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### **2013 Frys.com Open Pre-tournament notes**

**Dates:** October 7-13, 2013

**Where:** CordeValle GC / San Martin, Calif.

**Par/Yards:** 35-36--71/7,379 yards

**Field:** 132

**2012 champion:** Jonas Blixt

**Purse:** \$5,000,000/\$900,000 (winner)

**FedExCup:** 500 points to the winner

**Format:** 72-hole stroke play

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### **A look at the 2012 Frys.com Open**

A week after his third-place finish to at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open, Sweden's Jonas Blixt posted a final-round, 3-under 68 to overcome a two-stroke deficit Sunday and claim his first PGA TOUR title. With the win, Blixt became the third rookie to win on TOUR last year, joining John Huh (OHL Classic at Mayakoba) and Ted Potter, Jr. (The Greenbrier Classic). He also became the eighth Swedish player to win on TOUR, joining Jesper Parnevik, Carl Pettersson, Gabriel Hjertstedt, Daniel Chopra, Henrik Stenson, Mathias Gronberg and Richard S. Johnson. Blixt became the second consecutive player to make the Frys.com Open his first PGA TOUR title, joining 2012 champion Bryce Molder. He also went the entire week without a 3-putt, extending the PGA TOUR's longest active streak without a 3-putt to 243 holes, dating to the third round of The Barclays.

### **More on Jonas Blixt and the Frys.com Open**

In 2013, Blixt wasted little time finding the winner's circle for a second time. At The Greenbrier Classic, just nine months after his win at CordeValle GC, Blixt fired a third-consecutive, 3-under 67 in the final round to win by two strokes over three others. Four starts later, he finished fourth at the PGA Championship for his first top-10 finish in his second major championship start. On the season, Blixt finished 52<sup>nd</sup> in the final FedExCup standings.

### **Frys.com Open and the FedExCup**

The TOUR embarks this week at the Frys.com Open on its new wraparound schedule that bridges two years with 45 events over 43 weeks. The 2013-14 PGA TOUR Season kicks off with the Frys.com Open and includes two more domestic and three international tournaments, with all fall events awarding FedExCup points for the first time. The schedule then resumes in January with the traditional swing through Hawaii before moving to the West Coast. The FedExCup Playoffs once again features four events and concludes in September of 2014 with the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola and the crowning of the FedExCup champion.

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

- Nine winners of PGA TOUR events in 2013: Brian Gay (Humana Challenge), John Merrick (Northern Trust Open), Scott Brown (Puerto Rico Open), Billy Horschel (Zurich Classic of New Orleans), Derek Ernst (Wells Fargo Championship), Seung-Yul-Noh (HP Byron Nelson Championship), Jonas Blixt (The Greenbrier Classic), Gary Woodland (Reno-Tahoe Open) and Patrick Reed (Wyndham Championship).
- 21-year-old Hideki Matsuyama, who played for the International Team last week at The Presidents Cup, makes his PGA TOUR member debut at the Frys.com Open. Matsuyama turned professional in 2013 and finished inside the top 10 at both the U.S. Open and The Open Championship en route to earning his

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PGA TOUR card via the non-member FedExCup points list. In addition to Matsuyama, U.S. Assistant Captain Davis Love III and International Team members Angel Cabrera and Marc Leishman will also play the Frys.com Open.

- Sponsor exemptions include former University of California All-America Max Homa and former University of Alabama All-America Justin Thomas. Both players make their PGA TOUR professional debuts. Brooks Koepka, a former Florida State All-America who plays on the European Tour, will make his third professional PGA TOUR start.
- Several players on Major Medical Extensions return to the PGA TOUR at the Frys.com Open, including two-time U.S. Open champion Retief Goosen. Goosen, who has battled back problems the last few years, has not played on TOUR since the 2013 PLAYERS Championship. Others making comebacks in the Frys.com Open field include Sacramento native Spencer Levin (left thumb) and Paul Goydos (left wrist).
- All six former Frys.com Open champions are in the field: Jonas Blixt (2012), Bryce Molder (2011), Rocco Mediate (2010), Troy Matteson (2009), Cameron Beckman (2008) and Mike Weir (2007).
- Graduates of the Web.com Tour that will make their season debut include the Web.com Tour Regular Season money-leader Michael Putnam and Web.com Tour Finals money-leader John Peterson.

<b>2013-14 PGA TOUR ROOKIES (14)</b>				
<b>Web.com Tour Regular Season Graduates (9)</b>				
<b>Player</b>	<b>(Cuts/Starts)</b>	<b>Birthdate</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>College</b>
Benjamin Alvarado	(0-1)	9/2/1985	28	N/A
Kevin Foley	(0-0)	5/24/1987	26	Penn State
Brice Garnett	(0-1)	9/6/1983	30	Missouri Western State
Chesson Hadley	(0-2)	7/5/1987	26	Georgia Tech
Bronson La'Cassie	(1-1)	4/15/1983	30	Minnesota
Peter Malnati	(0-0)	6/13/1987	26	Missouri
Wes Roach	(0-0)	12/10/1988	24	Duke
Kevin Tway	(0-6 pro, 0-1 amateur)	7/23/1988	25	Oklahoma State
Will Wilcox	(0-2)	6/2/1986	27	UAB/Clayton State
<b>2013 Web.com Tour Finals Graduates (4)</b>				
<b>Player</b>	<b>(Cuts/Starts)</b>	<b>Birthdate</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>College</b>
Patrick Cantlay	(8-14 pro, 7-8 amateur)	3/17/1992	21	UCLA
Andrew Loupe	(0-1 amateur)	11/22/1988	24	LSU
Hudson Swafford	(0-0 pro, 0-1 amateur)	9/9/1987	26	Georgia
Tyrone Van Aswegen	(0-0)	1/6/1982	31	Oklahoma City University
<b>2010 Web.com Graduates – Major Medical Extension (1)</b>				
<b>Player</b>	<b>(Cuts/Starts)</b>	<b>Birthdate</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>College</b>
Joe Affrunti (rookie in 2011)	(2-12)	8/1/1981	32	Illinois
<b>2013-14 first-year members (do not qualify as rookies)</b>				
<b>Player</b>	<b>(Cuts/Starts)</b>	<b>Birthdate</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>College</b>
John Peterson*	(11-15)	4/18/1989	24	LSU

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Thorbjørn Olesen#	(14-8)	12/21/1989	23	N/A
Hideki Matsuyama#	(11-8, 2-5 amateur)	2/25/1992	21	Tohoku Fukushi University
Gonzalo Fernández-Castaño#	(33-22)	10/13/1980	32	N/A
* played in more than 7 PGA TOUR events in 2012; # -- qualified for 2013-14 membership through non-member FedExCup points/money list				

- A number of members of the 2013-14 rookie class makes its debut at the Frys.com Open.

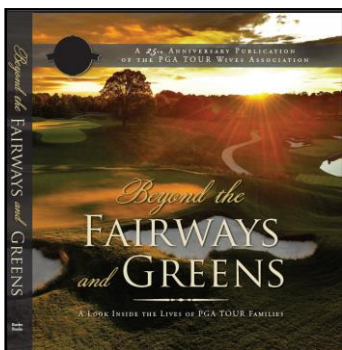
**Miscellaneous**

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Making a positive impact on the communities where PGA TOUR tournaments are held and players live has become an even larger focus in the golf organization's charitable mission with the *Together, anything's possible* campaign. The charitable effort was celebrated in late 2005 when the PGA TOUR and its tournaments reached the "Drive to a Billion" milestone. That cumulative effect, since the first donation in 1938, reached more than \$1.86 billion at the beginning of 2013—including more than \$1 billion in the last 15 years—and is the cornerstone of the *Together, anything's possible* campaign. The forecast is for the second billion-dollar mark to be reached in late 2013 or early in 2014 and is being celebrated in the TOUR's "\$2 Billion & Beyond" campaign.

The Frys.com Open highlights a different charity Wednesday – Sunday. Daily tickets will feature the charity of the day's logo and will also receive a feature in the daily pairings guide.

In support of The First Tee of Silicon Valley and the Northern California Golf Association, Defending Champion Jonas Blixt will substitute his caddie during Wednesday's Pro-Am for one lucky member of The First Tee of Silicon Valley. Additionally, during the Wednesday Official Pro-Am, kids from The First Tee of Silicon Valley will have the opportunity to caddie for a professional on the 17th hole. The First Tee of Silicon Valley will also be entertaining guests in a 17th Green Skybox. Other charity days include the Ballet of San Jose (Thursday), the Bonnie J. Addario Lung Cancer Foundation (Friday), American Institute of Mathematics (Saturday) and Special Olympics of Northern California (Sunday).



**PGA TOUR Wives Association's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary**

The PGA TOUR Wives Association celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the launch of a commemorative book entitled "Beyond the Fairways and Greens; A Look Inside the Lives of PGA TOUR Families." The 384-page, hardbound book offers readers a rare glimpse into the lives of TOUR families, through the telling of stories and inclusion of pictures. The book also features 134 treasured recipes submitted by the families of generations of golfers, including Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus, Phil Mickelson, and Rickie Fowler. The book retails for \$50 (email: [orders@butlerbooks.com](mailto:orders@butlerbooks.com)), with all net proceeds benefiting PTWA-designated charities. Players and wives associated with the book will be available for interviews all week at the Frys.com Open.

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