



**2014 Wells Fargo Championship**  
(The 25<sup>th</sup> of 41 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

**Charlotte, N.C.**  
**Quail Hollow Club**

**May 1-4, 2014**  
**Par/Yardage: 36-36—72/7,562**

**FedExCup Points: 500**  
**Purse: \$6,900,000 (\$1,242,000)**

**First-Round Notes – Thursday, May 1, 2014**

*Weather: Mostly cloudy and breezy with a high of 76 degrees. Winds SW 10-20 mph.*

**First-Round Leaderboard**

Angel Cabrera	66 (-6)
Phil Mickelson	67 (-5)
Martin Flores	67 (-5)

Angel Cabrera (2009) and Phil Mickelson (2010) won the Masters in consecutive seasons.

**Angel Cabrera**

Cabrera has only made two of nine cuts on TOUR this season. His only made cuts came at the Shell Houston Open (T43) and Northern Trust Open (T52).

Cabrera has held three other first-round leads/co-leads on TOUR

2002 Arnold Palmer Invitational	T1	T9
2004 U.S. Open	T1	16 <sup>th</sup>
2012 Shell Houston Open	T1	T21

Cabrera at the Wells Fargo Championship: 2008/72<sup>nd</sup>, 2009/MC, 2010/3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012/MC, 2013/71<sup>st</sup>.

Cabrera's previous-best round at the Wells Fargo Championship was a round two 67 in 2010.

Cabrera's first-round scoring average at the Wells Fargo Championship is now 70.16, while his final-round average at Quail Hollow Club is 76.66

**Phil Mickelson**

Mickelson hit only five of 14 fairways in round one, but rallied to hit 13 of 18 greens.

Mickelson has made eight of 10 cuts this season on TOUR, but is still looking for his first top 10. His last top 10 came at the 2013 Barclays (T6).

Mickelson has had at least six top 10s each season on TOUR since 1998. He has at least four top 10s each season since 1993.

Mickelson has played 32 of 41 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 bogeyed No. 17 in round one. He has played No. 17 at Quail Hollow Club 41 times and is 15-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.

### **Martin Flores**

Flores at the Wells Fargo Championship: 2010/MC, 2012/T21 and 2013/T38.

Flores has made 10 of 15 cuts on TOUR this season, but is in search of his first top 10 since a career-best T4 at the 2013 John Deere Classic.

Flores is making his 100<sup>th</sup> start on TOUR this week. He has five career top 10s.

### **Webb Simpson**

Charlotte resident Webb Simpson (4-under 68) has not had a top 10 since the WGC-Accenture Match Play Championship (T10). Simpson opened the 2013-14 season with five top-10 finishes in his first seven starts. He has missed the cut in two of his last three starts.

Simpson at the Wells Fargo Championship: 2009/MC, 2010/MC, 2011/T21, 2012/4<sup>th</sup>, 2013/T32.

Simpson recorded just his second round in the 60s out of his last 17 rounds on TOUR, dating to February at the Waste Management Phoenix Open where he had rounds of 68-72-67-66.

### **Rory Mcllroy**

Mcllroy opened with a 3-under 69. In four previous starts at the Wells Fargo Championship, Mcllroy has finished 1/2010, MC/2011, T2/2012, T10/2013.

Mcllroy has shot par-or-better in 11 of 15 rounds at Quail Hollow Club. His career-low round on TOUR came at Quail Hollow Club with a final round 62 on his way to victory in 2010.

### **Miscellaneous Player Notes**

Martin Kaymer (3-under 69) became the third player this season to record back-to-back eagles in a round (No. 7-8). The others were Max Homa (Shriners Hospitals for Children Open) and Tag Ridings (Farmers Insurance Open).

Jonathan Byrd (4-under 68) is making his 11<sup>th</sup> start in the Wells Fargo Championship. He missed the cut five of the first six years and has three tops 10s: T5/2009, 2<sup>nd</sup>/2011 and T9/2012. Byrd has not had a top 10 on TOUR since the 2013 Reno-Tahoe Open (T2).

Stewart Cink has made 10 of 13 cuts on TOUR this season, but is looking for his first top 10 of the year. In Charlotte, Cink has recorded three top-10s in nine previous starts: T5/2007, T8/2008 and T9/2011.

### **First-Round Statistics**

Bill Haas (2011) and Kirk Triplett (2004) own the lowest opening-round scores at Quail Hollow (64).

Derek Ernst (2013) and Jim Furyk (2003) are the only first-round leaders/co-leaders of the Wells Fargo Championship to hold on for the win.

Only four of 23 first-round leaders on the PGA TOUR this season have been able to convert for the win in stroke-play events. Most recently, Matt Kuchar achieved the feat at the RBC Heritage.

### **Miscellaneous**

The only way into THE PLAYERS Championship next week is to win the Wells Fargo Championship and, if needed to complete the field of 144, the highest-ranked players not otherwise qualified on the FedExCup points list, in order of their position, will earn a spot in the field.

Lucas Glover (2011) is the only player to post all four rounds in the 60s at the Wells Fargo Championship.

Four players 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). Defending champion Derek Ernst opened round one with a 1-over 73.

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.

Only three players have ever recorded an eagle on the "Green Mile" (Nos. 16-18) during the Wells Fargo Championship:

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

The Wells Fargo Championship has a history of young winners:

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

Bogey-free rounds:

R1 – Kevin Na (69), Vijay Singh (69), Ryan Moore (70), Scott Langley (70)

Scoring Averages:

	Front	Back	Total	Cumulative
First round	36.506	36.878	73.385	---

Morning Scoring Average (72.67) vs. Afternoon Scoring Average (74.10).

Round one scoring average in 2013: 72.731

The par-4 18<sup>th</sup> hole played the most difficult in the first round at 4.506. The par-5 5th hole was the easiest at 4.615.

The three holes that make up the "Green Mile" (Nos. 16-18) were the three most difficult in round one:

Hole	Rank	Stroke Average
No. 18	1	4.506
No. 17	2	3.385
No. 16	3	4.333

Brad Fritsch (no reason given) withdrew following a round one 79.

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