



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)

Second-Round Notes – Friday, May 15, 2015

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

36-hole cut: 81 players at even-par 144 from a field of 156 professionals. Because more than 78 players made the 36-hole cut, a 54-hole cut will reduce the field to low-70 and ties.

Second-Round Leaderboard

Webb Simpson	67-67—134 (-10)
Robert Streb	65-69—134 (-10)

Webb Simpson

Charlotte resident Webb Simpson offset two early bogeys at Nos. 3 and 6 with seven birdies and take a share of the 10-under lead headed into the weekend. In six starts now at the Wells Fargo Championship, this marks his first time to open with two rounds in the 60s.

Immediately after his media center interview, Simpson went to celebrate his mother-in-law's 60th birthday party with family and friends.

This marks the sixth occasion on which Simpson has held a 36-hole lead/co-lead. The one which resulted in victory was the 2013 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open. Most recently, he was tied for the lead after the second round of the Sony Open in Hawaii, before settling for T13.

After missing the fairway right on the first hole, Simpson hit each of the ensuing 13 fairways in regulation (92.9 percent). For the second straight day, he hit 13 of 18 greens (72.2 percent).

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.

Robert Streb

First-round leader Robert Streb maintained his position at the top of the leaderboard, thanks to four birdies over just a single bogey in round two.

For the second straight day, Streb has struggled off the tee. In round one, he hit just six of 14 fairways (42.9 percent), and in round two, found only five (35.7 percent).

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.

Prior to this week, Streb had previously never held a lead/co-lead after any round on the PGA TOUR.

Second-Round Statistics

The only second-round leader of the Wells Fargo Championship to convert for the win was Tiger Woods (2007).

The largest come-from-behind win after 36 holes was in 2010, when Rory McIlroy overcame a 10-stroke deficit.

Only six of 25 second-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 Rodgers

Making the most of a sponsor exemption, 22-year-old Patrick Rodgers followed a 4-under 68 in round one with the same score in round two.

The last sponsor invite to win on the PGA TOUR was Padraig Harrington at this year's Honda Classic. Prior to that, it was Lee Westwood at the 2010 FedEx St. Jude Classic.

Below are sponsor exemptions to win on TOUR since 1991:

Phil Mickelson (a)	1991 Northern Telecom Open
Vijay Singh	1993 Buick Classic
Tiger Woods	1996 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open
David Gossett	2001 John Deere Classic
Adam Scott	2003 Deutsche Bank Championship
Jason Gore	2005 84 LUMBER Classic
Lee Westwood	2010 FedEx St. Jude Classic
Padraig Harrington	2015 The Honda Classic

Should Patrick Rodgers win and accept membership on the PGA TOUR, his FedExCup points earned as a non-member (excluding those won at World Golf Championship events as a non-member) are retroactive and will be counted on the official FedExCup points list.

Patrick Rodgers is not a member of the PGA TOUR, but can earn Special Temporary Membership for the remainder of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season. He needs to earn more than the player that finished No. 150 on the 2013-14 FedExCup points list (323/Johnson Wagner). Once he passes that number he will be eligible for unlimited sponsor exemptions for the remainder of his 2014-15 season in his attempt to earn their 2015-16 TOUR card.

Rodgers currently has 69 equivalent points and can earn enough points by finishing in sole possession of second place (300 points, a T2 is 245 points).

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

After turning professional in 2014, Rodgers earned enough Non-Member FedExCup points to qualify for the Web.com Tour Finals. From that came membership to the Web.com Tour in 2015. In just his second start of the season on that Tour, Rodgers won the Colombia Championship in a playoff over Steve Marino. He is currently ranked third on the Web.com Tour money list.

Rodgers is making his sixth start of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season, with a T37 at the OHL Classic at Mayakoba his best showing.

This week's Wells Fargo Championship marks Rodgers' 16th start on the PGA TOUR, 13th as a professional. As a professional, he remains in search of his first top-25 finish. By comparison, Jordan Spieth won his first TOUR event as a pro in his 24th TOUR start and 16th as a professional.

Rodgers, an Indiana native, played collegiately at Stanford University for three years, winning 11 titles, tying the record set by Tiger Woods.

Last year, Rodgers won the Jack Nicklaus award for being the nation's top Division I golfer. He also won the 2014 Ben Hogan Award, given annually to the top men's player in college and amateur events in the last year (top

professionals like Hunter Mahan, Bill Haas, Fowler and Stanley have won the award in the past) and the 2014 Haskins Award, which is presented annually by the Haskins Commission to honor the most outstanding collegiate golfer in the United States.

Rodgers turned professional in June 2014, with his first professional start being the 2014 Travelers Championship (T46).

Martin Flores

In search of his first top-10 finish since claiming third-place honors at last year's Wells Fargo Championship, Martin Flores made six birdies in a seven-hole stretch in the morning wave (Nos. 4-7, 9-10) en route to a 5-under 67. Through 36 holes, Flores sits at 8-under 136.

Through 36 holes last year, Flores held a share of the 9-under lead with Angel Cabrera. After 54 holes, he trailed J.B. Holmes by a stroke at 12-under 204.

Flores has birdied all eight par fives, with the exception of No. 7 in round one (bogey).

Making his 19th start this week, Flores' two best finishes came in back-to-back weeks at The Honda Classic (T17) and Puerto Rico Open (T16).

Flores is making his fifth start at the Wells Fargo Championship this week and returns on the heels of a third-place finish from last year (67-68-69-72—276, -12), his career-best showing.

In his last three starts at the Wells Fargo Championship, Flores has been unable to break par in the final round. He missed the cut in his first start of 2010.

Flores, who finished 112th in last season's FedExCup standings, graduated from the Web.com Tour in 2011 and played his first full year on the PGA TOUR in 2012.

Rory McIlroy

World No. 1 Rory McIlroy turned in a bogey-free, 5-under 67 in round two to get to 7-under 137.

The largest come-from-behind win after 36 holes was in 2010, when Rory McIlroy overcame a 10-stroke deficit.

McIlroy is seven-under on the eight par fives through 36 holes. His only par among them came at the seventh today.

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 15 of 20 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.

With today's 67, McIlroy extends his streak of par-or-better rounds on TOUR to 17, dating to round one of the World Golf Championships-Cadillac Championship (73).

McIlroy 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).

Phil Mickelson

Phil Mickelson improved on his 1-under 71 in round one with a 6-under 66 in round two. His lone bogey of the day came at the par-4 eighth, after pushing his tee shot left. At 7-under 137, he will head into the weekend three strokes back. Mickelson has now played 35 of 46 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 two. He has played No. 17 at Quail Hollow Club 46 times and remains 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, a 42-time winner on the PGA TOUR, is in search of his first win since the 2013 Waste Management Phoenix Open.

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 struggled in round two with a 4-over 76. At 1-over 145, he missed the cut by a stroke. Five of the last six winners of the Wells Fargo Championship have now missed the cut (36-hole or 54-hole) the following year (Sean O'Hair, Rory McIlroy, Lucas Glover, Rickie Fowler-MDF, J.B. Holmes). 2013 champion Derek Ernst finished T30 last year.

During today's second round of the Wells Fargo Championship, Colt Knost aced the 17th hole with a 3-iron from 227 yards. As the Official Mortgage Sponsor of the PGA TOUR, Quicken Loans will award one year's worth of mortgage payments to Scott Gustin of Springdale, Ark. to commemorate the ace. The Quicken Loans' Hole-In-One Sweepstakes awards one year's worth of mortgage payments to a randomly selected entrant for every ace during official PGA TOUR events from the Waste Management Phoenix Open through the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola. Fans can enter the sweepstakes by visiting www.pgatour.com/quickenloans. Participants in the 2014 Sweepstakes must re-register to be eligible in 2015.

Knost's ace was the second in tournament history (Jay Williamson/No. 6/R2/2008). He followed his ace at 17 with a birdie at 18 to get to 1-under 143 through 36 holes and back inside the cut line (E).

Only four 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
Colt Knost	2014	R2	No. 17

Among those in the field with Charlotte connections: Webb Simpson (T1), Bill Haas (T42), Brendon de Jonge (MC), Robert Karlsson (MC) Johnson Wagner (MC), and Jason Kokrak (MC).

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

Hole	Rank	Stroke Average
No. 16	5	4.179
No. 17	2	3.269
No. 18	1	4.423

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).

R2 – Rory McIlroy (67), Jim Herman (69), Derek Ernst (69), Brian Stuard (70).

Scoring Averages:

	Front	Back	Total	Cumulative
R1	36.115	36.109	72.224	---
R2				

Morning Scoring Average (71.96) vs. Afternoon Scoring Average (72.42).

The par-4 18th hole played the most difficult in the second round at 4.423. The par-5 5th was the easiest at 4.583.