## 2014 Northern Trust Open Broadcast Window \& Pre-Tournament Notes



## ShotLink Keys to Victory for John Merrick

## John Merrick - Winner 2013 Northern Trust Open

In his $169^{\text {th }}$ event on the PGA TOUR, the 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.

John Merrick's Finishes in the FedExCup

| Year | Rank | Merrick has made the FedExCup Playoffs in all 7 seasons of its existence. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2013 | $39^{\text {th }}$ |  |
| 2012 | $72^{\text {nd }}$ | Last year he finished a career best $39^{\text {th }}$ in the standings. |
| 2011 | $100^{\text {th }}$ |  |
| 2010 | $110^{\text {th }}$ |  |
| 2009 | $75^{\text {th }}$ |  |
| 2008 | $40^{\text {th }}$ |  |
| 2007 | $129^{\text {th }}$ |  |

Par 5 Dominance at Riviera CC: John Merrick dominated the par 5's at Riviera CC ranking $1^{\text {st }}$ in par 5 scoring average and par 5 performance. He made 7 birdies and 2 eagles on the par 5's this week, including playing par $5-11^{\text {th }}$ hole at 5 under par for the week.

Par 5 Scoring vs. 2013 Northern Trust Field

| Rank | Player | RTP |
| :---: | :--- | :---: |
| 1 | John Merrick | -11 |
| 2 | Stewart Cink | -10 |
| 2 | Luke Guthrie | -10 |
| 4 | Jeremiah Wooding | -9 |
| 4 | Chris Kirk | -9 |
| 4 | Adam Scott | -9 |
| 4 | Josh Teater | -9 |

Merrick lead the field in par 5 performance playing the par 5's at 11 under par outperforming the field by over 5 shots on the par 5's (after cut field average 5.71).

This event was only the $2^{\text {nd }}$ time Merrick lead the field in par 5 performance in a 4 round event (2008 AT\&T National (-5)).

| Most Under Par by a Winner on Par 5s at Riviera CC (since 1983) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Year | Tournament | Player | Rank | Status | Par 5 Avg |  |
| 2007 | Northern Trust Open | Howell III, Charles | 1 | -12 | 4.00 |  |
| 2009 | Northern Trust Open | Mickelson, Phil | 1 | -12 | 4.00 |  |
| $\mathbf{2 0 1 3}$ | Northern Trust Open | Merrick, John | $\mathbf{1}$ | $\mathbf{- 1 1}$ | 4.08 |  |
| 2002 | Northern Trust Open | Mattiace, Len | 2 | -11 | 4.08 |  |
| 1985 | Northern Trust Open | Wadkins, Lanny | 1 | -9 | 4.25 |  |
| 2003 | Northern Trust Open | Weir, Mike | 2 | -9 | 4.25 |  |

Merrick's performance of 11 under par was just one shy of the par 5 performance record at this event since 1983.

## 2013 Course \& Hole Statistics <br> Riviera CC

Courses with the Toughest Greens to Hit

| Rank | Course | $\%$ |
| :---: | :--- | :---: |
| 1 | Harbour Town Golf Links | 57.15 |
| 2 | TPC Southwind | 57.68 |
| 3 | Riviera CC | 58.01 |
| 4 | Merion GC | 58.55 |
| 5 | PGA National (Champion) | 59.15 |

Courses with the Most 3-Putts Inside 5 Feet

| Rank | Course | $\mathbf{\%}$ |
| :---: | :--- | :---: |
| $\mathbf{1}$ | Riviera CC | $\mathbf{1 4}$ |
| 1 | Innisbrook Resort - Copperhead | 12 |
| 3 | Muirfield Village GC | 7 |
| 4 | Harbour Town Golf Links | 5 |

Courses with the Lowest Putting \% 5' to 10'

| Rank | Course | $\%$ |
| :---: | :--- | :---: |
| 1 | Plantation Course at Kapalua | 45.82 |
| $\mathbf{2}$ | Riviera CC | 47.36 |
| 3 | Quail Hollow Club | 48.79 |
| 4 | Pebble Beach Golf Links | 48.9 |
| 5 | Torrey Pines (South) | 50.1 |

Courses with the Toughest Greens to Hit Inside 125 Yards

| Rank | Course | \% |
| :---: | :--- | :---: |
| 1 | Firestone CC (South) | 73.67 |
| 2 | Harbour Town Golf Links | 75.86 |
| 3 | Conway Farms GC | 76.52 |
| 4 | The Old White TPC | 77 |
| $\mathbf{5}$ | Riviera CC | $\mathbf{7 7 . 0 6}$ |

Courses with the Lowest
Putting \% Inside 5'

| Rank | Course | $\%$ |
| :---: | :--- | :---: |
| $\mathbf{1}$ | Plantation Course at Kapalua | 93.08 |
| $\mathbf{2}$ | Riviera CC | $\mathbf{9 3 . 4 6}$ |
| 3 | Muirfield Village GC | 94.87 |
| 4 | Quail Hollow Club | 95.11 |
| 5 | Pebble Beach Golf Links | 95.39 |

Courses with the
Lowest Putting Inside 10'

| Rank | Course | \% Made |
| :---: | :--- | :---: |
| 1 | Plantation Course at Kapalua | 83.35 |
| $\mathbf{2}$ | Riviera CC | 83.37 |
| 3 | Quail Hollow Club | 84.68 |
| 4 | Pebble Beach Golf Links | 84.79 |
| 5 | Torrey Pines (South) | 84.81 |

Courses with Most Eagles

| Rank | Course | Par | Yds | Avg Score | Eagle |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{1}$ | Glen Abbey GC | 72 | 7253 | 71.603 | 61 |
| $\mathbf{2}$ | Riviera CC | $\mathbf{7 1}$ | $\mathbf{7 3 4 9}$ | $\mathbf{7 1 . 8 5}$ | $\mathbf{5 8}$ |
| 3 | Trump Intrntl GC - Puerto Rico | 72 | 7506 | 70.229 | 53 |
| 4 | TPC Scottsdale | 71 | 7216 | 68.954 | 50 |
| 5 | Waialae CC | 70 | 7044 | 68.901 | 46 |

## 2013 Course \& Hole Statistics - Riviera CC

Easiest Holes on TOUR

| Rank | Course | Hole | Par | Yds |  |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Avg |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\mathbf{1}$ | Riviera CC | $\mathbf{1}$ | $\mathbf{5}$ | $\mathbf{5 0 3}$ | $\mathbf{- 0 . 7 0 4}$ |
| 2 | Waialae CC | 18 | 5 | 551 | -0.682 |
| 3 | PGA West (Palmer) | 11 | 5 | 512 | -0.658 |
| 4 | PGA West (Nicklaus) | 4 | 5 | 538 | -0.654 |
| 5 | PGA West (Palmer) | 6 | 5 | 562 | -0.646 |

Toughest Par 3 Greens to Hit

| Rank | Course | Hole | Par | Yardage | \% |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{1}$ | Riviera CC | $\mathbf{4}$ | $\mathbf{3}$ | $\mathbf{2 3 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 9 . 4}$ |
| 2 | Augusta National GC | 4 | 3 | 240 | 29.55 |
| 3 | TPC Blue Monster at Doral | 13 | 3 | 245 | 32.69 |
| 4 | Torrey Pines (North) | 12 | 3 | 234 | 33.99 |
| 5 | Muirfield Village GC | 8 | 3 | 185 | 40.73 |

Toughest Greens to Hit from Fairway Bunkers (Min of 20 Attempts)

| Rank | Course | Hole | Par | Yardage | \% |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Firestone CC (South) | 9 | 4 | 494 | 0 |
| 1 | PGA National (Champion) | 10 | 4 | 508 | 0 |
| $\mathbf{3}$ | Riviera CC | $\mathbf{9}$ | $\mathbf{4}$ | $\mathbf{4 5 8}$ | $\mathbf{4}$ |
| 4 | PGA National (Champion) | 14 | 4 | 465 | 6.4 |
| 5 | Liberty National GC | 18 | 4 | 490 | 7.1 |

Shortest Par 5's on TOUR

| Rank | Course | Hole | Par | Yds | Avg |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{1}$ | Pebble Beach Golf Links | 2 | 5 | 502 | 4.434 |
| 2 | Harbour Town Golf Links | 2 | 5 | 502 | 4.611 |
| $\mathbf{2}$ | Riviera CC | $\mathbf{1}$ | $\mathbf{5}$ | $\mathbf{5 0 3}$ | $\mathbf{4 . 2 9 6}$ |
| 4 | Waialae CC | 9 | 5 | 506 | 4.38 |
| 5 | Muirfield | 9 | 5 | 507 | 4.714 |

Holes with the Most Eagles

| Rank | Course | Hole | Par | Yds | Eagle |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{1}$ | Riviera CC | $\mathbf{1}$ | $\mathbf{5}$ | $\mathbf{5 0 3}$ | $\mathbf{3 6}$ |
| 2 | Waialae CC | 9 | 5 | 506 | 25 |
| 3 | TPC Southwind | 16 | 5 | 530 | 23 |
| 4 | TPC Four Seasons Resort | 7 | 5 | 542 | 23 |
| 5 | Liberty National GC | 6 | 5 | 538 | 22 |

## 2013 Course \& Hole Statistics - Riviera CC

Holes with the Most Birdies

| Rank | Course | Hole | Par | Yds | Birdie |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{1}$ | Waialae CC | 18 | 5 | 551 | 269 |
| 2 | Waialae CC | 9 | 5 | 506 | 250 |
| $\mathbf{3}$ | Riviera CC | $\mathbf{1}$ | $\mathbf{5}$ | $\mathbf{5 0 3}$ | $\mathbf{2 4 4}$ |
| 4 | TPC Deere Run | 2 | 5 | 561 | 240 |
| 5 | TPC Four Seasons Resort | 7 | 5 | 542 | 229 |

Toughest Holes When Putting Inside 5 Feet

| Rank | Course | Hole |  | Par |  |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |

Toughest Front 9 on TOUR (Non-Majors)

| Course | Total RTP |
| :--- | :---: |
| Firestone CC (South) | 0.692 |
| TPC San Antonio | 0.677 |
| Innisbrook Resort - Copperhead | 0.648 |
| Bay Hill Club \& Lodge | 0.453 |
| Riviera CC | $\mathbf{0 . 4 1 7}$ |

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## Broadcast Window Notes <br> 2014 Northern Trust Open (featured groups)

## Jordan Spieth Notes

Jordan Spieth is coming off his $2^{\text {nd }}$ top 10 of $2013 / 14$ PGA TOUR Season and $11^{\text {th }}$ top 10 since the start of 2013. Spieth is currently ranked 14 th in the race for the FedExCup. Spieth is making his 2nd appearance at the Northern Trust Open. In his only other start here he missed the cut in 2012 as an amateur.

Most Top 10's Since start of 2013 Season

| Player | Top 10's | \# of Events | \% inside Top 10 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Matt Kuchar | 11 | 26 | $42.31 \%$ |
| Graham DeLaet | 11 | 31 | $35.48 \%$ |
| Zach Johnson | 11 | 29 | $37.93 \%$ |
| Jordan Spieth | $\mathbf{1 1}$ | $\mathbf{2 8}$ | $\mathbf{3 9 . 2 9 \%}$ |

Since his professional debut at the Farmers Insurance Open in 2013, Spieth has been one of the hottest players on TOUR. In 28 events on TOUR, Spieth has finished inside the top ten $39.29 \%$ of the time.

36-Hole Leader in Last 2 Starts: Jordan Spieth has been in at least a share of the lead through 36-holes in each of his last 2 starts on the PGA TOUR (leader by 1 at the Farmers thru 36 \& tied for lead thru 36 at AT\&T Pebble Beach). However, despite a strong final round 67 on Pebble Beach last week, he's struggled on the weekends in each of his last 2 starts.

# Jordan Spieth - First 2 vs. Final 2 Rounds <br> Last 2 Starts on TOUR 

| Stat | First 2 Rds | Final 2 Rds |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Birdies or Better | 24 | 11 |
| Over Par Holes | 5 | 17 |
| Score to Par | 19 -under | 7 -over |
| Stroke Average | 67.00 | 73.75 |

In his last 2 starts on TOUR Spieth is 19 -under in opening 2 rounds compared to 7 -over par on the weekend.

| Jordan Spieth - First 2 vs. Final 2 Rounds |
| :---: |
| Last 2 Starts on TOUR |


| Stat | First 2 Rds | Final 2 Rds |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Fairways Hit | 36 of 55 | $\mathbf{3 2}$ of 56 |
| Greens Hit | 55 of 72 | $\mathbf{4 4}$ of $\mathbf{7 2}$ |
| Scrambling | 15 of 17 | $\mathbf{1 7}$ of $\mathbf{2 8}$ |
| Total 3-putts | 3 | $\mathbf{7}$ |
| Putts Per Round | 27.25 | $\mathbf{3 0 . 7 5}$ |

Bounce Back Rd: Spieth bounced back in the final round last week at the AT\&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am.
Jordan Spieth - Rds 3 \& 4 on the Greens
2014 AT\&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am

| Stat | Third Round | Final Round |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Score | 78 (T131) | $67($ T2) |
| Scrambling | 3 of 6 | 6 of 6 |
| Total Putts | $36\left(152^{\text {nd }}\right)$ | 26 (T-2) |
| Three-Putts | 6 (Last) | $0($ T-First) |
| Strokes Gained - Putting | -5.15 (Last) | $+1.74\left(8^{\text {th }}\right)$ |

In the $3^{\text {rd }}$ round he had 6 total 3 -putts and lost over 5 strokes on the greens ranking last in the field for strokes gained putting. He turned his putting around en route to a final round 67 (T-2 $2^{\text {nd }}$ lowest rd of the final rd ).

Stats Breakdown: Here's a detailed view comparing Spieth's stats in the first 2 rounds vs. the final 2 rounds in his last 2 starts on TOUR.

In his last 2 starts, he's hit 55 of 72 greens in the opening 2 rounds compared to 44 of 72 in the final 2 rounds.

## Webb Simpson Notes

Webb Simpson is making his 6th appearance of the 2013/14 PGA TOUR season and has 4 top 10's ranking 5th in the FEC standings. Webb is making his 3rd appearance at the Northern Trust Open finishing T-15th in 2010 and T-6th in 2013.

Most rounds of 66 or Lower
2013/14 PGA TOUR Season

| Player | \# of Rds |
| :--- | :---: |
| Simpson, Webb | $\mathbf{8}$ |
| Stuard, Brian | 8 |
| Howell III, Charles | 8 |
| Kirk, Chris | 8 |

Since the start of the 2013/14 PGA TOUR season, Webb Simpson has played 18 of his 20 rounds under par.

Webb is 1 of only 4 players to shoot 66 or lower 8 times this season.

Webb Simpson - 2013/14 Season Results

| Date | Tournament | Pos |
| :---: | :--- | :---: |
| $2013 / 14$ | Shriners Hospitals | WON |
| $2013 / 14$ | The McGladrey Classic | T7 |
| 2014 | Hyundai T of C | T3 |
| 2014 | Humana Challenge | T23 |
| 2014 | Waste Management Phoenix | $10^{\text {th }}$ |

Perfect Top 25's: Webb Simpson has yet to finish outside the top 25 in his 5 starts thus far this season. He is the only player on TOUR with more than 3 starts to accomplish this feat.

Webb Simpson - Stats This Season

| Stat | Rank | Value |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Scrambling | $1^{\text {st }}$ | $69.88 \%$ |
| Putting from - 10-15' | $1^{\text {st }}$ | $48.21 \%$ |
| Average Distance of Putts made | $1^{\text {st }}$ | $92^{\prime} 6^{\text {² }}$ |
| Scoring Average | $1^{\text {st }}$ | 68.791 |
| Birdie Average | $1^{\text {st }}$ | 5.45 |
| Par Breakers | $1^{\text {st }}$ | $30.83 \%$ |
| Round 1 Scoring Average | $1^{\text {st }}$ | 66.40 |
| Par 4 Scoring Average | $1^{\text {st }}$ | 3.85 |
| Par 5 Scoring Average | $1^{\text {st }}$ | 4.33 |
| Strokes Gained - Putting | $2^{\text {nd }}$ | 1.609 |
| Putting - Inside 10' | $5^{\text {th }}$ | $89.74 \%$ |

Webb Simpson has statistically been all but completely dominant on the PGA TOUR this season.

He currently leads the TOUR for scoring average, scrambling, feet of putts made, and birdie average to name a few.

He's $2^{\text {nd }}$ on TOUR for strokes gained - putting outperforming the TOUR average of over $11 / 2$ strokes per round with his putter.

Longest streak without a 3-putt: Simpson currently has a streak of 127 consecutive holes without recording a 3-putt on TOUR marking the longest active streak on TOUR.

Lowest Bogey Average on TOUR This Season

| Rank | Player | Bogey Avg. |
| :---: | :--- | :---: |
| $\mathbf{1}$ | Webb Simpson | $\mathbf{1 . 3 5}$ |
| 2 | Bubba Watson | 1.44 |
| 3 | Zach Johnson | 1.55 |
| 4 | Graham DeLaet | 1.67 |
| 5 | Justin Leonard | 1.76 |

Simpson's TOUR leading short game and putting statistics can be directly correlated with his TOUR leading bogey average numbers. He's currently averaging a TOUR leading 1.35 bogeys per round this season.

## Fred Couples Notes

Two-time Northern Trust Open champion (1990 \& 1992), Fred Couples is making his 32 appearance at this event. In his previous 31 starts he has 2 wins, 14 top tens, and 20 top twenty-fives.

Most appearances in a Non-Major PGA TOUR Event
(Includes all starts available on record)

| Player | Event | \# of Starts |
| :--- | :--- | :---: |
| Jack Nicklaus | Ford Championship at Doral | 39 |
| Arnold Palmer | Arnold Palmer Invitational | 38 |
| Arnold Palmer | Humana Challenge | 34 |
| Raymond Floyd | Ford Championship at Doral | 34 |
| Sam Snead | Wyndham Championship | 34 |
| Gene Littler | Farmers Insurance Open | 33 |
| Ben Crenshaw | Crowne Plaza Invitational | 32 |
| Fred Couples | Northern Trust Open | $\mathbf{3 1}$ |
| Billy Casper | Farmers Insurance Open | 31 |

Fred Couples has the most appearances at the Northern Trust Open (31).

Should he make his $32^{\text {nd }}$ start this week he would join just 6 other players (7 times total) on TOUR who have made 32 or more starts in a non-major PGA TOUR event.

Most Rounds of 68 or Better at Northern Trust Open

| Player | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| Couples, Fred | $\mathbf{3 6}$ |
| Pavin, Corey | 25 |
| Stadler, Craig | 22 |
| Tway, Bob | 19 |

Since 1982, no one has more rounds of 68 or better than Couples at the Northern Trust Open. Over this time frame he has played 35 of 115 rounds at 68 or better.

Since 1982, Fred Couples is 1 of just 3 players with sub-70 strokes averages at the Northern Trust Open (of players with at least 30 career rounds). Fred Couples has carded top tens in 5 of his last 11 starts at the Northern Trust Open.

Players with Scoring Average under 70
( 30 or more rounds since 1982)

| Player | Scoring Avg. | Fred Couples has played 111 rounds at the Northern Trust Open |
| :--- | :---: | :--- |
| Woods, Tiger | $69.83(36 \mathrm{rds})$ | his 31 career starts. |

## Jason Dufner Notes

Jason Dufner is making his $5^{\text {th }}$ career start at the Northern Trust Open this week. In his previous 4 starts, he has yet to crack the top 25 and has played just 3 of his 12 career rounds under par on this course.

Dufner is making his first start since finishing T29 at the Sony Open in Hawaii earlier this season. Dufner has played his last 11 (official) consecutive rounds at par or better on the PGA TOUR. This dates back to the $2^{\text {nd }}$ round of the 2013/14 WGC-HSBC Champions event where he finished T-34 ${ }^{\text {th }}$.

| Career by the Numbers on the PGA TOUR Jason Dufner |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Stat | Value | Stat | Value |
| Starts | 200 | Total Rounds | 662 |
| Wins | 3 | Rounds in 60s | 236 |
| Win \% | 2\% | Sub-Par Rds | 314 |
| Top 5s | 15 | Stroke Average | 70.79 |
| Top 5\% | 8\% | Total Score to par | -197 |
| Top 10s | 30 | Par 3 Scoring | +212 |
| Top 10\% | 15\% | Par 4 Scoring | +251 |
| Top 25s | 56 | Par 5 Scoring | -660 |
| Top 25\% | 28\% | Total Eagles | 52 |
| Cuts Made | 133 | Total Birdies | 2369 |
| Cuts Made\% | 67\% | Bogey-Free Rds | 44 |

200 Career Starts: Jason Dufner has made 200 career starts on the PGA TOUR.

He's carded 3 wins, 15 top 5's, 30 top 10's and has a career made cut percentage of $67 \%$.

He's played 314 of his 662 career rounds under par at a combined score of -197 under par.

## Keegan Bradley Notes

Despite coming off a $2^{\text {nd }}$ round 80 at the Waste Management Phoenix Open (his $2^{\text {nd }}$ highest round of his career), Keegan Bradley has quietly been one of the most consistent performers on TOUR. Bradley's missed cut at the Waste Management Phoenix Open was his first on TOUR since missing the cut at the 2013 US Open Championship.

Bradley has played his last 8 consecutive rounds at par or better at the Northern Trust Open finishing T-2 ${ }^{\text {nd }}$ in 2012 and T-16 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ last year.

Wedge Game Improvements: Keegan's wedge play \& short game have improved each year and can be attributed to his consistent play over the last 2 years. Bradley is currently ranked $1^{\text {st }}$ on TOUR for approach shots from 50 to 125 yards averaging a TOUR leading 12 feet 8 inches to the pin from the fairway. This season he's gone onto to convert birdie or better $32 \%$ of the time ranking $16^{\text {th }}$ on TOUR for birdie or better percentage from this distance.

Keegan Bradley - Wedge Game and Short Game Improvements on TOUR

| Category | 2014 |  | 2013 |  | 2012 |  | 2011 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Rank | Value | Rank | Value | Rank | Value | Rank | Value |
| From 75-100 yards | $4^{\text {th }}$ | 9'8" | T59 | 16' 2" | T105 | 17' 8" | T87 | 17' 6" |
| From 100-125 yards | T4 | 14'4" | T27 | 17' 7" | T127 | 20'10" | $171^{\text {st }}$ | 22' 11" |
| From 50-125 yards | $1^{\text {st }}$ | 12' 8" | T14 | 16' 3" | T134 | 19'6" | T147 | 20' 2 " |
| Scrambling | $11^{\text {th }}$ | 65.3\% | $32^{\text {nd }}$ | 60.8\% | $91^{\text {st }}$ | 57.6\% | $125^{\text {th }}$ | 56.2\% |

One of the Best Driving Performances at the NTO: At the 2013 Northern Trust Open Keegan Bradley averaged 309.4 yards $\left(2^{\text {nd }}\right)$ off the tee and hit $64.3 \%\left(4^{\text {th }}\right)$ of his fairways leading the field for total driving. "Total Driving" is made up of adding the distance and accuracy ranks for the week and then sorting players by the lowest total value. Since the 1980 Northern Trust Open only 2 other players have had a lower total driving value than Keegan did last year.

Best Total Driving Performances - Northern Trust Open (Since 1980)

| Year | Player | Total Driving | Distance Rank | Accuracy Rank |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2005 | Westwood, Lee | $\mathbf{3}$ | $2^{\text {nd }}$ | $1^{\text {st }}$ |
| 1988 | Pohl, Dan | $\mathbf{5}$ | $3^{\text {rd }}$ | $2^{\text {nd }}$ |
| 2013 | Bradley, Keegan | $\mathbf{6}$ | $\mathbf{2}^{\text {nd }}$ | $\mathbf{4}^{\text {th }}$ |

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## John Merrick Notes

Defending Northern Trust Open champion John Merrick is making his $8^{\text {th }}$ start this season and is coming his best finish this season at the Waste Management Phoenix Open where he carded a T-19 finish after opening his week with an opening round 75 .

| Stat | Rank | Value | Entering this week, Merrick has been very solid on TOUR with his tee-to-green ranks ranking $9^{\text {th }}$ on TOUR for total driving and $34^{\text {th }}$ for greens in regulation. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Driving Distance | T79th | 288.6 |  |
| Driving Accuracy Percentage | 6th | 72.08\% |  |
| Total Driving | 9th | 85 |  |
| Greens in Regulation Percentage | 34th | 71.83\% | However, he currently ranks $139^{\text {th }}$ on TOUR for scrambling and $152^{\text {nd }}$ for strokes gained - putting. |
| Sand Save Percentage | T153rd | 34.38\% |  |
| Scrambling | 139th | 52.82\% |  |
| Strokes Gained - Putting | 152nd | -. 754 |  |
| Putting - Inside 10' | 155th | 83.58\% |  |
| Scoring Average | 150th | 72.370 |  |

Par 5 Dominance at Riviera CC: John Merrick dominated the par 5's at Riviera CC ranking $1^{\text {st }}$ in par 5 scoring average and par 5 performance. He made 7 birdies and 2 eagles on the par 5 's this week, including playing par $5-11^{\text {th }}$ hole at 5 under par for the week.

Merrick is the $10^{\text {th }}$ player since 1984 at the Northern Trust Open to play the $11^{\text {th }}$ hole at 5 -under par or better in a single week ( 4 rds ). Cameron Beckman holds the record playing the $11^{\text {th }}$ hole a 6 -under par for the week ( 2 eagles and 2 birdies) back in the 2003 Northern Trust Open.

## Matt Kuchar Notes

Matt Kuchar is making his first start since the Sony Open in Hawaii and his $4^{\text {th }}$ start this season. Kuchar has consistently carded top ten finishes in each of his first 3 starts.

Matt Kuchar - Results This Season

| Year | Event | Fin Pos. |
| :---: | :--- | :---: |
| $2013 / 14$ | McGladrey Classic | T7 |
| 2014 | Hyundai TOC | T6 |
| 2014 | Sony Open in Hawaii | T8 |

To illustrate his consistency you have to go all the way back to the 2013 HP Byron Nelson Championship where he finished T33 to find the last event where he finished outside the top 30 of any event.

Most Consecutive Cuts Made (Active Streaks)

| Rank | Player |  |
| :---: | :--- | :---: |
| $\mathbf{1}$ | Streak |  |
| 2 | Matt Kuchar | $\mathbf{3 0}$ |
| 3 | Jason Scott | 28 |
| 4 | Steve Stricker | 27 |
| 4 | Tiger Woods | 24 |
| 6 | Sergio Garcia | 24 |

Matt Kuchar currently has the longest streak of consecutive cuts made on the PGA TOUR with 30 consecutive starts. Kuchar's last cut missed came at the 2012 PGA Championship.

Most Holes Played Per 3-Putt on TOUR
(Since Start of 2013) *min of 1,000 holes played

| Player | 3-Putts | Total Holes | Holes Played <br> Per 3-Putt |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Kuchar, Matt | $\mathbf{3 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 7 8 2}$ | $\mathbf{5 6}$ |
| Leonard, Justin | 38 | 1,998 | $\mathbf{5 3}$ |
| Chalmers, Greg | 34 | 1,782 | $\mathbf{5 2}$ |
| Harman, Brian | 40 | 2,016 | $\mathbf{5 0}$ |
| Estes, Bob | 27 | 1,296 | $\mathbf{4 8}$ |

No one on TOUR has played more holes per 3-putt since the start of 2013 than Matt Kuchar.

Kuchar has 32 total 3-putts on 1,782 holes played since last year. This works out to 1 three-putt every 56 holes played.

## Hunter Mahan Notes

Hunter Mahan is coming off back-to-back top 6 finishes in his last 2 starts on TOUR (T4 at WMPO \& $6^{\text {th }}$ at AT\&T Pebble Beach). Mahan carded his career best finish at the Northern Trust Open last year when a T- $8^{\text {th }}$ finish in his $8^{\text {th }}$ career start at this event (making his $9^{\text {th }}$ start this week).

Most Top 25 Finishes in January \& February (Since Start of 2011)

| Player | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| Mahan, Hunter | 15 |
| Bradley, Keegan | 14 |
| Haas, Bill | 14 |
| Walker, Jimmy | 13 |
| Kuchar, Matt | 13 |
| Watson, Bubba | 13 |

In resent years, Mahan has been getting off to very consistent starts on the PGA TOUR. Since 2011, 15 of 43 total top twenty-five finishes have come in the first 2 months of the calendar year (Jan \& Feb).

Most Top 25 Finishes on PGA TOUR Since 2007

| Player |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| Steve Stricker | 94 |
| Jim Furyk | 93 |
| Matt Kuchar | 92 |
| Hunter Mahan | 92 |
| Phil Mickelson | 85 |
| Zach Johnson | 80 |

Mahan has been one of the most consistent players on TOUR since the start of ' 07 . Just 2 other players have more top twenty-five finishes since 2007 than Mahan.

Mahan's consistent finishes can largely be attributed to his record as 1 of 3 players to qualify for the TOUR Championship each year since 2007 (in the FedExCup Era).

## Ian Poulter Notes

Ian Poutler currently ranks $30^{\text {th }}$ in the FedExCup standings thanks in large part to his runner-up finish at the 2013/14 WGC-HSBC Champions event earlier this season. Poulter is coming off of a missed cut at the WMPO.

Poulter is making his first start at the Northern Trust Open since 2007. He's missed the cut in his 2 previous starts here and has yet to break par at this course.

Ian Poulter - Putting Ranks by Distance Interval on TOUR

| Year | Inside 5' | 5' to 10' | $10^{\prime}$ to $15{ }^{\prime}$ | 15' to $\mathbf{2 5}^{\prime}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2013 | T14 | T47 | $93^{\text {rd }}$ | $168{ }^{\text {h }}$ |
| 2012 | $4^{\text {th }}$ | T86 | $183^{\text {rd }}$ | $150^{\text {th }}$ |
| 2011 | $66^{\text {th }}$ | $11^{\text {th }}$ | $1^{\text {st }}$ | $155^{\text {h }}$ |
| 2010 | $19^{\text {th }}$ | $29^{\text {th }}$ | $116^{\text {th }}$ | $6^{\text {th }}$ |
| 2009 | T8 | $65^{\text {th }}$ | T73 | $155^{\text {h }}$ |
| 2008 | $7^{\text {th }}$ | $14^{\text {th }}$ | $8^{\text {th }}$ | T85 |
| 2007 | T117 | $187^{\text {th }}$ | $2^{\text {nd }}$ | T137 |
| 2006 | $6{ }^{\text {6 }}$ | $105^{\text {th }}$ | $41^{\text {st }}$ | $148^{\text {th }}$ |
| Key | Top 30 | Outside 30 |  |  |

Ian Poulter has ranked inside the top 20 on TOUR when putting inside 5 feet in 6 of the last 8 years on TOUR.

However, his putting ranks fall the as he moves further from the hole.

However, he's ranked inside the top 10 for putting from 10 to 15 feet in 3 of the last 7 years including leading the TOUR in 2011.

## Justin Rose Notes

Justin Rose is making his first start of the 2013/14 PGA TOUR since his $5^{\text {th }}$ place finish at the 2013/14 WGCHSBS Champions event. The 2013 U.S. Open champion has 3 top 6 finishes in his last 5 starts on the PGA TOUR dating back to his runner-up finish at the 2013 Barclays.

Tee-to-Green Improvement: Justin's tee-to-green game has drastically improved each year since 2010. In 2010, he ranked T-58 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ for total driving, $91^{\text {st }}$ for ball striking and $119^{\text {th }}$ for greens in regulation. Last year, he ranked $4^{\text {th }}, \mathrm{T}-3^{\text {rd }}$ and $9^{\text {th }}$ respectively in these same 3 stats.

Justin Rose - Tee-to-Green Ranks on TOUR

| Year | $\mathbf{2 0 1 3}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 2}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 1}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 0}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total Driving | $\mathbf{4}^{\text {th }}$ | T15 | T68 | T58 |
| Ball Striking | T 3 | T 4 | $28^{\text {th }}$ | $91^{\text {st }}$ |
| Greens in Regulation | $9^{\text {th }}$ | $1^{\text {st }}$ | $\mathbf{1 0}^{\text {th }}$ | $119^{\text {th }}$ |

Short Game: Rose has ranked inside the top 30 for sand saves in each year from 2009 to 2013 . He's also ranked inside the top 35 for scrambling in 3 of the last 4 years (not including 2014 - not officially ranked yet).

Justin is making his $9^{\text {th }}$ career appearance at the Northern Trust Open this week. He's carded top 15 finishes in each of his last 2 starts here finishing $\mathrm{T}-9^{\text {th }}$ in 2011 and $\mathrm{T}-13^{\text {th }}$ in 2013 . He's played his last 8 consecutive rounds at par or better over this streak of top 15 finishes.

## Jim Furyk Notes

2010 FedExCup champion Jim Furyk is making his $2^{\text {nd }}$ start of the 2013/14 season this week at the Northern Trust Open. He will be playing this event for the $18^{\text {th }}$ time this week. He's carded top 15 finishes in each of his last 2 starts here finishing T11 in 2012 and T13 in 2013.

Proximity to the Hole Leaders 2013 PGA TOUR

| Rank | Player | Avg. |
| :---: | :--- | :---: |
| $\mathbf{1}$ | Jim Furyk | $\mathbf{3 1}^{\prime} \mathbf{3 ' 口}^{\prime \prime}$ |
| 2 | Justin Rose | $32^{\prime} 22^{\prime \prime}$ |
| 2 | Jeff Maggert | $32^{\prime} 2^{\prime \prime}$ |
| 4 | Camilo Villegas | $32^{\prime} 7^{\prime \prime}$ |
| 5 | Chez Reavie | $32^{\prime} 8^{\prime \prime}$ |

Jim Furyk has ranked inside the top 10 for proximity to the hole in each of the last 3 years on TOUR (from 2011-2013). Last year he led the TOUR in this category averaging 31 feet 3 inches to the pin on all approach shots.

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## Dustin Johnson Notes

Dustin Johnson currently ranks $4^{\text {th }}$ in the FedExCup standings this season. Johnson has finished inside the top 15 of the FedExCup standings in each of the last 5 consecutive seasons (every year since 2009).

| Dustin Johnson Results This Season |  |  | Dustin Johnson has been on a roll in his first official starts this season with 3 top 6 finishes including his victory at the WGCHSBC Champions event. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Year | Event | Fin Pos. |  |
| 2013/14 | WGC-HSBC | WON |  |
| 2014 | Hyundai TOC | T6 | stin now has 4 consecutive top 6 finishes on TOUR dating |
| 2014 | AT\&T Pebble Beach | T2 | back to the 2013 TOUR Championship. |

## Driving Distance Leaders

2014 AT\&T Pebble Beach

| Rank | Player | Avg. |
| :---: | :--- | :---: |
| $\mathbf{1}$ | Dustin Johnson | $\mathbf{3 1 0 . 9}$ |
| 2 | Robert Garrigus | 298.1 |
| 3 | J.B. Holmes | 294.4 |
| 4 | Chesson Hadley | 294.3 |
| 5 | Aaron Baddeley | 293.6 |

The field last week averaged 273.8 yards from the tee. Dustin Johnson on the other hand averaged 310.9 yards from the tee leading the field for driving distance (over 37 yards further than the field).

Scoring Breakdown: Dustin Johnson is 48 -under par in his first 3 starts on TOUR this season. When you breakdown his scoring you'll find that he's 1-over par on the par 3's, 19-under on the par 4's and 30-under on the par 5's.

