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# 2014 Travelers Championship

(The 32<sup>nd</sup> of 41 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Cromwell, Conn. June 16-22, 2014

TPC River Highlands Par/Yardage: 35-35—70/6,841 Purse: \$6,200,000 (\$1,116,000)

Second-Round Notes - Friday, June 20, 2014

Weather: Sunny, with an afternoon high around 80 degrees. Winds NW 8-12 mph.

Cut: 77 players made the cut at 1-under 139 from a field of 156 professionals.

## Second-Round Leaderboard

 Scott Langley
 64-65—129 (-11)

 K.J. Choi
 65-65—130 (-10)

 Harris English
 66-64—130 (-10)

 Michael Putnam
 67-63—130 (-10)

### Scott Langley

Langley is looking to become the 18<sup>th</sup> player, and fifth consecutive, to make the Travelers Championship his first PGA TOUR win. The others: 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).

A year removed from his rookie year on the PGA TOUR, Scott Langley makes a return this season by virtue of his 122<sup>nd</sup>-place finish on the 2013 FedExCup points list.

Langley missed the cut in last year's Travelers Championship, following rounds of 70-71.

In round two, Langley offset a bogey and a double bogey with eight birdies.

Langley has been consistent off the tee and into the greens in the first two rounds. In round one, he hit 12/14 fairways in regulation (85.7 percent) and 16/18 greens (88.9 percent). In round two, he found 13/14 fairways (92.9 percent) and 15/18 greens (83.3 percent).

Langley's 64-65 start is his best 36-hole stretch on the PGA TOUR since posting rounds of 62-66 in his first start of his rookie year last year at the Sony Open in Hawaii (T3).

Langley is making his 23<sup>rd</sup> start of the season this week, with third-place honors at the Valspar Championship his lone top-10 and career-best finish. He finished T54 at last week's U.S. Open.

Langley has posted 27 scores on the PGA TOUR since a 5-under 66 in round one of the RBC Heritage. Of them, only three have been scores below 70.

This marks the fourth time of Langley's career to hold a lead/co-lead after a round. He held at least a share of the lead after rounds one and three of the 2013 Sony Open in Hawaii, before finishing T3. He also held a share of the first-round lead at the 2013 AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, but finished T62.

#### Second-Round Leader Stats

The best opening 36-hole score at the Travelers Championship is 14-under 126, set by Justin Rose in 2010 (finished T9).

Dating to 2000, the second-round leader/co-leader at the Travelers Championship has gone on to win six times (Greg Norman/1995, Brent Geiberger/1999, Peter Jacobsen/2003, Stewart Cink/2008, Kenny Perry/2009 and Freddie Jacobson/2011.

Through 30 stroke-play events on the PGA TOUR this season, 14 second-round leaders/co-leaders have gone on to win. Most recently, Martin Kaymer won in wire-to-wire fashion at last week's U.S. Open.

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.

#### **Michael Putnam**

Making his fifth start at the Travelers Championship, the event in which he made his PGA TOUR debut (2005), Michael Putnam matched his lowest score at TPC River Highlands with a 7-under 63. He previously posted the score in the final round in his first start of 2005 en route to T4 honors. That finish is his best on TOUR in 84 starts.

Putnam is making his 23<sup>rd</sup> start of the season this week on the PGA TOUR, remaining in search of his first top-20 finish. His best showing is T24 at the Shell Houston Open.

Putnam is amidst his third season on the PGA TOUR, having previously played in 2007 and 2011. He makes a return to the TOUR this season by virtue of finishing as the Web.com Tour's leading money winner last year on the strength of two wins (Mexico Championship, Mid-Atlantic Championship).

#### K.J. Choi

Eight-time PGA TOUR winner K.J. Choi is in search of his first win since the 2011 PLAYERS Championship.

Choi is making his 367<sup>th</sup> on the PGA TOUR this week and 15<sup>th</sup> of the season. His best finish is a T2 at the Farmers Insurance Open.

Choi is making his sixth start in the Travelers Championship this week, with a best finish of T18 in 2003. Before last year's T43 finish at TPC River Highlands, Choi had not competed in the event since 2006 (T44).

## Harris English

Looking for his second win of the season (OHL Classic at Mayakoba) and third of his career (2013 FedEx St. Jude Classic), Harris English's 6-under 64 in round two is his lowest score on the PGA TOUR since posting the same number in the second round of last year's FedEx St. Jude Classic.

English had at least a share of the 36-hole lead en route to both of his previous wins.

In addition to his win in Mexico, English has recorded additional top-10 finishes this year at the CIMB Classic (T7), Sony Open in Hawaii (4<sup>th</sup>), Waste Management Phoenix Open (9<sup>th</sup>), Northern Trust Open (T10) and World Golf Championships-Accenture Match Play Championship (T9).

English is making his third start at the travelers Championship, having finished T64 in 2012 and T43 last year.

#### **Miscellaneous Stats**

Defending champion Ken Duke struggled in round two, posting a 2-over 72. He will head into the weekend eight strokes back at 3-under. Phil Mickelson (2001, 2002) is the only back-to-back winner of the Travelers Championship.

First-round leader Brendan Stele wasn't able to get much going in round two, despite four consecutive birdies on Nos. 3-6. Following his 8-under 62 Thursday, he could manage no better than a 1-under 69 Friday. At 9-under, he will head into the weekend two strokes back. Steele is in search of his second career PGA TOUR victory this week (2011 Valero Texas Open).

Jonathan Byrd (-2/T52) made a hole-in-one on the 11<sup>th</sup> hole from 153 yards, using a 9-iron.

Jeff Maggert, who won the Mississippi Golf Resort Classic in his first start on the Champions Tour in March, is at six under and five strokes off the lead headed into the weekend. Three players have won on the PGA TOUR and Champions Tour in the same year: Raymond Floyd (1992 Doral Ryder Open/GTE North Classic), Craig Stadler (2003 B.C. Open/Ford Senior Players Championship) and Fred Funk (2007 Mayakoba Golf Classic/Turtle Bay Championship).

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

Player	Events Remaining (including	j Travelers) Money Needed	i nrough 36 noies
Steve Marino	2	\$325,431	T52
Paul Goydos	3	\$556,295	MC
John Mallinger	1	\$261,126	MC

With John Mallinger's missed cut, he loses PGA TOUR status and will return to the Web.com Tour.

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).

## Bogey-free rounds:

R1: 13 players.

R2: Jamie Lovemark (63), Billy Hurley (66), Camilo Villegas (66), Nick Watney (66) and Bo Van Pelt (68).

Chad Campbell (-6/T13) had the most consistent round of the day, making 18 pars.

Scoring Averages at the par-70 TPC River Highlands:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	34.716	34.658	69.374	
R2:	35.155	35.148	70.303	69.839

The par-4 18<sup>th</sup> hole played the toughest during the second round, yielding a 4.289 average and just 11 birdies. The par-5 13<sup>th</sup> hole was the easiest with a 4.652 average.

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.

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