



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)

Final-Round Notes – Sunday, May 17, 2015

Weather: Partly cloudy, with a high of 85 degrees. Winds S/SW 7-12 mph.

Final-Round Leaderboard

Rory McIlroy	70-67-61-69—267 (-21)
Patrick Rodgers	68-68-70-68—274 (-14)
Webb Simpson	67-67-68-72—274 (-14)

Rory McIlroy

Full name: Rory McIlroy

Height: 5-10 **Weight:** 160

Birthday: May 4, 1989

Birthplace: Holywood, Northern Ireland

Residence: Holywood, Northern Ireland

Family: Single

Turned professional: 2007

11th career PGA TOUR title:

2010 – Wells Fargo Championship

2011 – U.S. Open

2012 – The Honda Classic, PGA Championship, Deutsche Bank Championship, BMW Championship

2014 – The Open Championship, World Golf Championships-Bridgestone Invitational, PGA Championship

2015 – World Golf Championships-Cadillac Match Play, **Wells Fargo Championship**

Northern Ireland's Rory McIlroy's seven-stroke win is the largest on the PGA TOUR since Jimmy Walker won by nine strokes earlier this season at the Sony Open in Hawaii.

McIlroy, who won the 2011 U.S. Open and 2012 PGA Championship each by eight strokes, has now claimed his 11 TOUR titles by a collective 37 strokes.

With his win, McIlroy notches his 11th PGA TOUR title in his 94th start on TOUR at the age of 26 years, 13 days. The win comes two starts after his last victory at the World Golf Championships-Cadillac Match Play. With his victories at the 2014 Open Championship, WGC-Bridgestone Invitational and PGA Championship in consecutive starts, McIlroy was also the last player to win at least twice in three starts on the PGA TOUR.

McIlroy is projected to move from No. 17 to No. 3 in the FedExCup standings.

McIlroy surpasses Gary Player for international players with the most TOUR wins before their 30th birthday. Gary Player had 10, while Adam Scott, Ernie Els, Sergio Garcia and Seve Ballesteros trail with seven.

McIlroy's win comes 13 days after his 26th birthday. With his win last month at the WGC-Cadillac Match Play, McIlroy joined Tiger Woods (29) and Jack Nicklaus (17) as the only players to win 10 events prior to their 26th birthday on the PGA TOUR in the last 75 years.

McIlroy has now converted a 54-hole lead into victory six of nine times. The three that got away were the 2011 Masters (T15), 2014 Honda Classic (T2) and 2014 TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola (T2).

With this week's win, McIlroy becomes the first repeat winner of the Wells Fargo Championship.

With his victory, McIlroy joins Jordan Spieth and Jimmy Walker as multiple winners in the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season.

With the win, McIlroy claims his fifth top-10 finish in just seven starts this season on the PGA TOUR: World Golf Championships-Cadillac Match Play (1), WGC-Cadillac Championship (T9), Masters (4th), PLAYERS Championship (T8) and Wells Fargo Championship (1). The last player to collect five top-10 finishes in seven starts was Jim Furyk in his last seven starts of the 2013-14 PGA TOUR Season.

With his win, McIlroy becomes the fifth 54-hole leader of the Wells Fargo Championship to have held on for the win; David Toms (2003), Jim Furyk (2006), Anthony Kim (2008), J.B. Holmes (2014) and Rory McIlroy (2015). The other 54-hole leaders averaged 73.77 in the final round, with none of them breaking par.

With his win, McIlroy becomes the ninth of 26 third-round leaders this season to convert for the win in stroke-play events on the PGA TOUR.

McIlroy played Quail Hollow's 16 par fives this week in 13-under-par. Since 2010, no one is more under par on the 96 par fives. McIlroy has posted three eagles, 52 birdies, 29 pars and only four bogeys (-54). His last bogey on a par five at Quail Hollow came at the fifth hole in round three of 2013. He has now played 39 consecutive par fives in the event without a bogey.

Since the 2010 event (22 rounds for McIlroy), McIlroy has posted a record 118 birdies for an average of 4.5 per round.

McIlroy broke his own course record at Quail Hollow with his third-round, 11-under 61. McIlroy (2010) and Brendon de Jonge (2014) previously shot 62.

With his 18-under 198 score through three rounds, McIlroy broke the Wells Fargo Championship's 54-hole scoring record. In 2011, Jonathan Byrd was at 15-under 201.

With his 21-under 267 winning total, McIlroy shatters the record for lowest 72-hole score. In 2008, Anthony Kim won with a score of 16-under 272.

McIlroy has now shot par-or-better in 21 of 26 competitive rounds at the Wells Fargo Championship.

R1 at a glance: 7 of 14 fairways, 13 of 18 greens, 27 putts
R2 at a glance: 9 of 14 fairways, 14 of 18 greens, 29 putts
R3 at a glance: 8 of 14 fairways, 15 of 18 greens, 23 putts
R4 at a glance: 7 of 14 fairways, 14 of 18 greens, 30 putts

Patrick Rodgers

Making the most of a sponsor exemption, 22-year-old Patrick Rodgers closed with a 4-under 68, despite a double bogey-bogey finish to claim a share of second place with Webb Simpson.

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

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). When he surpasses that number and becomes eligible for Special Temporary Membership, he would be able to accept unlimited sponsor exemptions for the remainder of his 2014-15 season in his attempt to earn his 2015-16 TOUR card.

Rodgers came into the week with 69 equivalent points. He needed a solo-second-place finish (worth 300 non-member points) to get the job done this week. His T2 finish, worth 245 non-member points, leaves him 10 points short.

Should Rodgers 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) would become retroactive and be counted on the official FedExCup points list.

Rodgers is playing next week's Crowne Plaza Invitational at Colonial on a sponsor exemption and, thanks to this week's top-10 finish at Quail Hollow, will earn a spot into the following week's AT&T Byron Nelson. Rodgers is also scheduled to appear in the memorial Tournament on a sponsor exemption.

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.

This marked Rodgers' sixth start of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season, with a T37 at the OHL Classic at Mayakoba his best, previous showing.

This week's Wells Fargo Championship marked Rodgers' 16th start on the PGA TOUR, 13th 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).

Webb Simpson

Playing with Rory McIlroy for just the second time ever in a weekend round on the PGA TOUR, Charlotte resident Webb Simpson wasn't able to mount much of a charge Sunday, posting an even-par 72.

Simpson at the Wells Fargo Championship: 2009/MC, 2010/MC, 2011/T21, 2012/4th, 2013/T32, 2014/T38 and 2015/T2.

Simpson was making his 12th start of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season, having now collected four top-10 finishes. Prior to this week, his best finish this season was a T4 in defense of his fourth and most recent TOUR title at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open.

Phil Mickelson

World Golf Hall-of-Fame Member Phil Mickelson closed with a 4-under 68 to finish at 12-under 276, good for T4 honors. Mickelson has now played 37 of 48 competitive rounds at Quail Hollow at par-or-better.

Mickelson holds the Wells Fargo Championship record for the most top-10 finishes with eight in 12 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 and T4 this week.

Mickelson, a 42-time winner on the PGA TOUR, remains in search of his first win since the 2013 Waste Management Phoenix Open.

Since the start of the 2013-14 PGA TOUR Season, this marks only the third top-10 finish for Mickelson; 2014 PGA Championship (2nd), 2015 Masters (T2) and 2015 Wells Fargo Championship (T4).

Of the stroke-play events on TOUR in which Mickelson has competed more than 10 times, the U.S. Open (24 starts), BMW Championship (17 starts), WGC-Bridgestone Invitational (16 starts), the Memorial (14 starts), The Barclays (13 starts), Shriners Hospitals for Children Open (12 starts) and the Wells Fargo Championship (12) are the only ones to have never surrendered him victory.

Miscellaneous Notes

Thanks to rounds of 69-69-71-68—277 (-11), Geoff Ogilvy finished T7, his first top-20 finish on the PGA TOUR since claiming T2 honors at last season's Deutsche Bank Championship. Three starts before his top-5 showing at TPC Boston, Ogilvy claimed his eighth TOUR title at the Barracuda Championship under the Modified Stableford scoring format.

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.

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

Hole	Rank	Stroke Average
No. 16	1	4.411
No. 17	3	3.247
No. 18	2	4.384

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).

R3 – Rory McIlroy (61), Scott Pinckney (66), Gary Woodland (68).

R4 – William McGirt (67), Billy Hurley III (69)

Scoring Averages:

	Front	Back	Total	Cumulative
R1	36.115	36.109	72.224	---
R2	35.859	36.333	72.192	72.208
R3	35.321	35.840	71.160	71.684
R4	35.384	36.123	71.507	71.916

The par-4 16th hole played the most difficult in the final round at 4.411. The par-5 5th was the easiest at 4.452.