



2015 Wells Fargo Championship

(The 27th of 43 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Charlotte, N.C.
Quail Hollow Club

May 14-17, 2015
Par/Yardage: 36-36—72/7,562

FedExCup Points: 500
Purse: \$7,100,000 (\$1,278,000)

First-Round Notes – Thursday, May 14, 2015

Weather: Sunny, with a high of 79 degrees. Winds variable 6-12 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

Robert Streb	65 (-7)
Kevin Chappell	66 (-6)
Patrick Reed	66 (-6)

Robert Streb

Third-year PGA TOUR member Robert Streb made seven birdies and no bogeys in round one to post a 7-under 65 and matches low round of the year in relation to par. He posted a 7-under 63 in the final round of The McGladrey Classic en route to his victory, and carded the same score in round one of the Sony Open in Hawaii.

With his victory early in the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season at The McGladrey Classic, Streb is looking to join Jimmy Walker and Jordan Spieth as multiple winners this season.

In addition to his win on Sea Island, Streb has collected four additional top-10 finishes this season, each of which came in his first eight starts. Streb is coming off a T30 finish at last week's PLAYERS Championship.

Streb makes a return to the PGA TOUR this season by virtue of his 71st-place finish in last season's FedExCup standings.

Streb found just six of 14 fairways in regulation (42.9 percent) and hit 14 of 18 greens (77.8 percent). He needed 26 putts to complete his round.

Streb and his wife Maggie welcomed their first child, Catherine, to the world on February 3rd of this year.

Streb has previously never held a lead/co-lead after any round on the PGA TOUR.

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 three of 25 first-round leaders on the PGA TOUR this season have been able to convert for the win in stroke-play events. Most recently, Jordan Spieth achieved the feat at the Masters.

Patrick Reed

Following a bogey at his first hole of the day, Patrick Reed birdied four straight holes (Nos. 5-8) en route to a 6-under 66. Reed also made birdie at Nos. 2, 10, 14 and 15.

Reed is making his third start in the Wells Fargo Championship, having previously finished T32 in 2012 and 2013.

Reed is looking for his fifth PGA TOUR win in his 84th start and will be 24 years, 9 months and 12 days on Sunday.

Reed joined elite company in January after winning the 2015 Hyundai Tournament of Champions. He became the fifth player in the last 25 years to win at least four times on TOUR before turning 25.

In the last 25 years, four players have collected five TOUR wins before turning age 25:

<i>Player</i>	<i>Age at time of fifth win</i>	<i>Starts</i>	<i>Event</i>
Tiger Woods	21 years, 4 months, 19 days	30	1997 AT&T Byron Nelson Championship
Rory McIlroy	23 years, 3 months, 29 days	52	2012 Deutsche Bank Championship
Sergio Garcia	24 years, 5 months, 4 days	98	2004 Buick Classic
Phil Mickelson	24 years, 7 months, 6 days	73	1995 Northern Telecom Open

Reed is making his 15th start of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season this week. In addition to his win in Hawaii, he lost in sudden death to Jordan Spieth at the Valspar Championship in March.

After four rounds of par-or-better at last week's PLAYERS Championship, Reed finished T24.

Kevin Chappell

In search of his first PGA TOUR win in his 128th start, Kevin Chappell played his last three holes (Nos. 7-9) in 3-under-par (eagle-birdie-par) en route to a 6-under 66.

This marks Chappell's fifth consecutive start in the Wells Fargo Championship and first time to open with a sub-par score. His T11 last year was first finish inside the top 50 at Quail Hollow.

Chappell, who's best finish on the PGA TOUR is solo-second at the 2013 Memorial Tournament, is making his 14th start of the season this week. His lone top-10 finish is T8 at The McGladrey Classic.

Webb Simpson

Charlotte resident Webb Simpson took advantage of his local ties, opening with a 5-under 67. Beginning on No. 10, Simpson carded birdies at Nos. 11, 14, 15, 17, 2, and 5. His lone bogey of the day came at the par-4 16th.

After opening with scores of 74 in 2009 and 2010, Simpson hasn't posted an opening-round score higher than 70 at Quail Hollow.

Simpson at the Wells Fargo Championship: 2009/MC, 2010/MC, 2011/T21, 2012/4th, 2013/T32 and T38 last year.

Simpson is making his 12th start of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season, having collected three top-10 finishes. His best among them is a T4 in defense of his fourth and most recent TOUR title at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open.

Simpson is coming off a T66 finish at last week's PLAYERS Championship.

Ricky Barnes

Making his sixth start in the Wells Fargo Championship and 197th on the PGA TOUR, Ricky Barnes remains in search of his first TOUR win. His best finish on the PGA TOUR is a share of second place at the 2009 U.S. Open.

Barnes missed the cut at Quail Hollow in 2004, 2011 and 2013. He finished T22 in 2010 and T30 last year.

Barnes is making his 18th start of the season, where he remains in search of his first top-10 finish in a stroke-play event since last season's Puerto Rico Open (T9). Barnes has missed the cut in four of his last five starts on the PGA TOUR coming into this week.

Rory McIlroy

World No. 1 Rory McIlroy had it to 4-under through 16 holes, but a costly double-bogey at the par-3 17th resulted in a 2-under 70.

McIlroy will begin round two five strokes back. In 2010, he began the second round seven strokes back at even par, en route to his win at Quail Hollow.

In five previous starts at the Wells Fargo Championship, McIlroy has finished inside the top ten four times (1/2010, MC/2011, T2/2012, T10/2013 and T8 last year).

McIlroy has now shot par-or-better in 14 of 19 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.

Mcllroy is making just his seventh start of the season on the PGA TOUR this week. In addition to his win at the World Golf Championships-Cadillac Match Play Championship two weeks ago, he also finished inside the top ten at the WGC-Cadillac Championship (T9), Masters (4th) and at last week's PLAYERS Championship (T8).

With today's 70, Mcllroy extends his streak of par-or-better rounds on TOUR to 16, dating to round one of the WGC-Cadillac Championship (73).

Phil Mickelson

Following birdies at his first three holes (Nos. 10-12), Phil Mickelson took a double-bogey six at the 18th, which he followed with bogeys at the first and second holes en route to a 1-under 71.

In 12 starts now at the Wells Fargo Championship, this marks the first time Mickelson has not posted a first-round score of 70 or better.

Mickelson has now played 34 of 45 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 11 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 and 3rd in 2013.

Mickelson made par at the par-3 17th hole in round one. He has played No. 17 at Quail Hollow Club 45 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 rounds one and four in 2014.

Of the stroke-play events on TOUR in which Mickelson has competed more than 10 times, the BMW Championship (17 starts), WGC-Bridgestone Invitational (16 starts), the Memorial (14 starts), The Barclays (13 starts) and the Wells Fargo Championship (11) are the only ones to have never surrendered him victory.

Mickelson is making his 17th start on the PGA TOUR in the state of North Carolina, where he remains in search of his first win. In addition to 11 previous 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, T33 in 2005 and T28 last year.

Miscellaneous Notes

Defending champion J.B. Holmes opened with a 3-under 69. After round one last year, Holmes was four strokes off the lead at 2-under-par. There has never been a repeat winner of the Wells Fargo Championship.

Making his seventh start at the Wells Fargo Championship and first since missing the cut in 2010, Adam Scott opened with a 1-under 71. Scott previously collected top-10 finishes at Quail Hollow in 2006 (3rd) and 2008 (T8).

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.

Four of the last five winners of the Wells Fargo Championship have missed the cut (36-hole or 54-hole) the following year (Sean O'Hair, Rory Mcllroy, Lucas Glover, Rickie Fowler-MDF). 2013 champion Derek Ernst finished T30 last year.

Among those in the field with Charlotte connections: Webb Simpson (67), Bill Haas (72), Brendon de Jonge (73), Robert Karlsson (75), Johnson Wagner (74), and Jason Kokrak (77).

The Wells Fargo Championship has a history of young winners:

2010	Rory Mcllroy	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

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

Hole	Rank	Stroke Average
No. 16	2	4.314
No. 17	9	3.128
No. 18	1	4.404

Last year, the Green Mile accounted for 25 percent of all bogeys at Quail Hollow, 38 percent of all double bogeys and 50.4 percent of all triples or worse. Since 2003, the field has been a combined 5.161 strokes over par on that stretch of holes.

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

U.S. Open and Open Championship Qualifying

The top 60 in Official World Golf Ranking as of June 1 (Monday after AT&T Byron Nelson) and June 15 (Monday after FedEx St. Jude Classic) earn a spot into the U.S. Open.

The top 50 in OWGR as of May 25 (Monday after Crowne Plaza Invitational at Colonial) earn a spot into the Open Championship field.

Bogey-free rounds:

R1 – Robert Streb (65), Billy Hurley III (67), Russell Knox (69).

Scoring Averages:

	Front	Back	Total	Cumulative
R1	36.115	36.109	72.224	---

Morning Scoring Average (72.64) vs. Afternoon Scoring Average (71.81).

Round one scoring average in 2014: 73.385

The par-4 18th hole played the most difficult in the first round at 4.412. The par-5 15th was the easiest at 4.436.

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