



2014 Travelers Championship
(The 32nd of 41 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Cromwell, Conn.
TPC River Highlands

June 16-22, 2014
Par/Yardage: 35-35—70/6,841

FedExCup Points: 500 to the winner
Purse: \$6,200,000 (\$1,116,000)

First-Round Notes – Thursday, June 19, 2014

Weather: Mostly cloudy with light rain ending mid-morning. Temperatures reached a high of 80 degrees. Winds NW 6-12 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

Brendan Steele	62 (-8)
Bud Cauley	63 (-7)
Ryan Moore	63 (-7)

Brendan Steele

Steele matched his career-low round on TOUR with a bogey-free, 8-under 62 in round one. His other 62 came earlier this year at the Waste Management Phoenix Open (T6).

Steele previously held the first-round lead/co-lead at the 2011 Frys.com Open (T7) and 2013 RBC Canadian Open (T68).

Steele's previous best round at TPC River Highlands was a round two 64 in 2011.

Steele's finishes at the Travelers Championship: 2011/T13, 2012/MC, 2013/T13.

Steele has made 11 of 18 cuts on TOUR this season with two top 10s (T6/Waste Management Phoenix Open and T10/Northern Trust Open).

Steele, who has traditionally used a long putter on TOUR, made the switch back to a short putter for the first round of the Travelers Championship.

Steele has recorded just two of 11 rounds in the 70s at the Travelers Championship.

As an avid fan of the Los Angeles Kings, Steele attended Games 1 and 5 of their run to the Stanley Cup last week.

Bud Cauley

Cauley has made only six of 14 cuts on TOUR this season and was a WD in his last start at the FedEx St. Jude Classic. He made only 10 of 24 cuts on TOUR in 2013. Cauley lost his TOUR card after finishing No. 131 in the FedExCup standings last season, but earned it back in the Web.com Tour Finals by finishing No. 18 on the Web.com Tour priority list.

Cauley ranks No. 157 in the FedExCup standings.

Cauley's low round on TOUR is a 62 at the 2012 McGladrey Classic. His previous low round at TPC River Highlands was a final round 65 in 2011.

Cauley at the Travelers Championship: 2011/T24, 2012/MC, 2013/MC.

Cauley has not had a top 10 on TOUR since the 2012 Barclays.

Ryan Moore

Moore matched his best round at TPC River Highlands. His other 63 came in the final round in 2011.

Moore has four top-10 finishes in eight previous starts at the Travelers Championship: 2006/T2, 2009/T4, 2011/T6 and 2013/T7.

Moore only has six rounds in the 70s in 31 career rounds at the Travelers Championship. Of those six, only four are over-par.

Moore ranks No. 19 in the FedExCup standings. He recorded a win earlier this season at the CIMB Classic in Malaysia. He has made 13 of 16 cuts this season with four top-10 finishes.

Ken Duke

Phil Mickelson (2001, 2002) is the only back-to-back winner of the Travelers Championship. Duke shot a 65 (-5) in round one in defense of his Travelers Championship title. Last year, he opened with a 69.

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) became the oldest first-time TOUR winner since Ed Dougherty won the 1995 Sanderson Farms Championship, at age 47 years, 8 months, 19 days.

Last year, 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.

First-Round Leader Stats

Dating to 2000, the first-round leader/co-leader at the Travelers Championship has gone on to win four times (Kenny Perry – 2009, Hunter Mahan – 2007, Peter Jacobsen – 2003 and Notah Begay III (2000).

Only two players have won the tournament in wire-to-wire fashion – Gene Littler in 1959 and Tim Morris in 1982. A total of 10 players have won the tournament after holding at least a share of the lead after each round.

Ben Crane (FedEx St. Jude Classic) and Martin Kaymer (U.S. Open) both won the last two weeks in wire-to-wire fashion on TOUR. It marked the first time the PGA TOUR had consecutive wire-to-wire winners since 2005 when Tiger Woods (The Open Championship) and Crane (U.S. Bank Championship) won in successive weeks. Dating to 1970 there has not been three consecutive wire-to-wire winners on TOUR.

Through 30 stroke-play events on the PGA TOUR this season, only seven first-round leaders/co-leaders have gone on to win. Most recently, Martin Kaymer achieved the feat at the U.S. Open.

Miscellaneous Stats

Three players in the Travelers Championship field have only a couple starts remaining as part of their Major Medical Exemptions:

<i>Player</i>	<i>Events Remaining (including Travelers)</i>	<i>Money Needed</i>	<i>Round One Score</i>
Steve Marino	2	\$325,431	66 (-4)
Paul Goydos	3	\$556,295	70 (E)
John Mallinger	1	\$261,126	72 (+2)

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), Freddie Jacobson (2011), Bubba Watson (2010), Hunter Mahan (2007), J.J. Henry (2006), Brent Geiberger (1999), Olin Browne (1998), Stewart Cink (1997), Billy Ray Brown (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).

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).

Six players that finished inside the top 10 at the U.S. Open are in the Travelers Championship field (U.S. Open finish in parenthesis: Erik Compton (T2), Keegan Bradley (T4), Jason Day (T4), Dustin Johnson (T4), Brooks Koepka (T4) and Brandt Snedeker (T9).

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

Bogey-free rounds:
R1: 13

Scoring Averages at the par-70 TPC River Highlands:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
Thursday	34.716	34.658	69.374	---

The par-4 fourth hole played the toughest during the first round, yielding a 4.187 average and just 10 birdies. The par-4 sixth hole was the easiest with a 4.658 average.

Trevor Immelman recorded a double eagle on the par-5 13th hole with a 3 wood from 246 yards. It is the second albatross of the season as James Hahn recorded one at the Sony Open in Hawaii. It is the first albatross at the Travelers Championship since 1970 when double eagles were first recorded.

There have been eight double eagles on TOUR the last three years. A player from South Africa has one each of the last three years on TOUR: Trevor Immelman/2014 Travelers Championship, Charl Schwartzel/2013 RBC Canadian Open and Louis Oosthuizen/2012 Masters.

In February, Travelers announced an agreement with the PGA TOUR to extend the company's title sponsorship of Connecticut's only professional golf event, the Travelers Championship through 2024. Travelers began its sponsorship of the tournament in 2007.

Louis Oosthuizen withdrew during round one with a back injury. He played seven holes before the injury forced him out.

Briny Baird withdrew prior to round one with a back injury and Eric Axley took his spot in the field. Axley took advantage of the last spot in the field with a 64 (-6) in the first round.

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