

2014-15 Sanderson Farms Championship Broadcast Window & Pre-Tournament Notes



The Sanderson Farms Championship returns with a new date and a new venue. The 2014-15, Sanderson Farms Championship is being held at the Country Club of Jackson for the first time in tournament history. The last time this event was played was in the 2013 PGA TOUR season (opposite The Open Championship) and won by Woody Austin.

ShotLink Keys to Victory for Woody Austin

At age 49 years, 5 months, 25 days, Woody Austin became the eighth oldest winner in TOUR history with his victory at the 2013 Sanderson Farms Championship. Austin moved to 130th in the FedExCup standings en route to picking up his 4th career victory on the PGA TOUR.

Woody Austin vs. The Field 2013 Sanderson Farms Championship

Stat	Austin Rank	Austin Stat	Event Average
Driving Distance	61st	272.0	280.3
Driving Accuracy Percentage	T9th	75.00%	64.41
Greens in Regulation Percentage	T7th	77.78%	70.16
Proximity to Hole	T5th	25' 3"	30' 5"
Fairway Proximity	4th	22' 2"	27' 7"
Approaches 125 to 150 Yards	1st	9' 11"	19' 8"
Strokes Gained: Putting	14th	+.913	.000
3-Putt Avoidance	T1st	.00%	2.45
Putting from - > 25'	3rd	18.18%	6.51
Average Distance of Putts made	11th	92' 5"	76' 6"

Woody Austin averaged 272.0 yards from the tee en route to victory at the Sanderson Farms Championship.

This was the 3rd shortest average from the tee by a winner on the 2013 PGA TOUR (Kevin Streelman averaged 270.8 yards when he won the Tampa Bay Championship and Zach Johnson averaged 262.1 at the BMW Championship).

Approaches from 125 to 150 Yards 2013 Sanderson Farms Championship

Rank	Player	Value	# of Attempts
1	Woody Austin	9' 11"	13
2	Heath Slocum	12' 8"	12
3	Davis Love III	14' 0"	12
4	Matt Every	14' 8"	11
5	David Mathis	14' 9"	11

Austin was particularly dialed in with his wedge game at Annandale GC. For the week, he averaged a field leading 9 feet 11 inches on approach shots from 125 to 150 yards in the fairway. This worked out to nearly 10 feet closer to the pin than the field average of 19 feet 8 inches.

Field Average: 19' 8"

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David Toms

David Toms is making his 3rd start of the 2014-15 FedExCup Season. David finished T-14th in his last TOUR start at the McGladrey Classic. Toms opened with a 3 over par 73 after the first round of the McGladrey Classic making 3 bogeys and 0 birdies. This marked only his **32nd** round without a hole under par in **1,832** rounds played in his PGA TOUR career. After his opening 73, Toms made 14 birdies and 2 bogeys over the final 54 holes to finish T-14th.

Toms is making his 9th appearance at the Sanderson Farms Championship. David had his best finish at this event in 2008 finishing solo T-8th.

Driving Accuracy Leaders 2013-14 PGA TOUR

Rank	Player	%
1	David Toms	75.49%
2	Tim Clark	74.02%
3	Justin Hicks	73.46%
4	Jim Furyk	73.18%
5	Heath Slocum	72.41%

David Toms is known for being the most accurate drivers of the golf ball on TOUR. David lead the TOUR in driving accuracy in the 2013-14 PGA TOUR season hitting 653 of 865 (75.49%) in the fairway.

The 2013-14 PGA TOUR season marked the 1st time David Toms has led in driving accuracy and hit over 75% of his fairways in his career.

David has steadily improved his play from on the greens from ranking T-118th in 2012 & 160th in 2013 in strokes gained: putting to 11th this season. In 6 rounds this season, Toms is outperforming the field by over 1 stroke with his putter.

David Toms Strokes Gained: Putting since 2012

Year	Rank	Strokes Gained
2015	11th	+1.139
2014	85th	+0.058
2013	160th	-0.397
2012	T118	-0.104

Lucas Glover

Lucas Glover is making his 2nd appearance at the Sanderson Farms Championship. The last time he competed in this event was in 2004 finishing T-26th.

In 2012, Lucas Glover averaged 289.1 yards off the tee in measured drives. Since 2012, Glover has steadily improved his distance off the tee by over 13 yards. This season, Lucas is averaging 303.5 yards on 14 measured drives hitting 8 of 14 drives over 300 yards.

Lucas Glover Driving Distance Since 2012

Year	Strokes Gained
2015	303.5
2014	300.6
2013	293.7
2012	289.1

Padraig Harrington

Padraig Harrington makes his 3rd start of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR season and is in search of his first top 10 finish in his last 24 PGA TOUR events. The 2013-14 PGA TOUR season marked Padraig's first season where he has played over 10 events and not had a top 10 finish in his PGA TOUR career.

Padraig is making his 1st appearance at the Sanderson Farms Championship and 233rd career start on TOUR.

Ben Martin

After firing rounds of 78-79 in his first two rounds of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR season. Ben Martin has played 8 consecutive rounds at par or better for a total of 28 under par.

2014-15 Longest Putts Made Leaders

Rank	Player	Length of Putt
1	Andres Gonzales	70' 10"
2	Ben Martin	69' 6"
3	Kevin Tway	68' 11"
4	John Merrick	67' 7"
5	Chad Collins	64' 10"

In the first 3 events where ShotLink data was available. Ben Martin has the 2nd longest putt made of the season. Martin made a 69' 6" putt at the McGladrey Classic on the 3rd hole in round 1.

Shriners Hospitals Victory:

Ben Martin picked up his 1st career victory on the PGA TOUR in his 56th career start at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open a few weeks ago.

Front 9 vs Back 9: In his victory, Ben Martin played his outward 9 holes at 3 under par compared to his inward 9 holes of 17 under for the week.

Ben Martin Front 9 vs Back 9 at TPC Summerlin

Stat	Front 9	Back 9
Birdies or Better	10	18
Bogeys or Worse	6	3
SG: Tee-to-Green	+.04	+7.37
SG: Putting	+1.91	+4.67
Score to Par	-3	-17

Ben Martin made 2 eagles, 16 birdies & only 3 bogeys on his back 9 at TPC Summerlin for a combined 17 under par. Martin made 8 more birdies or better, 3 less bogeys or worse, 7 strokes better tee-to-green and nearly 3 strokes better on the greens than the front 9. His 17 under par on the back 9 was 14 shots better than his score to par on the front 9.

Ben Martin On the Green Stats Shriners Hospitals

Stat	Martin Rank	Martin Value	Field Avg.
Strokes Gained: Putting	2 nd	+1.64	- - -
Putting Average	1st	1.576	1.764
Putting - Inside 6'	T1	100%	95.5%
Putting > 25'	T4	15.0%	6.25%
Average Distance of Putts made	5 th	101' 7"	78' 1"

Ben Martin ranked 1st in putting average only needing 93 putts in 59 greens hit in regulation for an average of 1.576 for the week.

Robert Streb

Robert Streb picked up his 1st career victory on the PGA TOUR in his 49th career start. Streb currently ranks 2nd in the race for the FedExCup, trailing leader Sang-Moon Bae by 5 points.

Final Round Strokes Gained: Putting at The McGladrey Classic: Robert Streb outperformed the field by over 3 strokes (+3.22) with his putter in the final round making 5 putts from 10 feet and over including his 33' 3" birdie on the par 3, 17th hole.

Robert Streb Rounds 1-3 vs Final Round at The McGladrey

Stat	Rds 1-3	Final Rnd
SG: Tee-to-Green	+1.96	+2.58
SG: Putting	+3.49	+3.22
Putts Made Over 10+ Feet	6	5
Putts Per Round	29 Avg.	26
Birdies or Better	14	9
Score to Par	-7	-7

In the first 3 rounds, Robert Streb outperformed the field by a combined +1.96 in strokes gained: tee-to-green. However, in the final round he outperformed the field by +2.58 strokes tee-to-green over a half a stroke better than his first 3 rounds.

Streb made a total of 6 putts from 10 feet and over in the first 3 rounds compared to 5 in the final round alone.

Strokes Gained: Putting Leaders The McGladrey Classic

Rank	Player	Value
1	Fabian Gomez	+1.98
2	Robert Streb	+1.69
3	Andrew Svoboda	+1.66
4	Brendon de Jonge	+1.59
5	Brendon Todd	+1.56

Robert Streb beat the field by +1.69 strokes per round with his putter en route to victory.

For the week, Streb outperformed the field by a total of +6.77 strokes on the greens at The McGladrey Classic.

Contributing to Streb's success at The McGladrey Classic was his solid approach shots in the fairway. Streb ranked 3rd in fairway proximity averaging 5 feet closer than the field.

Robert Streb Statistics vs The McGladrey Classic Field

Stat	Streb Rank	Streb Value	Field
Strokes Gained: Tee-to-Green	13 th	+ 1.14	- - -
Fairway Proximity	3 rd	25' 4"	30' 10"
Approaches from >200 yards	3 rd	32' 3"	51' 1"
Strokes Gained: Putting	2 nd	+1.67	- - -
Putting Average	2 nd	1.642	1.803

Woody Austin

2013 Sanderson Farms Champion, Woody Austin makes his 2nd 2014-15 PGA TOUR start and 14th Sanderson Farms Championship appearance.

Woody Austin had a busy 2014 playing a total of 30 events between the PGA TOUR and the Champions TOUR. Between the two TOURs, Austin Played 30 events and finished inside the top 25, 8 times.

Woody Austin 2014 Record PGA TOUR vs Champions TOUR

Stat	PGA TOUR	Champions TOUR
Starts	22	8
Top 10's	0	6
Top 25's	1	7
Scoring Average	71.74	68.85
FEC / Schwab Finish	168th	12th

Jonathan Randolph

2014-2015 Rookie, Jonathan Randolph makes his 4th start this season. Randolph has made 1 of his first 3 cuts finishing T-28th at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open.

Jonathan is making his 5th start at the Sanderson Farms Championship. His best finish at this event was in 2013, T-14th.

Jonathan Randolph Career Finishes at Sanderson Farms Championship

Year	Finish
2013	T-14
2012	T-21
2011	T-64
2010	M/C

2013 Sanderson Farms Strokes Gained: Tee-to-Green Leaders

Rank	Player	Average	Total SG:T2G
1	Daniel Summerhays	+2.727	+10.906
2	Billy Andrade	+2.369	+9.477
3	Jonathan Randolph	+2.293	+9.172
4	Woody Austin	+2.285	+9.139
5	Seung-Yul Noh	+2.236	+8.944

Jonathan Randolph ranked 3rd in strokes gained: tee-to-green at this event in 2013 outperforming the field by +2.293 strokes per round.

Carlos Sainz, Jr.

Mississippi State alumni Carlos Sainz, Jr. makes his 2nd PGA TOUR start of his career. Carlos finished the 2014 Web.com TOUR season ranked 49th on the priority rankings list.

Carlos Sainz, Jr. best finish on the Web.com TOUR came at the Price Cutter Charity Classic where he finished T-2nd moving from 133rd to 68th on the money list after his runner-up finish.