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2014 Travelers Championship pre-tournament notes

Dates: June 16–22, 2014

Where: TPC River Highlands, Cromwell, Conn.

Par/Yards: 35-35--70/6,841 yards

Field: 156

2013 champion: Ken Duke

Purse: \$6,200,000/\$1,116,000 (winner)

FedExCup: 500 points to the winner

Format: 72-hole stroke play

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A look at the 2013 Travelers Championship

Bubba Watson, Graham DeLaet and Charley Hoffman shared the 54-hole lead at the 2013 Travelers Championship, but Ken Duke (66) and Chris Stroud (67) rallied on Sunday and found themselves tied for the lead after 72 holes. Stroud's 67 included a chip-in from 50 feet on his final hole to match Duke's total of 268. After both players made par on the first playoff hole, Duke hit his approach on the second playoff hole (No. 18 at TPC River Highlands) to 3 feet and drained the birdie putt to earn his first career PGA TOUR victory at the age of 44.

Following the awards ceremony and his media obligations, Duke wrote a personal check for \$25,000 to the Travelers Championship for the tournament's financial support of various charities. Duke, who was diagnosed with scoliosis as a teenager, was also voted the PGA TOUR Player of the Month presented by Avis for June and donated the \$50,000 charitable contribution to the Stephens Spine Institute in Arkansas.

More on defending champion Ken Duke and the Travelers Championship

- Duke's first TOUR victory came in his 187th TOUR start at the age of 44 years, 4 months and 25 days.
- Duke won in his fifth start at the Travelers Championship: 2013/Win, 2012/T47, 2009/MC, 2008/T27 and 2004/T49.
- Prior to his win, Duke had recently returned to using Bob Toski as his swing coach. Toski won the Travelers Championship in 1953. Toski was the first first-time winner in Hartford.
- Duke (44 years, 4 months, 25 days) is the oldest first-time TOUR winner since Ed Dougherty won the 1995 Sanderson Farms Championship, at age 47 years, 8 months, 19 days.

A glance at the field:

- Five players that finished inside the top 10 at the U.S. Open: Erik Compton (T2), Keegan Bradley (T4), Jason Day (T4), Dustin Johnson (T4) and Brandt Snedeker (T9)
- 12 of the top 30 in the current FedExCup standings.
- 15 of the top 50 in the Official World Golf Ranking.
- 10 major championship winners: Vijay Singh (3), Angel Cabrera (2), Retief Goosen (2), Bubba Watson (2), Keegan Bradley (1), Lucas Glover (1), Trevor Immelman (1), Zach Johnson (1), Louis Oosthuizen (1) and Y.E. Yang (1)

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- Six past champions of the Travelers Championship: Ken Duke (2013), Marc Leishman (2012), Fredrik Jacobson (2011), Bubba Watson (2010), Hunter Mahan (2007) and J.J. Henry (2006).

Young stars making professional debuts

Patrick Rodgers, Cameron Wilson, Oliver Goss, and Bobby Wyatt are expected to make their professional debuts at the Travelers Championship. These four exemptions demonstrate the Travelers Championship's ongoing commitment to bringing top young players to Connecticut each year. Since 2007, top players like Webb Simpson, Rickie Fowler, Ryo Ishikawa, Kyle Stanley, Morgan Hoffmann, Patrick Cantlay and more have been granted exemptions by the tournament. Here are details on the players:

Patrick Rodgers

Patrick Rodgers is the No. 1 ranked amateur golfer in the world. The Stanford University junior recently won the Jack Nicklaus award for being the nation's top Division I golfer. He also won the 2014 Ben Hogan Award, given annually to the top men's player in college and amateur events in the last year (top professionals like Hunter Mahan, Bill Haas, Fowler and Stanley have won the award in the past) and the 2014 Haskins Award, which is presented annually by the Haskins Commission to honor the most outstanding collegiate golfer in the United States. Rodgers has been a star during his three years at Stanford and has been named first team All-American by the College Golf Association of America every year. In the 2014 season, he had six first-place finishes in 12 events. The Travelers Championship also granted Rodgers a sponsor's exemption in 2012.

Cameron Wilson

Connecticut native and Stanford University senior Cameron Wilson has had a very successful college career. On May 30, he won the NCAA individual title and is the first Stanford player to do so since Tiger Woods in 1996. He is also the first golfer from Connecticut to win a Division I NCAA individual title. He is currently the No. 5 ranked amateur golfer in the world. He was a finalist for the 2014 Ben Hogan Award and semi-finalist for the 2014 Byron Nelson award, presented to the most outstanding senior in college golf.

Oliver Goss

Oliver Goss just completed his sophomore year at the University of Tennessee and is currently the No. 14 ranked amateur golfer in the world. Last summer, he finished as the runner-up in the 2013 U.S. Amateur at The Country Club in Brookline, Mass. His runner-up finish earned him an invitation to the 2014 Masters, where he was awarded the Silver Cup for finishing as the low amateur. In 2013, his performance earned him spots on the Global All-Amateur First Team and the All-SEC First Team. In just two seasons at University of Tennessee, Goss has compiled a 71.88 stroke average in 19 tournaments while winning two of them.

Bobby Wyatt

Bobby Wyatt recently completed his senior year at The University of Alabama. He most recently helped the Crimson Tide win its second consecutive NCAA title, and his performance included a hole-in-one on the second hole at Prairie Dunes. Wyatt was selected to the 2013 Walker Cup where he was the top scorer and helped lead the United States to victory over Great Britain and Ireland. He was also a medalist at the 2012 U.S. Amateur.

Miscellaneous Travelers Championship Notes

- Six of the last eight winners of the Travelers Championship have been first-time TOUR champions: J.J. Henry (2006), Hunter Mahan (2007), Bubba Watson (2010), Fredrik Jacobson (2011), Marc Leishman (2012) and Ken Duke (2013).
- A total of 17 players have picked up their first TOUR win at the Travelers Championship: Ken Duke (2013), Marc Leishman (2012), Fredrik Jacobson (2011), Bubba Watson (2010), Hunter Mahan (2007), J.J. Henry (2006), Brent Geiberger (1999), Olin Browne (1998), Stewart Cink (1997), Billy Ray Brown

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(1991), Mark Brooks (1988), Mac O’Grady (1986), Phil Blackmar (1985), Tim Norris (1982), Don Bies (1975), Charles Sifford (1967) and Bob Toski (1953).

- Five of the past 10 outcomes at TPC River Highlands have been decided through a playoff (2013-Ken Duke, 2010-Bubba Watson, 2007-Hunter Mahan, 2005-Brad Faxon, 2004-Woody Austin).
- Past champions include Sam Snead, Arnold Palmer, Lee Trevino, Phil Mickelson and Greg Norman.
- Patrick Cantlay’s 60 in the second round in 2011 as an amateur set the TPC River Highlands course record and equaled the Travelers Championship low 18-hole score (Tommy Bolt, 1954, Wethersfield CC).
- Prior to Cantlay’s 60 in 2011, the course record at TPC River Highlands was 61, shared by Kirk Triplett (R3, 2000), Phil Mickelson (R3, 2001), Scott Verplank (R4, 2001), Brad Faxon (R4, 2005) and Kenny Perry (R1, 2009).
- Only two players have won the tournament in wire-to-wire fashion – Gene Littler in 1959 and Tim Norris in 1982. A total of 10 players have won the tournament after holding at least a share of the lead after each round.
- The best opening 36-hole score at the Travelers Championship was set by Justin Rose in 2010 (126, finished T9).
- The best opening 54-hole score at the Travelers Championship is a 193 held by Tim Norris (1982/1st) and Mark Calcavecchia (2000/2nd).
- The best 72-hole score at the Travelers Championship is 258 held by Kenny Perry (2009).
- There have been 33 come-from-behind victories in the previous 62 years of the tournament, including Brad Faxon’s tournament-record, 7-stroke come-from-behind win in 2005, where he made the 36-hole cut on the number. Below are each of the comeback victories and the number of strokes:

Strokes Back after 54 Holes	Number of Comebacks
1 stroke	9 times
2 strokes	4 times (Ken Duke was 2 shots back entering the final round)
3 strokes	7 times
4 strokes	2 times
5 strokes	6 times
6 strokes	3 times
7 strokes	1 time

Travelers Championship and Charity

The Travelers Championship donates 100 percent of net proceeds to charity every year. Since 1952, the tournament has generated more than \$31 million for charity, and in 2013, the Travelers Championship generated \$1.253 million for more than 180 charities throughout the region.

Travelers Championship Earns Award

The Travelers Championship was honored by the PGA TOUR at the TOUR’s Tournament Meetings on December 5, at TPC Sawgrass in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., earning an award for “Best Charity Integration” for the 2013 tournament at TPC River Highlands. Every facet of the Travelers Championship features a charitable tie; most visibly, perhaps, is the floating red umbrella in the pond near holes 15, 16 and 17 at TPC River Highlands – dubbed No. 15-1/2 – where Travelers donates \$10,000 to the charity of the player’s choice who hits it closest to the pin during Tuesday’s practice round. Other tournament-related charitable endeavors include the BlumShapiro 5K For Charity, the Golf Digest Jr. Pro-Am, the Northstar Wealth Partners Celebrity Mini Golf Tournament, HYPE’s Tee It Up for Charity party, The First Tee of Connecticut Breakfast and the Lustgarten Foundation Sunrise 18-Hole Stroll. The Travelers Championship also donates all extra concessions to area shelters at the end of each day during tournament week. The Travelers Championship also manages three area charity golf

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tournaments and hosts an Operation Shower luncheon for expectant mothers whose husbands are stationed overseas. The baby shower was featured on the nationally syndicated television show *Extra* in 2013.

PGA TOUR Storylines – 2013-14 Structural changes to the PGA TOUR

- The Travelers Championship marks the 32nd official event of the PGA TOUR's new wraparound 2013-14 season schedule. In the fall of 2013, four tournaments that formerly made up the Fall Series along with two events being played as official events for the first time were contested, beginning with the Frys.com Open in October and concluding with the OHL Classic at Mayakoba in November. For the first time, these six events awarded full FedExCup points.
- With the addition of six fall events, year eight of the FedExCup consists of 45 events in 43 weeks, including the four FedExCup Playoff events. Only two weeks will have multiple events (World Golf Championships-Cadillac Championship/Puerto Rico Open presented by seepuertorico.com and World Golf Championships-Bridgestone Invitational/Reno-Tahoe Open).
- Last fall, for the first time, 50 players earned their PGA TOUR cards for the 2013-14 PGA TOUR Season through the Web.com Tour Regular Season money list and the inaugural Web.com Tour Finals.

Miscellaneous 2013-14 Notes

- Jimmy Walker (3), Patrick Reed (2), Martin Kaymer (2) and Bubba Watson (2) are the only multiple winners, with Chesson Hadley the lone rookie to win.
- Through the U.S. Open, 22 of the 31 PGA TOUR wins have come from U.S.-born players, with the nine international winners hailing from Japan (Hideki Matsuyama), South Korea (Seung-Yul Noh), Germany (Martin Kaymer-2) and Australia (Jason Day, John Senden, Steven Bowditch, Matt Jones, Adam Scott).
- First-time winners include Jimmy Walker, Kevin Stadler, Chesson Hadley, Matt Every, Steven Bowditch, Matt Jones, Seung-Yul Noh, Brendon Todd, Hideki Matsuyama.
- Low final rounds for winners this year have included a 63 (Jimmy Walker/Sony Open in Hawaii), a 64 (Bubba Watson/Northern Trust Open; Matt Kuchar/RBC Heritage) and a 65 (Harris English/OHL Classic at Mayakoba).
- Through the U.S. Open, 13 of the 26 different winners in 2013-14 have been under the age of 30: Webb Simpson/Shriners Hospitals for Children Open, Chris Kirk/The McGladrey Classic, Dustin Johnson/WGC-HSBC Champions, Harris English/ OHL Classic at Mayakoba, Patrick Reed/Humana Challenge and WGC-Cadillac Championship, Scott Stallings/Farmers Insurance Open, Jason Day/World Golf Championships-Accenture Match Play Championship, Russell Henley/The Honda Classic, Chesson Hadley/Puerto Rico Open, Seung-Yul Noh (Zurich Classic of New Orleans), Martin Kaymer/THE PLAYERS and U.S. Open, Brendon Todd/HP Byron Nelson Championship, Hideki Matsuyama (the Memorial Tournament).

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