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2014 Wells Fargo Championship pre-tournament notes

Dates: April 28 – May 4, 2014
Where: Quail Hollow Club, Charlotte, NC
Par/Yards: 72/7,442 yards
2013 champion: Derek Ernst
2013 Purse: \$6,900,000/\$1,242,000
FedExCup: 500 points to the winner
Format: 72-hole stroke play
Field: 156
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A look back at the 2013 Wells Fargo Championship

Derek Ernst defeated David Lynn with a par-4 on the first playoff hole (No. 18) to win his first career PGA TOUR event. Ernst came from two shots behind third-round co-leaders Nick Watney and Phil Mickelson to win in his first start at the Wells Fargo Championship. He got a spot in the field off the alternate list on Monday when Freddie Jacobson withdrew.

More on Derek Ernst

- Ernst won the sixth playoff in tournament history and third consecutive (2004, 2005, 2006, 2011, 2012, 2013).
- Ernst joins Jim Furyk (2003) as the only first-round leaders/co-leaders of the Wells Fargo Championship to go on to win.
- Ernst played the “Green Mile” (Nos. 16-18) at 2-under for the week last year.
- Ernst earned his way on TOUR this season after finishing T17 at the 2012 PGA TOUR Qualifying Tournament. He is one of four players who successfully navigated all four stages (pre-qualifying, first stage and second stage) to earn a spot on TOUR.

A look at the field

- Thirteen of the top 30 in the current FedExCup standings, including No. 1 Jimmy Walker, a three-time winner in 2013-14. Just six months ago, Walker began his eighth season on the PGA Tour with no wins in 187 attempts. With three victories in his first eight starts of 2013-14 at the Frys.com Open, Sony Open in Hawaii and AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, Walker became just the fourth different player in the last 20 years to win three times in his first eight starts, joining Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson and David Duval. In his last start, Walker finished T8 in his Masters debut and holds a 206-point lead over Bubba Watson in the FedExCup standings.
- Twenty-one of the top 50 in the Official World Golf Ranking.
- Nine of the 20 different PGA TOUR winners in 2013-14.
- Two of the four major champions from 2013 – Justin Rose (U.S. Open) and Phil Mickelson (Open Championship). In total, there are 21 major championship winners in the field, representing all four majors: Rose, Mickelson, Ernie Els, Pdraig Harrington, Vijay Singh, Angel Cabrera, Retief Goosen, Rory McIlroy, Stewart Cink, Darren Clarke, Ben Curtis, Jim Furyk, Trevor Immelman, Zach Johnson, Davis Love III, Y.E. Yang, Geoff Ogilvy, Lucas Glover, Martin Kaymer, Webb Simpson, Mike Weir.

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- Seven former Wells Fargo Championship winners: Jim Furyk (2006), Vijay Singh (2005), Sean O’Hair (2009), Rory McIlroy (2010), Lucas Glover (2011), Rickie Fowler (2012) and Derek Ernst (2013).
- The Wells Fargo Championship has a history of young winners. Below are the youngest winners in tournament history:

2010	Rory McIlroy	20 years, 11 months, 28 days
2008	Anthony Kim	22 years, 10 months, 15 days
2013	Derek Ernst	22 years, 11 months, 19 days
2012	Rickie Fowler	23 years, 4 months and 23 days
- Among those in the field with Charlotte connections: Webb Simpson, Brendon de Jonge, Robert Karlsson, Johnson Wagner, Harold Varner III, Davis Love III, Bill Haas and Jason Kokrak.

Phil Mickelson at the Wells Fargo Championship

- Mickelson has played 31 of 40 competitive rounds at Quail Hollow at par or better.
- Mickelson holds the Wells Fargo Championship record for the most top-10 finishes with seven in 10 appearances. Along with his solo second in 2010, he finished T5 in 2004, T7 in 2005, T3 in 2007, T5 in 2009, T9 in 2011, 3rd in 2013.
- Mickelson has played No. 17 at Quail Hollow Club 40 times and is 14-over-par on the hole. He has only birdied the hole three times (R4/2007, R2/2010 and R4/2012). He made a bogey in the final round in 2013.
- Of the stroke-play events on TOUR in which Mickelson has competed more than 10 times, the BMW Championship (16 starts), WGC-Bridgestone Invitational (15 starts), the Memorial (13 starts), The Barclays (12 starts) and the Wells Fargo Championship (10) are the only ones to have never surrendered him victory.
- Mickelson made his 15th start on the PGA TOUR in the state of North Carolina in 2013, where he remains in search of his first win. In addition to 10 starts at Quail Hollow, he played the Wyndham Championship at Forrest Oaks CC in Greensboro in 1993 (T50), 1997 (T9) and 1998 (T6). In the U.S. Open at Pinehurst, he finished runner-up in 1999 and T33 in 2005.

Sponsor Exemptions

- Charlotte-area native Harold Varner III, 23, who was the first player in East Carolina University history to be named Conference USA Golfer of the Year in 2012, will make his third career start on the PGA TOUR (MC/2013 U.S. Open and T70/2014 Northern Trust Open). In February, Varner was chosen as the 2014 Northern Trust Open Exemption recipient. He was chosen from a pool of applicants to receive the exemption, created and sponsored by Northern Trust. The annual exemption provides an opportunity for a top golfer who represents the advancement of diversity in golf and wouldn’t otherwise be eligible to compete in the event. Varner has full status on Web.com Tour this season after finishing T32 at the final stage of the Web.com Tour Qualifying Tournament. In 2007, he won the Nature Valley First Tee Open as a junior with Champions Tour pro and teammate Morris Hatafsky. Varner attended Forestview High School in Gastonia, N.C. He finished runner-up as an individual at the 2007 and 2008 North Carolina 3A state championships, while leading his team to a second-place finish in both seasons.
- Jamie Donaldson of Wales, who joined the PGA TOUR as a Special Temporary Member in March, will make his first career start at the Wells Fargo Championship. Donaldson has two top-10 finishes this season in six starts. His career-best finish on TOUR came earlier this year with a T2 at the WGC-Cadillac Championship.

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Wells Fargo Championship notes

- The 54-hole leader has won just three of 11 Wells Fargo Championships (David Toms-2003, Jim Furyk-2006 and Anthony Kim-2008).
- Lucas Glover (2011) is the only player in the history of the Wells Fargo Championship to post all four rounds in the 60s.
- With a start in the 2013 Wells Fargo Championship, four players will have competed in all 12 tournaments at Quail Hollow Club since the tournament's inception in 2003: J.J. Henry; Stuart Appleby; Charles Howell III; and Rory Sabbatini.
- Derek Ernst's winning 72-hole score of 8-under is the highest in tournament history. The previous high 72-hole winning score was 10-under by David Toms in 2003.
- The last four winners of the Wells Fargo Championship have missed the cut (36-hole or 54-hole) the following year (Sean O'Hair, Rory McIlroy, Lucas Glover, Rickie Fowler-MDF).
- Only three players have ever recorded an eagle on the "Green Mile" during the Wells Fargo Championship:

Paul Goydos	2003	R1	No. 18
Rory Sabbatini	2011	R3	No. 16
Gary Woodland	2013	R3	No. 18

2013-14 PGA TOUR Storylines

- **Structural changes to the PGA TOUR**
- The Wells Fargo Championship marks the 25th 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 (WGC-Cadillac Championship/Puerto Rico Open presented by seepuertorico.com and WGC-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

- Ten of the 20 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 in partnership with the Clinton Foundation, Scott Stallings/Farmers Insurance Open, Jason Day/World Golf Championships-Accenture Match Play Championship, Russell Henley/The Honda Classic and Chesson Hadley/Puerto Rico Open, Seung-yul Noh/Zurich Classic of New Orleans.
- Through the Zurich Classic of New Orleans, 19 of the 24 PGA TOUR wins have come from U.S.-born players.
- Low final rounds for winners this year have included rounds of: 63 (Jimmy Walker/Sony Open in Hawaii), 64 (Bubba Watson/Northern Trust Open) and (Matt Kuchar/RBC Heritage), 65 (Harris English/OHL Classic at Mayakoba) and 66 (Matt Jones/Shell Houston Open).
- Seven players currently under the age of 30 have at least three PGA TOUR wins: Dustin Johnson (8), Rory McIlroy (6), Webb Simpson (4), Keegan Bradley (3), Anthony Kim (3), Patrick Reed (3) and Scott Stallings (3).

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Charity

The PGA TOUR and its tournaments continue a commitment to charity through the “Together, anything’s possible” initiative. In January, the TOUR and its tournaments announced it had collectively surpassed \$2 billion in all-time charitable giving, including \$1 billion over the last eight years. Since its beginning in 2003, the Wells Fargo Championship has donated more than \$16 million to local and regional charities.

Wells Fargo extension

In March, Wells Fargo, the PGA TOUR and tournament host organization Champions for Education announced that Wells Fargo will continue its sponsorship of the Wells Fargo Championship through 2019 after signing a five-year extension. In addition to the extension, officials also announced the 2017 Wells Fargo Championship will be held at Eagle Point Golf Club in Wilmington, N.C., when its regular host site, Quail Hollow Club in Charlotte, hosts that year’s PGA Championship.

Wells Fargo and Succeeding Together program

In conjunction with its title sponsorship renewal of the Wells Fargo Championship, Wells Fargo announced a national expansion of its Succeeding Together community program with The First Tee. Through a variety of regional events and a national video essay contest, Wells Fargo’s Succeeding Together program celebrates the importance of having a coach or mentor in lives of America’s youth – something The First Tee provides to tens of thousands of students across the country.

Congratulations to the winners of the 2014 Wells Fargo Succeeding Together contest!

- Grand Prize – Alejandra Ayala of Alpharetta, GA
- First Prize – Caroline Cole of Gastonia, NC
- First Prize – Jack Kane of Berlin, CT
- First Prize – Maxwell Turnquist of Yakima, WA

The 2014 Wells Fargo Succeeding Together contest offered teenage participants of The First Tee® the chance to celebrate a coach or mentor in their lives. Through video essays, participants from chapters across the country shared inspiring stories of how a person and the Core Values of The First Tee have positively affected their lives and helped them achieve their goals. To view: <http://www.succeedingtogether.wellsfargobank.com/>

The contest judges reviewed each entry and four deserving winners each won a trip to this year’s Wells Fargo Championship in Charlotte, North Carolina. The Grand Prize winner, Alejandra Ayala from The First Tee of Atlanta, has the unique experience of playing in the Wells Fargo Championship pro-am tournament alongside a PGA TOUR professional!

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