



**2014 Northern Trust Open
(The 13th of 41 events in the PGA TOUR Season)**

Pacific Palisades, CA, Feb.12-16, 2014 Purse: \$6,700,000 (\$1,206,000/500 FedExCup pts)
The Riviera Country Club, Par/Yards: 35-36--71/7,349 yards

FINAL First-Round Notes – Friday, February 14, 2014

Weather on Thursday: Sunny and calm with high of 75 and W/SW winds 6-12 mph. Play was suspended due to darkness at 5:42 p.m., with 15 players yet to finish their round.

Weather on Friday morning: Sunny and cool with temperatures in the low 50s. Winds Calm. Players were back in position at 7:30 a.m. to complete their first round. Round 2 tee times began as scheduled at 6:40 a.m.

First-Round Leaderboard

Dustin Johnson	66 (-5)
Robert Garrigus	67 (-4)
Francesco Molinari	67 (-4)
Scott Stallings	67 (-4)
Charley Hoffman	67 (-4)
Matt Jones	67 (-4)
Brian Harman	67 (-4)
Blake Adams	67 (-4)
Jimmy Walker	67 (-4)
Sang-Moon Bae	67 (-4)
Charlie Beljan	67 (-4)
J.B. Holmes	67 (-4)

Dustin Johnson, 5-under, 1st

A week after shooting a final-round 66 to finish T2 at the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, Dustin Johnson started the Northern Trust Open right where he left off with a 66 for the first-round lead. It is the sixth time that Johnson has held or shared the first-round lead at a PGA TOUR event and the second time with the lead following the first round at the Northern Trust Open in seven appearances. Johnson led the 2010 Northern Trust Open with an opening-round 64, finishing the event T3.

Johnson has won three of the five previous times in which he held the first-round lead.

With eight victories at 29 years of age, Johnson is one of three players under the age of 30 with four or more PGA TOUR wins: Dustin Johnson (8), Rory McIlroy (6), Webb Simpson (4).

Dustin Johnson PGA TOUR wins (8):

- 2008 Turning Stone Resort Championship
- 2009 AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am
- 2010 AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, BMW Championship
- 2011 The Barclays
- 2012 FedEx St. Jude Classic
- 2013 Hyundai Tournament of Champions
- 2013 World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions

Johnson has at least one PGA TOUR victory in seven consecutive seasons (2008-current). Only Phil Mickelson (10 consecutive years) has a longer streak.

With his victory at the World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions earlier in the 2013-2014 PGA TOUR season, Johnson became the first player since Tiger Woods (1996-2001) to win in seven consecutive seasons straight out of college (2008-current).

Dustin Johnson hit 16 of 18 greens in round 1, his best GIR performance at The Riviera Country Club in his 21st round at the event.

Jimmy Walker, 4-under, T2

FedExCup Points leader Jimmy Walker, who has three victories in his first eight starts of the 2013-2014 season, shot an opening round 4-under 67. Walker claimed his first TOUR title in this season's first event at the Frys.com Open. His second win came in his sixth start of the season at the Sony Open in Hawaii. His third win at the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am came in his eighth start of the season.

With his win at last week's AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, Walker became the first three-time winner on TOUR this season. Over the last 20 seasons (since 1995), Walker is the fourth player (11 instances) to win three events in eight or fewer starts to begin a season (David Duval, Phil Mickelson, Tiger Woods).

In 1999, Duval won three of his first seven and four of his first eight – Hyundai Tournament of Championship, Humana Challenge, THE PLAYERS Championship and the BellSouth Classic, while Mickelson won three of his first eight in 2005 – Waste Management Phoenix Open, AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am and the BellSouth Classic. Woods won three of his first eight starts (or better) on eight different occasions.

Walker is playing in the Northern Trust Open for the eighth time with consecutive T4s in 2011 and 2012 as his best career finish at the event.

Francesco Molinari, 4-under, T2

Italian Francesco Molinari, playing in the Northern Trust Open for the first time in his career on a sponsor's exemption, shot his career-low opening round in his 43rd event on the PGA TOUR. Molinari's previous opening score, 68, happened three times – 2010 THE PLAYERS, 2010 PGA Championship and the 2011 World Golf Championships-Cadillac Championship.

A two-time winner on the European Tour, Molinari's best finish in a PGA TOUR event came at the 2011 Cadillac Championship where he finished T3.

Molinari (No. 45 in the Official World Golf Ranking) is one of three international players in the top 50 to receive a sponsor's exemption, joining France's Victor Dubuisson (No. 29) and Joost Luiten (No. 41).

Charlie Beljan, 4-under, T2

After losing in a playoff at last year's Northern Trust Open, Charlie Beljan returned to shoot an opening-round 67.

Beljan has never led or shared the lead through 18 holes on the PGA TOUR. His best place on a leaderboard after the first round is 4th at last year's Northern Trust Open, where he shot 67 as well.

J.B. Holmes, 4-under, T2

J.B. Holmes, who has four top-10 finishes in seven appearances at the Northern Trust Open, was one of 15 players who did not finish their round due to darkness. He returned to the course at 4-under through 16 holes and made two pars on Friday morning to post a 67 (-4), his 14th round in the 60s in 27 attempts at The Riviera Country Club. Holmes owns the tournament record with nine consecutive rounds in the 60s stretching from the second round in 2009 through the second round of 2011.

Holmes' last top-10 finish came at the 2012 Shell Houston Open (T8), a stretch of 25 events.

Holmes fractured his ankle on March 9 rollerblading with his wife and missed most of the 2013 season. He started the 2013-2014 season with 19 events to earn \$580,299 under his major medical extension. This comes after missing most of 2011 following brain surgery. In three events thus far in 2013-2014, he has earned \$82,310.

Robert Garrigus, 4-under, T2

Robert Garrigus is playing in his ninth event of the season and looking for his first top-10 finish. Garrigus is playing in the Northern Trust Open for the fifth time in his career. His first-round 67 is just his second round in the 60s in his 10th career round at The Riviera Country Club and marks a career low at the event (3rd-round 69 in 2011).

Blake Adams, 4-under, T2

Blank Adams made two PGA TOUR starts in 2013 before undergoing left-hip surgery that caused him to miss the remainder of the 2013 season. He has 24 events at start of the 2013-14 season to earn \$595,483 under a Major Medical Extension to be exempt for the remainder of the 2013-2014 season. This is his seventh event of the season having earned \$55,838 so far.

Field Notes

Reigning U.S. Open champion Justin Rose, whose last PGA TOUR start was the World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions, is teeing it up at the Northern Trust Open as the highest-ranked player in the Official World Golf Ranking at No. 5. He delayed the start of his 2014 campaign due to tendinitis in his right shoulder. Rose shot 1-under in the opening round and is T35.

Through the Waste Management Phoenix Open, seven of the 11 PGA TOUR winners (representing eight wins) from the 2013-14 season are in the field:

Player	Tournament	Northern Trust Open 1 st round score/standing
Jimmy Walker	Frys.com Open, Sony Open in Hawaii, AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am	4-under, T2
Webb Simpson	Shriners Hospitals for Children Open	1-under, T35
Ryan Moore	CIMB Classic	2-under, T18
Dustin Johnson	WGC-HSBC Champions	5-under, 1
Harris English	OHL Classic at Mayakoba	1-under, T35
Scott Stallings	Farmers Insurance Open	4-under, T2
Kevin Stadler	Waste Management Phoenix Open	2-under, T18

Kevin Stadler shot an opening round 2-under-par. Stadler, who won his first PGA TOUR event at the Waste Management Phoenix Open, is hoping to follow in his father's footsteps at the Northern Trust Open. Craig Stadler won the event in 1996 and finished runner-up the following year (he totaled 11 top 10s in 28 starts). Kevin has seen some success at The Riviera Country Club, finishing T10 in 2010 and T12 in 2011. As a USC grad, Stadler will find tremendous support on Friday, which is USC Day in the Palisades Club. Thursday was Pepperdine University Day; and Sunday is UCLA Day. Here are alums in the field this year:

Michael	Putnam	Pepperdine University	71 T60
Jason	Gore	Pepperdine University	71 T60
Kevin	Chappell	UCLA	71 T60
John	Merrick	UCLA	72 T83
Kevin	Stadler	University of Southern California	69 T18

Harold Varner III, who was the first player in East Carolina University history to be named Conference USA Golfer of the Year in 2012, opened his second-career start on the PGA TOUR with a 2-under-par 69. Varner is playing as the 2014 Northern Trust Open Exemption recipient. Jeremiah Wooding is thus far the only Northern Trust Open Exemption recipient to make the cut (T42). Varner's 69 is the second-lowest round by a Northern Trust Open Exemption recipient (Jeremiah Wooding, 66, round 2, 2013).

Varner has full status on Web.com Tour this season after finishing T32 at the final stage of the Web.com Tour Qualifying Tournament. In 2007, he won the Nature Valley First Tee Open as a junior with Champions Tour pro and teammate Morris Hatafsky. Varner, 23, was chosen from a pool of applicants to receive the exemption, created and sponsored by Northern Trust. The annual exemption provides an opportunity for a top golfer who represents the advancement of diversity in golf and wouldn't otherwise be eligible to compete in the event. Varner is the sixth recipient of the Northern Trust Open Exemption, following Vincent Johnson (2009), Joshua Wooding (2010), Joseph Bramlett (2011), Andy Walker (2012) and Jeremiah Wooding (2013).

Miscellaneous tournament notes

While the field for the next week's World Golf Championships-Accenture Match Play Championship is finalized following the conclusion of the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am (top 64 in the Official World Golf Ranking), players can improve their position in the bracket through the Northern Trust Open. Seeding for the Accenture Match Play Championship will be based off of the updated OWGR following the conclusion of the Northern Trust Open, meaning that while players can't play their win *in*, they can play their way *up*.

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 and 2013 Northern Trust Open, Chevron's Eagles for Education program generated \$300,500.

Eagles so far in R1: 9 x \$3,500 = \$31,500

Bogey free rounds: There were no bogey-free rounds in round 1.

Darren Clarke (strained chest muscle) and Scott Verplank (Back) withdrew on Thursday. John Peterson was disqualified Friday morning after he failed to return to the course to complete his first round (+4 through 17).