management Phoenix Open was Johnny Miller (1974-75).

Miscellaneous Notes

There are seven past tournament champions in the field this week: Phil Mickelson (60), Hunter Mahan (67), Aaron Baddeley (69), Jesper Parnevik (70), J.B. Holmes (71), Mark Wilson (71) and Kyle Stanley (2-under thru 16 holes).

Bogey-free rounds:

R1: Phil Mickelson (60), Ryan Palmer (64), Padraig Harrington (64), Y.E. Yang (65), Justin Leonard (65), Hunter Mahan (67), Bryce Molder (67), D.A. Points (67), Greg Chalmers (68), Keegan Bradley (3-under thru 16), Roberto Castro (4-under thru 14), John Rollins (6-under thru 13).

Scoring Averages at TPC Scottsdale (at the time of the suspension):

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
Round 1	34.035	34.906	68.938	

Vijay Singh withdrew prior to the start of the first round with a back injury. He was replaced by R.H. Lee.

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