



2015 THE GREENBRIER CLASSIC
(The 34th of 43 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

White Sulphur Springs, WV July 2-5, 2015
The Old White TPC Par/Yards: 34-36—70/7,287

FedExCup Pts: 500 to the winner
Purse: \$6,700,000 (\$1,206,000)

First-Round Notes – Thursday, July 2, 2015

Weather: Cloudy, with afternoon showers amounting to .2 inches of rain. High of 76. Winds WSW 5-10 mph.

First-Round leaderboard

Scott Langley	62 (-8)
Jonathan Byrd	63 (-7)
Danny Lee	63 (-7)
Brian Davis	64 (-6)
Ryo Ishikawa	64 (-6)

Scott Langley

Scott Langley posted a bogey-free 8-under 62 to take a one-stroke lead over his playing partner Jonathan Byrd and Danny Lee following the first round of The Greenbrier Classic.

Langley's round tops his previous low score on TOUR by two strokes (64, R1, 2014 Travelers Championship).

Langley's 62 equals the low first 18-hole score of the season, set on five previous occasions and most recently by Bubba Watson at last week's Travelers Championship.

Langley's 62 equals The Greenbrier Classic's best opening round (Johnson Wagner and Tommy Gainey in 2013).

R1 at a glance: 12 of 14 fairways, 17 of 18 greens, 28 putts, 1 of 1 sand saves.

Langley is making his 22nd start of the season, with a T17 in the season-opening Frys.com Open his best outing. His other two top 25s include a T22 at the Northern Trust Open and T25 at last week's Travelers Championship.

Langley is making his third start at The Greenbrier Classic, missing the cut in 2013 and posting rounds of 68-71-67-69 to finish T25 a year ago.

Langley's best finishes in 82 PGA TOUR starts is a T3 at the 2013 Sony Open in Hawaii and third-place finish at the 2014 Valspar Championship.

This marks the second time Langley has held the first-round lead on the PGA TOUR. At the 2014 RBC Heritage he carried T1 honors after the first round to a T38 finish.

First-Round Lead Statistics

In the five-year history of the Greenbrier Classic, no first-round leader has held on for the win.

The first-round leader/co-leader has held on for victory five times in 32 stroke-play events so far this season, the most recent being Bubba Watson at last week's Travelers Championship.

Jonas Blixt, who was making his title defense at The Greenbrier Classic at the time, opened with a 6-under 64 a year ago to lead over seven players.

Tiger Woods

In his second start at The Greenbrier Classic (MC in 2012 with rounds of 71-69), Tiger Woods carded a 4-under 66 for his best round on TOUR since a 66 in round three of the 2014 World Golf Championships-Cadillac Championship.

R1 at a glance: 10 of 14 fairways, 14 of 18 greens, 1 of 2 sand saves, 25 putts.

Following a double bogey on No. 6, Woods concluded his round with birdies on his final three holes (Nos. 7-9).

Woods is making his first start since missing the cut at the U.S. Open at Chambers Bay, which marked just his 13th missed cut in 308 professional starts on the PGA TOUR (one of which came at the 2012 Greenbrier).

Woods is coming off of the highest opening 36-hole score of his career (156 at the U.S. Open).

Today's round marked Woods' 13th round at par-or-better out of 38 competitive rounds on the PGA TOUR since the beginning of the 2013-14 Season.

Open Championship Qualifying Series (OQS)

The Open Qualifying Series (OQS) is an international qualifying series involving events on the world's leading golf tours. Now in its second year, the OQS will play an integral role in determining the field for the Open Championship at St. Andrews on July 13-19.

The Open Qualifying Series offers players the opportunity to qualify for golf's oldest major championship at events on the PGA TOUR, European Tour, PGA TOUR of Australia and Japan Golf Tour.

Players on the PGA TOUR have the chance to qualify at three events: Travelers Championship, The Greenbrier Classic and John Deere Classic. The top four players, not previously eligible, who finish among the top 12 (and ties) at the Travelers Championship and The Greenbrier Classic will earn entry into The Open Championship. The top player among the top five (and ties) at the John Deere Classic qualifies. If there are ties for the final spot(s), qualifiers will be determined by Official World Golf Ranking.

Last week at the Travelers Championship, four players qualified for The Open Championship: Brian Harman (3rd), Graham DeLaet (4th), Carl Pettersson (5th), Luke Donald (T7).

Hole-in-One Bonanza

Both George McNeill and Justin Thomas aced the par-3 18th hole Thursday, with The Greenbrier Resort giving each fan in the stands during McNeill's ace \$100 (\$18,900 total) and those in the stands for Thomas' ace \$500 (\$173,500 total). The next ace this week will award \$1,000 to every fan in the stands at the closing hole.

As the Official Mortgage Sponsor of the PGA TOUR, Quicken Loans will award one year of mortgage to Joe Borillo (Malvern, PA) and Carol Dacus (Lighthouse Point, FL) to commemorate the aces.

Courtesy of The Greenbrier, McNeill will receive \$25,000 to give to the charity of his choice, while Thomas will receive \$50,000 to the charity of his choice.

George McNeill now owns two of the five aces in Greenbrier Classic history. He aced the par-3 18th hole Thursday with a pitching wedge from 137 yards. The hole-in-one comes one year after he aced the par-3 eighth hole during the fourth round of the 2014 Greenbrier Classic. Luke List, Bud Cauley and Justin Thomas (2015) own the other three aces in tournament history.

The ace was the fourth of McNeill's PGA TOUR career: 2011 Mayakoba Golf Classic, 2014 Greenbrier Classic, 2015 the Memorial Tournament, 2015 Greenbrier Classic. He becomes the second player this season with two aces, with Andres Romero adding his second at last week's Travelers Championship.

The ace was the first of Thomas' PGA TOUR career.

Additional Player Notes

Playing in the same group as leader Scott Langley, Jonathan Byrd posted a bogey-free 7-under 63 in his sixth start at The Greenbrier Classic. Byrd has missed three cuts at The Greenbrier Classic (2011, 2013, 2014), along with a T21 in 2010 and T22 in 2012. Byrd is seeking his first top 10 since a T3 at the 2014 Barracuda Championship.

Danny Lee's 63 equals the lowest round of his PGA TOUR career (R1, 2012 AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, finished T25).

Four-time TOUR winner Patrick Reed carded a 2-under 68 in his third Greenbrier Classic start (T26-2014, MC-2013).

Webb Simpson opened with a 1-over 71. He finished solo-third in 2014 for his third top-10 finish in five starts at The Greenbrier Classic (MC-2010, T9-2011, T7-2012, T41-2013, 3-2014).

Cameron Tringale finished T4 in 2014 for his second top-5 finish in five starts at The Greenbrier Classic (MC-2010, T4-2011, T56-2012, T72-2013, T4-2014). He opened in impressive fashion Thursday with a 3-under 67.

Miscellaneous Notes

Bogey-free rounds:

R1 – 20 rounds

The par-4 sixth hole played the toughest during the first round, yielding a 4.154 average. The par-3 18th hole was the easiest at 2.677.

Scoring Averages at the par-70 Old White Course TPC:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
Thursday	33.667	35.225	68.892	---

Peter Uihlein withdrew during the round with a neck injury.

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