



2014 Wells Fargo Championship
(The 25th 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)

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, May 3, 2014

Weather: Mostly sunny, with highs in the mid-70s. Winds W 6-12 mph.

The tournament record is a 10-under 62, posted by Rory McIlroy in the final round of 2010 and Brendon de Jonge in round two of 2014. The course record belongs to Jerry McGee, who opened with an 11-under 61 in the 1979 Kemper Open. McGee went on to win by a stroke over Jerry Pate at 16-under 272.

Third-Round Leaderboard

J.B. Holmes	70-67-66—203 (-13)
Martin Flores	67-68-69—204 (-12)
Phil Mickelson	67-75-63—205 (-11)
Kevin Kisner	72-66-68—206 (-10)

J.B. Holmes

Today's 6-under 66 is J.B. Holmes' ninth straight, sub-par score, dating to round three of the RBC Heritage. The only time in his career to enjoy a longer stretch came in 2010, when he posted 10 consecutive sub-par rounds (Northern Trust Open, AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am and the first two rounds of Waste Management Phoenix Open).

Holmes' only score better than today's 66 this season was a 7-under 65 in round two of last week's Zurich Classic of New Orleans (T11).

This marks the fourth time Holmes has held a 54-hole lead. Of the previous three, two resulted in both of his PGA TOUR wins (2006, 2008 Waste Management Phoenix Open).

Holmes has made 19 birdies in his first 54 holes this week. In rounds one and two, Holmes hit 7/14 fairways in regulation (50 per cent) and 11/18 greens (61.1 per cent). In round three, he found just five fairways (35.7 per cent) and hit 10/18 greens (55.6 per cent). Holmes missed the green at 18 in round three, but putted in from 21 feet from the fringe to finish with a birdie-three.

Holmes is making his 12th start of the season this week, with his lone top-10 finish being a T10 at the Arnold Palmer Invitational. In his three starts before this week, Holmes finished T12 at the Shell Houston Open, T18 at the RBC Heritage and T11 at last week's Zurich Classic of New Orleans.

As required to maintain his Major Medical Extension status for the remainder of the year, J.B. Holmes cleared the necessary money at last week's Zurich Classic of New Orleans. In order to earn a spot into next week's PLAYERS Championship, however, Holmes needs to earn at least eight FedExCup points this week.

Before this year's Farmers Insurance Open (T23), Holmes hadn't played since fracturing his left ankle March 9, 2013 while rollerblading with his wife. Holmes also missed time in 2011 after having brain surgery in September 2011 to correct structural defects in his cerebellum that had been giving him vertigo-like symptoms.

Third-Round Statistics

Only three third-round leaders of the Wells Fargo Championship have held on for the win; David Toms (2003), Jim Furyk (2006) and Anthony Kim (2008). The other 54-hole leaders averaged 73.77 in the final round, with none of them breaking par.

Eleven of 23 third-round leaders on the PGA TOUR this season have been able to convert for the win in stroke-play events. Seung-Yul Noh most recently achieved the feat at last week's Zurich Classic of New Orleans.

Martin Flores

In his last 25 rounds, Martin Flores has posted scores of par-or-better 22 times. He has made 10 of 15 cuts on the PGA TOUR this season, but is in search of his first top 10 since a career-best T4 at the 2013 John Deere Classic. Flores has five top-25 finishes this season, with his best being a T12 at The Honda Classic.

In three previous starts at the Wells Fargo Championship, Flores missed the cut in 2010, finished T21 in 2012 and T38 last year.

Flores, a 2004 University of Oklahoma grad, is looking to become the second Sooner to win the Wells Fargo Championship (Anthony Kim in 2008).

Flores is looking to become the fifth player since 2008, and third consecutive, to make the Wells Fargo Championship his first PGA TOUR title (Anthony Kim/2008, Rory McIlroy/2010, Rickie Fowler/2012, Derek Ernst/2013).

Flores is making his 110th career start on the PGA TOUR this week.

Phil Mickelson

Phil Mickelson's 9-under 63 is a 12-stroke improvement from round two's 75. His career record for round-to-round improvement is 13 strokes. In round one of the 2005 Waste Management Phoenix Open, he posted a score of 73. He followed that the next day with 60. Before today, he has twice made a 12-stroke improvement from one round to the next. Interestingly, they both came at the PLAYERS Championship (1995, 2000).

Mickelson's 63 is one stroke off the tournament record, and three shy of his career-low. Mickelson has posted a score of 60 twice, most recently in round one of the 2013 Waste Management Phoenix Open, which he won in wire-to-wire fashion.

Mickelson's front-nine, 7-under 29 is a new nine-hole record at the Wells Fargo Championship. Ten players were tied with the previous record of 30, seven on the front and three on the back.

Mickelson's 9-under 63 this week is his lowest score since opening with an 8-under 63 at the 2013 Deutsche Bank Championship (T41).

Mickelson played the 6-hole stretch of Nos. 3-8 in birdie-birdie-birdie-birdie-eagle-birdie. His career record for consecutive holes played under par is seven. At the 1997 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open, he birdied Nos. 12-18 in round two. Before this week, he has twice played a 6-hole stretch with a birdie or better on each.

With today's 63, Mickelson made big strides towards his first top-10 finish of the season. This marks the longest stretch of his career to start a season without a top-10 finish. Mickelson's last top 10 came at the 2013 Barclays (T6).

Mickelson's previous low score at Quail Hollow was 66, which he posted in the final round of 2005 and in round two of 2011.

Of the stroke-play events on TOUR in which Mickelson has competed at least 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 at the 2013 Wells Fargo Championship, 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.

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.

Rory McIlroy

With eight birdies and just one bogey, Rory McIlroy got his 25th birthday celebration started a day early. His 7-under 65 in the third group off in round three is one stroke better than his third-round rebound in 2010. After making the cut on the number at 1-over that year, he posted a 6-under 66 to get to 5-under, and four strokes back, headed into the final round. A final-round, 10-under 62 gave him a 4-stroke win.

His 76-65 swing ties his record for biggest improvement from one round to the next. At the 2010 Open Championship, McIlroy followed a second-round 80 with a 69 in round three.

In relation to par, the 65 ties his low round of the 2013-14 PGA TOUR Season. In his first round of the season, he opened with a 7-under 65 at the World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions (T6). At The Honda Classic, he opened with a 7-under 63 en route to a playoff loss to Russell Henley.

McIlroy is making his seventh start of the season this week, with his only finish outside the top 20 being a T25 at the WGC-Cadillac Championship.

Through 17 rounds in the event now, McIlroy's scoring average is 69.85. Through three rounds this week, McIlroy has made 17 birdies, 7 bogeys and two double bogeys. At 6-under and T11, he will begin the final round seven strokes back.

Miscellaneous

Those still in the field with Charlotte connections: Brendon de Jonge (T11), Webb Simpson (T22), Martin Laird (T28), Bill Haas (T50), Jason Kokrak (T52), Davis Love III (T56) and Johnson Wagner (T59).

Bogey-free rounds:

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

R2 – Brendon de Jonge (62), Cameron Tringale (68), Michael Thompson (69), Rickie Fowler (71)

R3 – Phil Mickelson (63), Pat Perez (66)

Scoring Averages:

	Front	Back	Total	Cumulative
R1	36.506	36.878	73.385	---
R2	36.117	36.227	72.344	72.865
R3	35.384	35.753	71.137	72.540

The par-4 18th hole played the most difficult for the third straight day at 4.329. The par-5 7th hole was the easiest at 4.507.

Third-Round Rank/Average of the "Green Mile" (Nos. 16-18):

Hole	Rank	Stroke Average
No. 18	1	4.329
No. 17	6	3.123
No. 16	10	3.986

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