

2014 OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

(The 36th of 41 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Royal Liverpool GC
Hoylake, England

July 17-20, 2014

FedExCup Pts: 600
Par/Yards: 37-37—72/7,312

Second-Round Notes – Friday, July 18, 2014

Weather: Partly cloudy, with a few light sprinkles in the morning. Winds S/SE 15-25 mph. High of 80.

Second-Round Leaderboard

Rory Mclroy	66-66—132 (-12)
Dustin Johnson	71-65—136 (-8)
Six players	138 (-6)

Second-Round Leader Stats

In Open Championship history, the second-round leader/co-leader has held on for the win 45 times. The most recent to achieve the feat was Darren Clarke in 2011.

The largest 36-hole lead in Open Championship history of nine strokes was held by Henry Cotton in 1934. At the Open Championship at Royal Liverpool in 2006, Tiger Woods led by a stroke at 12-under through 36 holes.

The second-round leader/co-leader has gone on to win 14 of 34 stroke-play events on the PGA TOUR in 2014, most recently Martin Kaymer at the U.S. Open.

The lowest opening 36-hole score at the Open Championship is 130, set by Brandt Snedeker at Royal Lytham & St Annes in 2012 and Nick Faldo at Muirfield in 1992.

The lowest second round at the Open Championship is 63, set by Mark Hayes (1977), Greg Norman (1986) and Nick Faldo (1993). The lowest second-round score (65) at Royal Liverpool in 2006 belongs to Tiger Woods, Ernie Els and Chris DiMarco.

Rory Mclroy (66-66—132)

Rory Mclroy's 6-under 66 is just his second sub-par score in the second round at the Open Championship, and bests his 69 (2011) by three shots. The 66 is his fourth sub-par score in a second round on the PGA TOUR this season. His most recent before today was a 2-under 68 at the U.S. Open last month.

Ranked 181st, Mclroy came into the week with a less-than-desirable, second-round scoring average this year of 72.89.

En route to his first major championship crown, the 2011 U.S. Open, Mclroy led by six strokes after 36 holes.

Making his seventh Open Championship start, and sixth straight, Roy Mclroy is looking to add a third different major championship title to his resume. Mclroy won the 2011 U.S. Open and 2012 PGA Championship. Mclroy won the U.S. Open in wire-to-wire fashion.

Mclroy is a six-time winner on the PGA TOUR and is in search of his first win since the 2012 BMW Championship. He has amassed six titles on the European Tour, with the most recent coming at this year's BMW PGA Championship.

Mclroy has produced six top-10 finishes in 10 starts on the PGA TOUR this season, and has yet to finish outside the top-25. On the European Tour, he has claimed four top-10 finishes in nine starts.

Here's a look at Mclroy's six previous finishes at the Open Championship: T42-2007, T47-2009, T3-2010, T25-2011, T60-2012 and MC-2013.

Mclroy is making his 24th start in a major championship this week, where he has collected eight top-10 finishes.

Mclroy takes the 36-hole lead for the sixth time on the PGA TOUR with today's 66. The two that resulted in victory were the 2011 U.S. Open and 2012 Deutsche bank Championship.

Dustin Johnson (71-65—136)

To get to within four strokes of the lead, Dustin Johnson's 7-under 65 is the low round of the day.

Johnson is making his sixth consecutive Open Championship appearance this week. In his previous five, he collected top-15 finishes in 2010 (T14), 2011 (T2) and 2012 (T9). Johnson finished T32 last year at Muirfield. His lone missed cut came in his first start in 2009.

Johnson is making his 23rd major championship start this week. His best showing is a T2 at the 2011 Open Championship. At the U.S. Open last month, Johnson finished T4. Overall, he has amassed seven top-10 finishes in major championships.

Johnson, an eight-time winner on the PGA TOUR, is looking to join Jimmy Walker (Frys.com Open, Sony Open in Hawaii, AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am), Patrick Reed (Humana Challenge, WGC-Cadillac Championship) Bubba Watson (Northern Trust Open, Masters) and Martin Kaymer (PLAYERS Championship, U.S. Open) as a multiple winner this year.

Through 36 holes, Johnson has hit 19/28 fairways in regulation (58.7 percent) and 28/36 greens in regulation (77.8 percent). He is tied for first in the greens-in-regulation category.

Francesco Molinari (68-70—138)

For the second straight day, Francesco Molinari, the younger of the two Molinari brothers in this week's Open Championship, bogeyed Royal Liverpool GC's opening hole. He responded with six birdies en route to a 2-under 70.

Manassero found just 9/14 fairways in round two (14 in round one). For the second straight day, he hit 12/18 greens (64.5 percent).

Molinari is making his seventh Open Championship start this week. His best finish among them is T9 at Muirfield last year.

The 2014 Open Championship is Molinari's 23rd major championship start. His best finish is T9 from last year's Open Championship.

Molinari is making his ninth start of the season on the PGA TOUR this week, with a T5 and T6 at the Arnold Palmer Invitational and PLAYERS Championship, respectively, his two top-10 finishes. He has made 13 starts on the European Tour this season, where he has also collected a pair of top-10 finishes.

Ryan Moore (70-68—138)

In his bid to become the PGA TOUR season's fifth multiple winner, Ryan Moore birdied his last two holes in round two to post a 4-under 68. Moore previously won the CIMB Classic in Malaysia this season.

Moore is making his fifth start in The Open Championship, making the cut in three of the previous four. His best finish is a T28 in 2011.

Moore, a three-time winner on the PGA TOUR, is making his 26th major championship start. His best finish among them is a T6 in the 2006 PGA Championship.

Rickie Fowler (69-69—138)

Making his fifth consecutive start in The Open Championship, Rickie Fowler is looking to improve on his best finish in the event of T5 in 2011. Fowler missed the cut last year at Muirfield.

Fowler, winner of the 2012 Wells Fargo Championship, has hit 17/28 fairways in regulation (58.9 percent) and 28/36 Greens (58.7 percent) through 36 holes.

Sergio Garcia (68-70—138)

In his 18th Open Championship, Sergio overcame a bogey at the first with an eagle-two from the rough at the second en route to a 2-under 70.

Garcia has now made the cut in 14 of 18 Open Championship starts. He owns seven top-10 finishes, of which three are top fives. In 2007, he lost in a playoff to Pdraig Harrington at Carnoustie.

At the 2006 Open Championship at Royal Liverpool, Garcia opened with rounds of 68-71, before finishing T5.

Garcia ranks second in most major starts without a victory entering this week: With 61, he trails Lee Westwood by just two.

Coming into the week, Garcia had collected an impressive six top-10 finishes in just 10 starts on the PGA TOUR. His best among them is a share of second place from the Travelers Championship, his last TOUR start prior to this week. On the European Tour, Garcia has two top-10 finishes in nine starts. One of those was a win at the Commercial Bank Qatar Masters in January.

Through 36 holes, Garcia has hit 19/28 fairways in regulation (58.9 percent) and 26/36 greens (58.7 percent).

Tiger Woods (69-77—146)

Tiger Woods' double-bogey six at the first hole in round two marked the third time in Open Championship history for him to begin a round with a double bogey or worse. In the first round of 2003, Woods opened with a triple bogey, and in the second round of 2007, his day got started with a double bogey.

His 77 in round two marks his highest score at The Open Championship since posting a third-round 81 in 2002.

Today marked the eighth time in major championship history in which Woods has started a round with worse than a bogey.

Had it not been for his birdie at the 18th hole, today would've marked just the third time in his Open Championship history to play a round without a single birdie. He did not card a birdie in round three of 1999 and round four of 1995 (as an amateur).

Woods, the 2007 and 2009 FedExCup, enters this week's Open Championship ranked 212th in the standings. Should he advance to the FedExCup Playoffs, he would become the lowest ranked player entering the Open Championship to qualify for the Playoffs (since 2009 under current structure). The current distinction belongs to Dean Wilson who, in 2010, came into the Open ranked 195th.

Through 36 holes, Woods has hit 18/28 fairways in regulation (58.7 percent) and 25/36 greens (58.8 percent).

Phil Mickelson (74-70--144)

Defending champion Phil Mickelson improved somewhat from a 2-over 74 in round one with a 2-under 70 in round two. This marks the 17th time (in 21 starts) Mickelson has made the cut at The Open Championship.

With his made cut this week, Mickelson is seeking to become the seventh player with consecutive Open Championship victories since 1951: Pádraig Harrington (2007-08), Tiger Woods (2005-06), Tom Watson (1982-83), Lee Trevino (1971-72), Arnold Palmer (1961-62) and Peter Thomson (1954-56). Sixteen players have performed the feat throughout Open history.

In Open Championship history, six players failed to make the cut the year after winning the event. The most recent three to do so were Ben Curtis in 2004, Todd Hamilton in 2005 and Darren Clarke in 2012.

Last year, Mickelson entered the weekend two strokes back at 1-over. He finished T22 in the 2006 event at Royal Liverpool.

Mickelson is making his 88th start in a Major Championship this week, with just nine missed cuts. Since 2000, he has four only missed cuts in majors (2007 U.S. Open, 2007 & 2012 Open Championship, 2014 Masters).

Mickelson comes into the week remaining in search of his season's first top 10. He has never previously made it in a season to The Open Championship with fewer than three top-10 finishes already under his belt. Of the 18 years in which he has played The Open Championship as a professional, he has averaged nearly six top-10 finishes a year before the third major of the season.

Tom Watson (73-73--146)

Tom Watson has posted back-to-back 73s in his 37th Open Championship and 141st Major Championship appearance, making the cut on the number. This marks Watson's 26th made cut in the event.

Watson is a five-time winner of the British Open (1975, 1977, 1980, 1982, 1983).

Ernie Els (79-73—152)

Following a 7-over 79, 2012 Open Championship winner Ernie Els could manage no better than a 1-over 73 in round two. At 8-over, Els will miss the cut in an Open Championship for just the fourth time (1989, 2010, 2011, 2014).

Additional Player Notes

Last week's Scottish Open champion Justin Rose carded an improved on an opening-round, even-par 72 with a 2-under 70 in round two. Rose's lone top-10 finish at the event remains a T4 in his inaugural start in 1998. Rose missed last year's Open Championship cut at Muirfield, following rounds of 75-77.

Nick Faldo opened with 4-over 76 in his 36th Open Championship appearance He missed the cut at the 2006 Open Championship at Royal Liverpool GC..

Miscellaneous Notes

Past Open Championship Winners and 36-Hole Scores

Louis Oosthuizen	70-68—138 (-6)
Phil Mickelson	74-70—144 (E)
Darren Clarke	72-72—144 (E)
Tiger Woods	69-77—146 (+2)
Stewart Cink	71-75—146 (+2)
Tom Watson	73-73—146 (+2)
Justin Leonard	74-73—147 (+3)
Ben Curtis	74-74—148 (+4)
John Daly	77-71—148 (+4)
Todd Hamilton	77-74—151 (+7)
Ernie Els	79-73—152 (+8)
David Duval	73-79—152 (+8)
Padraig Harrington	74-78—152 (+8)
Nick Faldo	76-77—153 (+9)
Paul Lawrie	79-75—154 (+10)
Sandy Lyle	82-84—166 (+22)

Amateur Leaderboard

Ashley Chesters	70-77—147 (+3)
Cheng-tsung Pan	74-74—148 (+4)
Paul Dunne	75-73—148 (+4)
Bradley Neil	79-76—155 (+11)

Three amateurs have won the Open Championship a total of six times:

Bobby Jones	3	1926, 1927, 1930
Harold Hilton	2	1892, 1897
John Ball Jr.	1	1890

First-Timers at the Open Championship

There are 37 players making their Open Championship debut this week. Only nine players have won the Open Championship in their first appearance: Ben Curtis (2003), Tom Watson (1975), Tony Lema (1964), Ben Hogan (1953), Denny Shute (1933), Jock Hutchison (1921), Mungo Park (1874), Tom Kidd (1873) and Willie Park Sr. (1860).

The par-4 seventh hole played the toughest in round two, yielding a 4.404 average and just eight birdies. The easiest hole was the par-5 fifth at 4.615.