

2014 Masters Tournament

(The 22nd of 41 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Augusta, Ga. April 10-13, 2014 FedExCup Points: 600 to the winner

Augusta National Golf Club Par/Yards: 72/7,435

First-Round Notes - Thursday, April 10, 2014

Weather: Sunny with a high of 77 degrees. Winds SSW 5-10 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

Bill Haas 68 (-4) Adam Scott 69 (-3) Bubba Watson 69 (-3) Louis Oosthuizen 69 (-3)

The first-round leader/co-leader has gone on to win the Masters Tournament 15 times in the previous 77 events. Dating to 1985, Trevor Immelman (2008) is the only player to carry the first-round lead/co-lead on to victory.

Bill Haas

Haas at the Masters: T26/2010; T42/2011; T37/2012; T20/2013

Haas has made all 11 of his cuts on the PGA TOUR this season. His only two top-10 finishes came at the Humana Challenge (T6) and the WGC-Cadillac Championship (T6).

Coming into this week, Haas had missed the cut in two of his last three major starts: T25/2013 PGA Championship; MC/2013 Open Championship and MC/2013 U.S. Open.

Haas has won on TOUR each of last four previous seasons (2010-2013).

Haas' 68 ties his career-low round in a major. His previous low round at the Masters was a 70 on three occasions.

Haas has converted one of six previous first-round leads/co-leads into victory on TOUR (2010 Sanderson Farms Championship).

Bill and Jay Haas are one of nine father-son winners in PGA TOUR history. Kevin and Craig Stadler joined the list this year when Kevin won the Waste Management Phoenix Open.

Jay Haas (Bill's father) finished T3 at the 1995 Masters, which tied his career-best finish in a major (T3/1999 PGA Championship). The elder Haas made 19 cuts in 22 starts in the Masters with five top-10 finishes.

In 1995, Jay Haas was T24 after round one at the Masters before shooting a round two 64 to hold sole possession of the second round lead. That was his only career lead in the Masters.

Jay Haas won nine events in 799 career starts on the PGA TOUR, but did not win a major championship.

Jay Haas holds the TOUR record with 592 made cuts (Tom Kite/2nd/590)

Haas Family Summary: Father, Jay, was the 1975 NCAA medalist and two-time All-America at Wake Forest in the 1970s who went on to a highly successful PGA TOUR and Champions Tour career. Uncle, Jerry, was also an All-America at Wake Forest, a TOUR player in the early 1990s and is the head coach at Wake Forest. Jerry played once in the Masters. Great uncle, Bob Goalby, won the 1968 Masters and a total of 11 times on the PGA TOUR. Older brother, Jay, played golf at Augusta State and Monday-qualified for the 2006 Wachovia Championship to join father, Jay, and brother Bill in the field. Bill's uncle (mom's brother) Dillard Pruitt won once on the PGA TOUR and is now a Rules Official on TOUR. Pruitt played two times in the Masters.

Adam Scott

Adam Scott is trying to become the fourth player to win consecutive Masters:

Jack Nicklaus 1965, 1966 Nick Faldo 1989, 1990 Tiger Woods 2001, 2002

Only 16 players have won the Masters multiple times in their career.

The last defending champion at the Masters to shoot an opening round in the 60's was Vijay Singh (2000/69).

Scott has never held a lead after any round at the Masters.

Scott (2013) is the only Australian to win the Masters. Prior to Scott's win last year at the Masters, Geoff Ogilvy was the last Australian to win a major (2006 U.S. Open).

Scott (10) is tied for the fifth-most wins by an Australian on TOUR, trailing only Greg Norman (20), Jim Ferrier (18), Bruce Crampton (14), Joe Kirkwood, Sr. (13), Steve Elkington (10) and Stuart Appleby (10).

Scott has made 10 cuts in 12 career starts at the Masters. He has four top 10s, including three consecutive (2013/1st, 2012/T8, 2011/T2 and 2002/T9). Scott's only two missed cuts at the Masters came in 2004 and 2009.

Scott has finished in the top 15 in eight of his last nine starts in majors.

In 2013-14, Scott has three top-10 finishes in five PGA TOUR starts, including a third-place finish in his last outing at the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by MasterCard, where he held the lead after each of the first three rounds before finishing with a 4-over-par 76.

Only five times in Masters history has the defending champion held the round one lead the year after winning.

Champion	Year Won	R1 Lead	Finish as Defending Champion
Jack Burke Jr.	1956	1957	T7
Arnold Palmer	1960	1961	T2
Gary Player	1961	1962	2 nd
Jack Nicklaus	1965	1966	Won
Jose Maria Olazabal	1994	1995	T14

Below are the players with consecutive major victories since the 1934 Masters:

Player	Years	Consecutive Major Wins	Next Major
Padraig Harringtor	n 2008	British Open, PGA Championship	T35 – 2009 Masters
Phil Mickelson	2005-06	PGA Championship, Masters	T2 – U.S Open
Tiger Woods	2002	Masters, U.S. Open	T28-2002 British
Tiger Woods	2000-01	U.S. Open, British Open, PGA Championship, Masters	T12-2001 U.S. Open
Nick Price	1994	British, PGA Championship	MC-1995 Masters
Tom Watson	1982	U.S. Open, British	T9-1982 PGA
Jack Nicklaus	1972	Masters, U.S. Open	2 nd -1972 British
Lee Trevino	1971	U.S. Open, British Open	T33-1972 Masters
Arnold Palmer	1960	Masters, U.S. Open	2 nd -1960 British
Ben Hogan	1953	Masters, U.S. Open, British Open	P2-1954 Masters
Ben Hogan	1951	Masters, U.S. Open	T7-1952 Masters
Sam Snead	1949	Masters, PGA Championship	T2-1949 U.S. Open
Ben Hogan	1948	PGA Championship, U.S. Open	T4-1950 Masters
Craig Wood	1941	Masters, U.S. Open	T17-1941 PGA

Bubba Watson

Lefthanders have won five of the last 11 Masters (Bubba Watson, Mike Weir and Phil Mickelson-3).

Watson won earlier this year at the Northern Trust Open. It was his first win since the 2012 Masters.

At the Northern Trust Open, Watson shot matching weekend rounds of 64 to win by two shots over Dustin Johnson. He came from four shots back on the final day to claim the victory. Watson was the only player in the Northern Trust Open field to go bogey-free on the weekend at Riviera Country Club.

In winning the 2012 Masters, Watson opened with a 3-under 69 in round one. He was two shots off Lee Westwood's round one lead.

In his last start on TOUR, Watson was a WD after a first round 83 at the Arnold Palmer Invitational due to allergies.

Watson's only other bogey-free round in a major came in round three at the 2009 U.S. Open (T18).

Watson's 2013-14 starts-made cuts-top-10s-wins: 8-7-5-1

Watson has two runner-up finishes this year on TOUR: Waste Management Phoenix Open and WGC-Cadillac Championship. In each instance he lost by one shot.

Louis Oosthuizen

Oosthuizen in his last three major championship starts: MC/2013 Masters; WD/2013 U.S. Open; WD/2013 Open Championship.

Oosthuizen withdrew during the first round of the 2013 Open Championship with a neck injury and did not play again the rest of the season on TOUR.

Oosthuizen at the Masters: MC/2009; MC/2010; MC/2011; P2/2012; MC/2013

Coming into this week, Oosthuizen had four of 12 rounds at par-or-better at the Masters, all coming in 2012 (68-72-69-69) when he lost in a playoff to Bubba Watson.

In 2012, Oosthuizen became the first player in the history of the Masters to record a double-eagle on hole No. 2. It was just the fourth double-eagle in the history of the Masters.

Oosthuizen's only win on the PGA TOUR came at the 2010 Open Championship.

Oosthuizen is looking to join Angel Cabrera (2007 U.S. Open and 2009 Masters) and Peter Thomson (1954-55 British Open) as players to claim two major championships as their first two PGA TOUR wins.

In January, Oosthuizen successfully defended his Volvo Golf Champions title in South Africa with a one-stroke victory over Branden Grace. He began the final round a stroke behind fellow countryman Grace. The win marked the fourth consecutive year he has won a championship in his home continent of Africa and the second time he's successfully defended an African title (2011 and 2012 Africa Open).

Jonas Blixt (2-under 70)

Sweden has never produced a major championship winner. The best finish ever in a major by a Swede is Henrik Stenson (2/2013 Open Championship), Jesper Parnevik (2/1994 Open Championship and T2/1997 Open Championship) and Niclas Fasth (2/2001 Open Championship).

Eight Swedish players have won on the PGA TOUR: Jesper Parnevik (5), Carl Pettersson (5), Henrik Stenson (4), Gabriel Hjertstedt (2), Daniel Chopra (2), Jonas Blixt (2), Freddie Jacobson (1) and Richard S. Johnson (1).

Blixt is making his third career start in a major (T26/2013 Open Championship, 4/2013 PGA Championship).

Blixt has a pair of TOUR wins: 2012 Frys.com Open and 2013 Greenbrier Classic.

The only Swedish player to break 70 in the first round at the Masters since 1990 is Peter Hanson (68) in 2012.

Miscellaneous Notes

The only other time Phil Mickelson had two 7's-or-worse in the same major championship round was round three at the 1997 PGA Championship (T29).

Three players can jump to No. 1 in the Official World Golf Rankings this week including: Adam Scott (two-way tie for third or better), Henrik Stenson (two-way tie for second or better) and Jason Day (with a victory).

American's have won 8 of the last 14 Masters dating to 2000.

American's have won 17 of 21 events on TOUR this season, while players from Australia have won the other four: Jason Day (WGC-Accenture Match Play Championship); John Senden (Valspar Championship); Steven Bowditch (Valero Texas Open); and Matt Jones (Shell Houston Open).

Major Championship notes:

Two players had three top-10 finishes in the major championships in 2013:

Player Top-10s

Jason Day 3-Masters Tournament; T2-U.S. Open; T8-PGA Championship

Adam Scott 1-Masters Tournament; T3-Open Championship; T5-PGA Championship

Adam Scott went 47 straight majors without a victory before winning the Masters. Below are the most active major starts without a victory (counting 2013 PGA Championship):

PlayerStartsLee Westwood63Miguel Angel Jimenez62Sergio Garcia61Steve Stricker60

Active consecutive major appearances (including 2014 Masters):

Player Consecutive starts

Sergio Garcia 59 Adam Scott 51 K.J. Choi 48

The youngest winner of the Masters is Tiger Woods (1997, 21 years, 3 months, 14 days). There are six players in the field this week that are younger than Woods was when he won in 1997.

The oldest winner of the Masters is Jack Nicklaus (1986, 46 years, 2 months, 23 days). There are 14 players in the field this week that are older than Nicklaus was when he won in 1986.

First-time appearances

Twenty-four (24) players are making their first start: Jonas Blixt, Steven Bowditch, Roberto Castro, Brendon de Jonge, Graham DeLaet, Victor Dubuisson, Harris English, Derek Ernst, Matt Every, Matthew Fitzpatrick, Stephen Gallacher, Oliver Goss, Billy Horschel, Matt Jones, Chris Kirk, Chang-woo Lee, Joost Luiten, Michael McCoy, Jordan Niebrugge, Garrick Porteous, Patrick Reed, Jordan Spieth, Kevin Stadler, Jimmy Walker.

Among the list above Jimmy Walker and Jonas Blixt turned in the best round one score at 2-under 70 (T5).

Most first-year players at the Masters: 24 (2014), 23 (1935), 22 (1962, 1966), 21 (1990), 20 (1980, 2008, 2011).

Three players won the Masters in their first appearance: Horton Smith (1934), Gene Sarazen (1935), Fuzzy Zoeller (1979).

Amateurs in the field (6)

Matthew Fitzpatrick (England)
Oliver Goss (Australia)
Chang-woo Lee (Korea)
Michael McCoy (United States)
Jordan Niebrugge (United States)
Garrick Porteous (England)

Fitzpatrick, Goss and Porteous each opened with a 4-over 76 (T67) to pace the amateurs in the field.

Best finish by an amateur in Masters: 2-Ken Venturi (1956), T2-Frank Stranahan (1947), Charles Roe (1961).

Past Masters champions in the field (19)

Angel Cabrera, Fred Couples, Ben Crenshaw, Trevor Immelman, Zach Johnson, Bernhard Langer, Sandy Lyle, Phil Mickelson, Larry Mize, Mark O'Meara, Jose Maria Olazabal, Charl Schwartzel, Adam Scott, Vijay Singh, Craig Stadler, Bubba Watson, Tom Watson, Mike Weir and Ian Woosnam.

Ben Crenshaw is making his 43rd consecutive Masters appearance this week (1972-2012). Arnold Palmer played in a record 50 consecutive Masters from 1955 to 2004. Gary Player owns the most starts (52).

There are 97 players in the field this week (six amateurs). Last year there were 93 players in the field

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