

**2014 OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP**

*(The 36<sup>th</sup> 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**

**Final-Round Notes – Sunday, July 20, 2014**

*Weather: Mostly sunny and warmer, with highs in the mid-80s. Winds N/NW 8-15 mph.*

**Final-Round Leaderboard**

Rory McIlroy	66-66-68-71—271 (-17)
Rickie Fowler	69-69-68-67—273 (-15)
Sergio Garcia	68-70-69-66—273 (-15)

**Rory McIlroy (66-68-68-71—271)**

McIlroy earns his seventh career PGA TOUR victory, and third major championship title, at the age of 25 years, 3 months and 15 days in his 81<sup>st</sup> career start on TOUR. The win extends his exempt status through the 2018-19 PGA TOUR Season.

McIlroy collects 600 FedExCup points and moves inside the top 15 in the standings (from No. 42).

McIlroy moves to No. 2 in the Official World Golf Rankings (from No. 8).

McIlroy moves to No. 1 in the Race to Dubai.

The 2014 Open Championship was McIlroy's seventh start, and sixth straight, in the year's third major. The win is the 17<sup>th</sup> of the PGA TOUR season by a player in his 20s (15 players).

McIlroy Joins Jack Nicklaus and Tiger Woods as players to complete three legs of the grand slam at the age of 25 or younger. Nicklaus won the 193 PGA Championship at the of 23, 6 months, while Woods won the 2000 U.S. Open at the age of 24 years, 5 months, 19 days.

McIlroy becomes the 16<sup>th</sup> player to win three of the four major championships, and 44<sup>th</sup> different player to win at least three major championships.

McIlroy becomes the seventh-youngest player to win their first three major championship titles.

McIlroy becomes the youngest player to win The Open Championship since Tiger Woods in 2000 (24, 6 months, 23 days).

Interestingly, McIlroy's seventh career win on TOUR comes in his 81<sup>st</sup> start. Tiger Woods won his 20<sup>th</sup> event on the PGA TOUR in his 81<sup>st</sup> start at the 2000 U.S. Open.

Today's win is McIlroy's ninth top-10 finish in 24 major championship starts.

McIlroy has now produced seven top-10 finishes in 11 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.

McIlroy has amassed six titles on the European Tour, with the most recent coming at this year's BMW PGA Championship.

Four of McIlroy's six 54-hole leads have now resulted in victory; 2011 U.S. Open, 2012 Honda Classic, 2012 PGA Championship and 2014 Open Championship.

In Open Championship history, the third-round leader/co-leader has now held on for the win 64 times.

Mcllroy becomes the third different player from Northern Ireland to win the Open Championship, and second at Royal Liverpool (Fred Daly/1947):

**Countries Represented - Winners of the Open Championship:**

United States (28 winners, 43 wins)  
Scotland (22 winners, 41 wins)  
England (14 winners, 28 wins)  
South Africa (4 winners, 10 wins)  
Australia (4 winners, 9 wins)  
Northern Ireland (3 winners, 3 wins)  
Spain (1 winner, 3 wins)  
Republic of Ireland (1 winner, 2 wins)  
Argentina (1 winner, 1 win)  
France (1 winner, 1 win)  
New Zealand (1 winner, 1 win)  
Zimbabwe (1 winner, 1 win)

Of the last 24 major championships, only Mcllroy has claimed three titles. Martin Kaymer, Phil Mickelson and Bubba Watson are those with two wins in majors in that span.

Year	Winner	Major
2014	Rory Mcllroy	Open Championship
2014	Martin Kaymer	U.S. Open
2014	Bubba Watson	Masters
2013	Jason Dufner	PGA Championship
2013	Phil Mickelson	Open Championship
2013	Justin Rose	U.S. Open
2013	Adam Scott	Masters
2012	Rory Mcllroy	PGA Championship
2012	Ernie Els	Open Championship
2012	Webb Simpson	U.S. Open
2012	Bubba Watson	Masters
2011	Keegan Bradley	PGA Championship
2011	Darren Clarke	Open Championship
2011	Rory Mcllroy	U.S. Open
2011	Charl Schwartzel	Masters
2010	Martin Kaymer	PGA Championship
2010	Louis Oosthuizen	Open Championship
2010	Graeme McDowell	U.S. Open
2010	Phil Mickelson	Masters
2009	Y.E. Yang	PGA Championship
2009	Stewart Cink	Open Championship
2009	Lucas Glover	U.S. Open
2009	Angel Cabrera	Masters
2008	Padraig Harrington	PGA Championship

Mcllroy becomes the third-consecutive Open Champion (Ernie Els/2012, Phil Mickelson/2013) to birdie the final hole in the final round. Over the last 20 years, Stewart Cink in 2009 is the only other champion who performed the feat.

The largest lead after 54 holes by a player who didn't go on to win remains five strokes (MacDonald Smith/1925, Jean Van de Velde/1999).

The largest final-round, come-from-behind win at the Open Championship (and on the PGA TOUR) is 10 strokes by Paul Lawrie at the 1999 Open Championship.

The third-round leader/co-leader has now gone on to win 18 of 35 stroke-play events on the PGA TOUR in 2014.

Today's win is the second consecutive major championship this season won in wire-to-wire fashion. Last month, Martin Kaymer achieved the feat at the U.S. Open at Pinehurst.

With his win today, Mcllroy becomes just the seventh player in Open Championship history to win in wire-to-wire fashion. The last to do so was Tiger Woods in 2005.

Dating to the 2009 Masters (23 majors), the 54-hole leader/co-leader has now won eight times: Rory Mcllroy (2014 Open Championship), Martin Kaymer (2014 U.S. Open), Bubba Watson (2014 Masters), Rory Mcllroy

(2012 PGA Championship, 2011 U.S. Open), Darren Clarke (2011 Open Championship), Louis Oosthuizen (2010 Open Championship) and Angel Cabrera (2009 Masters).

International players have now won six of the last eight majors (2014 Open Championship/Rory McIlroy, 2014 U.S. Open/Martin Kaymer, 2013 U.S. Open/Justin Rose, 2013 Masters/Adam Scott, 2012 PGA Championship/Rory McIlroy and 2012 Open Championship/Ernie Els).

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

#### **McIlroy's Weekly statistics:**

Driving Accuracy 37 of 56 (66.1%)  
Greens in Regulation 49 of 72 (66.4%)

2014 starts-made cuts-top-10s-wins: 11-11-7-1.

#### **About Rory McIlroy**

Birthdate: May 4, 1989  
Birthplace/Resides: Holywood, Northern Ireland  
Family: Single  
Height/Weight: 5'10/160  
Turned Pro: 2007  
Joined TOUR: 2010

#### **Sergio Garcia (68-70-69-66—273)**

After bogeys at the first hole in rounds two and three, Sergio Garcia rebounded with a birdie at the opening hole Sunday. He followed it with others at Nos. 3 and five, before an eagle-three at the 10<sup>th</sup> put him at 14-under and within two of Rory McIlroy's then-lead at 16-under. He would never get any closer.

In 18 Open Championship starts, Garcia has now collected eight top-10 finishes, three of which being top fives. In 2007, he lost in a playoff to Pdraig Harrington at Carnoustie.

With 62, Garcia ranks second in most major championship starts without a victory. He trails Lee Westwood by just two.

At the 2006 Open Championship at Royal Liverpool, Garcia posted rounds of 68-71-65-73, before finishing T5.

Had he won, Garcia would have been the first Spaniard to win the Open Championship in 26 years (Seve Ballesteros/1988).

Garcia has now collected an impressive seven top-10 finishes in just 11 starts on the PGA TOUR, with today's share of second place his best among them. He claimed a share of second place at the Travelers Championship in 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.

#### **Rickie Fowler (69-69-68-67—273)**

Making his fifth consecutive start in The Open Championship, Rickie Fowler's T2 finish bettered his previous-best finish in the event of T5 in 2011. Fowler missed the cut last year at Murifield, finished T31 in 2012 and T14 in 2010.

With a T5 at the Masters, a T2 at the U.S. Open and today's T2 at The Open Championship, Fowler is the only player to have finished in the top-5 in the season's first three majors. He becomes the first to claim top-10 finishes in a season's first three majors since Tiger Woods in 2005.

Fowler, winner of the 2012 Wells Fargo Championship, was looking for his first major championship title in his 19<sup>th</sup> start. He has now collected five top-10 finishes in he majors.

Fowler was making his 20<sup>th</sup> start of the 2013-14 PGA TOUR Season this week. In addition to his top-5 finishes in the year's first three majors, he finished inside the top 10 at the World Golf Championships-Accenture Match Play Championship (3<sup>rd</sup>) and at the Shell Houston Open (6<sup>th</sup>).

#### **Jim Furyk (68-71-71-65—275)**

In his 19<sup>th</sup> consecutive Open Championship, Jim Furyk's final-round, 7-under 65 tied the low score for the week (Marc Leishman/R4, Dustin Johnson/R2).

Furyk's T3 is his sixth top-10 finish in the event, and supplants his previous-best of fourth place from 1997 (Troon) and 2006 (Royal Liverpool).

This marked Furyk's 14<sup>th</sup> start of the 2013-14 PGA TOUR Season, one in which he has now collected six top-10 finishes. His best of the season are solo-second-place honors in consecutive weeks at the Wells Fargo Championship and PLAYERS Championship.

### **Tiger Woods (69-77-73-75—294)**

En route to his worst showing ever in an Open Championship as a professional (69<sup>th</sup>), Tiger Woods played the first two holes in six-over-par this week. He did not make a par on either hole all week. In rounds three and four, he played the par-4 seventh hole in 5-over, following a triple bogey, double bogey in rounds three and four, respectively.

Since turning professional, this marks Woods' first time to finish an Open Championship outside the top 30 (16 starts). His previous worst finish was a T28 in 2002 (Muirfield).

Woods began the final round 19 strokes off the lead. Since turning professional, Woods had never previously trailed in a major championship by more than 13 strokes after a third round.

Woods, the 2007 and 2009 FedExCup, entered 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 195<sup>th</sup>.

Through 72 holes: 37/56 fairways (59.7 percent) and 48/72 greens (61.3 percent).

### **Phil Mickelson (74-70-71-68—283)**

Defending champion Phil Mickelson saved his best for last, closing with a 4-under 68. Mickelson made five birdies Sunday, the most of any round this week for him, and took just a lone bogey at No. 7, his third of the week at the difficult par four. Mickelson finished T23.

Mickelson will leave Royal Liverpool GC 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.

### **Miscellaneous Notes**

#### **Past Open Championship winners who remained in the field**

Phil Mickelson	74-70-71-68—283 (-5)
Darren Clarke	72-72-67-73—284 (-4)
Louis Oosthuizen	70-68-76-72—286 (-2)
Stewart Cink	71-75-73-69—288 (E)
Tom Watson	73-73-75-68—289 (+1)
Tiger Woods	69-77-73-75—294(+6)

The par-4 seventh hole again played the toughest in round two, yielding a 4.366 average. The easiest hole was the par-5 10<sup>th</sup> at 4.578.