

2015 Wells Fargo Championship Broadcast Window & Pre-Tournament Notes



ShotLink Keys to Victory for J.B. Holmes

Holmes showed impressive distance off the tee averaging 333.9 yards on measured drives ranking 1st in the field in driving distance. J.B. had great touch from on and around the greens ranking T-6th in scrambling, T-2nd in one-putts and 4th in strokes gained-putting.

J.B. averaged 333.9 yards in driving distance hitting 42.86% (24 of 56) drives over 320 yards for the week. His average of 333.9 yards was 38 yards further than the field average of 296 yards and marked the 7th longest driving distance by a PGA TOUR winner since 1980.

Longest Driving Distance in an event By a Winner since 1980

Year	Tournament	Player	Avg.
2005	The Open Championship	Woods, Tiger	341.5
2010	Barracuda Championship	Bettencourt, Matt	337.8
2009	Barracuda Championship	Rollins, John	336.5
2007	WGC-Bridgestone Invitational	Woods, Tiger	335.0
2005	WGC-Bridgestone Invitational	Woods, Tiger	334.9
2014	WGC-Bridgestone Invitational	McIlroy, Rory	334.8
2014	Wells Fargo Championship	Holmes, J.B.	333.9

On and Around the Greens: J.B. Holmes ranked T-6th in scrambling salvaging par on 20 of 27 missed greens for the week. Holmes also ranked T-2nd in one-putts, 1-putting 38 times over 72 holes marking the most by a Wells Fargo Champion.

J.B. ranked 4th in Strokes Gained: Putting outperforming the field by +1.472 (+5.889 total) strokes per round with his putter. In Holmes career he has played 166 events where Strokes Gained: Putting was calculated, in those 166 events he has only ranked inside the top 10 in 10 events. His performance in Strokes Gained: Putting at the Wells Fargo Championship marked his 5th best putting performance in his career. In fact, 3 out of his top 5 putting performances resulted in a victory.

J.B. Holmes Career Best Strokes Gained-Putting Performances

Year	Tournament	Event Finish	Average	Total Putts Gained	Rank
2006	Waste Management Phoenix Open	Won	+1.705	+6.820	2
2008	Waste Management Phoenix Open	Won	+1.667	+6.669	5
2012	FedEx St. Jude Classic	19th	+1.628	+6.510	8
2014	Arnold Palmer Invitational	10th	+1.536	+6.144	4
2014	Wells Fargo Championship	Won	+1.472	+5.889	4

2013-14 Course & Hole Statistics Quail Hollow Club

The Green Mile vs. The Rest of the Course (Quail Hollow Club Since 2003)

Score	Holes 1-15	Holes 16-18
Birdies or Better	16,927	1,298
Bogeys	13,602	4,563
Doubles	1,221	744
Triples or Worse	129	131
Total Score to Par	-937	+5,161

The Green Mile accounts for 25% of all bogeys, 38% of all doubles, and 50.4% of all triples or worse at Quail Hollow Club.

The field is a combined +5,161 over par on holes 16 thru 18 since 2003 (-937 on all other holes).

Toughest 3 Hole Stretch on TOUR (any 3 Holes)

Holes	Course	Total RTP
16-17-18	Quail Hollow Club	1.055
10-11-12	Augusta National GC	0.976
8-9-10	Pebble Beach Golf Links	0.954
11-12-13	Kuala Lumpur Golf & CC	0.888
6-7-8	Pinehurst No. 2	0.854

Toughest Finishing 3 Holes on TOUR

Holes	Course	Total RTP
16,17,18	Quail Hollow Club	1.055
16,17,18	Muirfield Village GC	0.839
16,17,18	Pinehurst No. 2	0.751
16,17,18	Golf Club of Houston	0.652
16,17,18	Innisbrook Resort - Copperhead	0.565

Longest Courses On the PGA TOUR

Rank	Course	Par	Yds	Avg Score
1	Torrey Pines (South)	72	7698	73.797
2	Congressional CC	71	7569	72.546
3	Quail Hollow Club	72	7562	72.546
4	Pinehurst No. 2	70	7546	73.076
5	Trump Intrntl GC - Puerto Rico	72	7506	70.788

Courses with the Toughest Fairways to Hit

Rank	Course	%
1	Trump National Doral	48.2
2	Torrey Pines (North)	48.8
3	Waialae CC	49.4
4	Quail Hollow Club	50.2
5	Firestone CC (South)	53.1

Driving Accuracy Leaders 2014 Wells Fargo Championship

Rank	Player	%
1	Heath Slocum	75.00
2	Jim Furyk	71.43
3	Jonathan Byrd	67.86
4	Zach Johnson	64.29
5	Danny Lee	62.50
5	Justin Hicks	62.50
5	Shawn Stefani	62.50

No one was straighter off the tee than Heath Slocum at the 2014 Wells Fargo Championship. Heath hit 42 of 56 fairways at Quail Hollow Club leading the field in driving accuracy for the week.

2013-14 Course & Hole Statistics Quail Hollow Club

Courses with the Longest Proximity to the Hole

Rank	Course	Avg
1	Trump National Doral	42' 5"
2	Quail Hollow Club	41' 6"
3	Plantation Course at Kapalua	39' 0"
4	Golf Club of Houston	38' 10"
5	Pebble Beach Golf Links	38' 9"

Courses with the Longest Fairway Proximity

Rank	Course	Avg
1	Pebble Beach Golf Links	37' 4"
2	Quail Hollow Club	37' 3"
2	Trump National Doral	37' 3"
2	Plantation Course at Kapalua	37' 3"
5	Golf Club of Houston	36' 10"

Courses with the Most Bogeys Plus

Rank	Course	Par	Yds	Avg Score	Bogey Plus
1	Pinehurst No. 2	70	7546	73.076	2084
2	Royal Liverpool GC	72	7312	72.767	1663
3	Quail Hollow Club	72	7562	72.546	1658
4	JW Marriott, TPC San Antonio	72	7435	73.286	1645
5	Innisbrook Resort - Copperhead	71	7340	72.433	1609

Toughest 18th Holes on TOUR

Rank	Course	Par	Yds	Avg Score
1	Quail Hollow Club	4	493	4.452
2	Golf Club of Houston	4	488	4.412
3	Harbour Town Golf Links	4	472	4.35
4	Trump National Doral	4	471	4.343
5	Muirfield Village GC	4	484	4.338

Toughest Par 4's on TOUR (Non-Majors)

Rank	Course	Hole	Yds	Avg Score
1	Cherry Hills CC	5	526	4.483
2	Congressional CC	11	489	4.482
3	Pebble Beach Golf Links	10	446	4.463
4	Quail Hollow Club	18	493	4.452
5	PGA National (Champion)	6	479	4.442

Holes with the Most 3-Putts (non-Majors)

Rank	Course	Hole	Par	Yardage	Total 3 Putts
1	The Old White TPC	3	3	205	41
2	Quail Hollow Club	7	5	532	34
3	Quail Hollow Club	16	4	508	33
4	TPC Scottsdale	12	3	195	32
5	TPC Summerlin	16	5	560	32

Broadcast Window Notes

2015 Wells Fargo Championship *(featured groups)*

Phil Mickelson

Phil Mickelson is set to make his 12th appearance at the Wells Fargo Championship. Phil is yet to break into the winner's circle at this event but hasn't finished worse than T-35th (2006). Mickelson has 7 top 10's in his 11 appearances at the Wells Fargo Championship.

Most Career Top 10's in an Event without a Win

Event	Top 10's
U.S. Open Championship	10
Wells Fargo Championship	7
WGC-Accenture Match Play	6
WGC-Bridgestone Invitational	5
Shriners Hospitals	4

Mickelson's 7 top 10's at this event is his 2nd most top 10's in an event without a victory.

Most Birdies at Wells Fargo Championship

Player	# of Birdies
Mickelson, Phil	192
Ogilvy, Geoff	154
Singh, Vijay	149
Furyk, Jim	147
Glover, Lucas	146

In 44 rounds at Quail Hollow Club, Phil Mickelson has the most birdies with 192. Phil's 192 birdies are 38 more birdies than the next best player with 154.

Most Rounds in the 60's at Wells Fargo Championship

Player	# of Rounds
Mickelson, Phil	17
Furyk, Jim	15
Singh, Vijay	13
Glover, Lucas	12
Love III, Davis	10

In Mickelson's 44 rounds at the Wells Fargo Championship he has carded 17 rounds in the 60's. His 17 rounds in the 60's are the most at this event.

Par 5 Birdie or Better Leaders 2014-15 PGA TOUR

Rank	Player	%
1	Bubba Watson	58.65
2	Justin Thomas	58.02
3	Webb Simpson	56.25
4	Phil Mickelson	54.46
5	Rory McIlroy	54.41

Phil Mickelson is taking advantage of the Par 5's this season making birdie or better on 54.46% of his par 5's played.

In 112 par 5's played this season, Phil Mickelson has made birdie or better on 61 of them.

Jim Furyk

2006 Wells Fargo Championship winner, Jim Furyk is set to make his 11th appearance at this event. Furyk has carded 5 top 10's and 7 top 25's at this event.

Lowest Bogey+ Average Per Round at Quail Hollow Club (min 15 rounds played)

Player	Bogey Average
Furyk, Jim	2.51
Sindelar, Joey	2.61
Oberholser, Arron	2.71
Toms, David	2.72
Goosen, Retief	2.83

In Furyk's 36 rounds at Quail Hollow Club he has a total of 88 holes where he has made a bogey or worse.

His average of 2.51 holes over par is the lowest among players with 15 or more rounds played at Quail Hollow.

Best Scrambling Percentage at Wells Fargo Championship (min of 160 missed greens)

Player	%
Furyk, Jim	65.2%
Austin, Woody	64.6%
Mickelson, Phil	63.7%
Weir, Mike	62.5%
Imada, Ryuji	61.8%

Jim Furyk has missed a total of 207 Greens in Regulation at the Quail Hollow Club, of those 207 missed greens he has managed to salvage par 135 (65.2%) times leading the TOUR at this event.

Proximity to Hole Leaders 2014-15 PGA TOUR

Rank	Player	Value
1	Jim Furyk	32' 2"
2	Tim Clark	32' 4"
3	David Toms	32' 7"
4	Russell Knox	32' 9"
5	Lucas Glover	33' 0"

Jim Furyk leads the TOUR this season in Proximity to the Hole averaging 32' 2" in approach shots. Furyk's 32' 2" in Proximity to the Hole is over 4 feet closer than the field average of 36' 9".

***Field Average 36' 9"**

J.B. Holmes

Defending Champion J.B. Holmes is set to make his 9th start at the Wells Fargo Championship and 15th of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR season. Holmes has collected 5 top 10's (including his win at the Shell Houston Open) and 6 top 25 finishes this season. All of Holmes' top 10's have come in his last 9 starts on TOUR.

J.B. Holmes Last 9 Starts on TOUR

Stat	Value
Starts	9
Wins	1
Top 5's	3
Top 10's	5
Top 25's	6
FedExCup Rank	3rd

In his last 9 starts on TOUR, J.B. Holmes has moved from 112th to 3rd in the FedExCup standings. During his last 9 starts he has 3 top 5 finishes, including 1 win and 1 playoff loss and a solo 2nd place finish.

J.B. Holmes Tee-To-Green Ranks Last Season vs. This Season

Stat	Last Season	This Season
Driving Distance (All Drives)	5th	3rd
Going for the Green	35th	7th
Birdie or Better %	42nd	5th
Strokes Gained: Tee-to-Green	54th	9th

J.B. Holmes has gone from ranking 54th in Strokes Gained: Tee-to-Green last season to 9th this season. Holmes has outperformed the TOUR by a total of +1.422 strokes per round in Strokes Gained: Tee-to-Green this season.

Bill Haas

Bill Haas currently ranks 12th in the FedExCup standings on the strength of 3 top 10's (including his win at the CareerBuilder Challenge and a T-4th place finish at last weeks THE PLAYERS) and 7 top 25 finishes this season.

Since 2011, Bill Haas has played in 114 PGA TOUR events and has made 96 cuts. Of those 114 events played he has finished inside the top 25, 52.6% of the time. His total of 60 top 25's is the T-3rd most on TOUR during this time frame.

Most Top 25's Since 2011 PGA TOUR

Player	# of Starts	Top 25's	Top 25%
Kuchar, Matt	107	72	67.3%
Simpson, Webb	109	62	56.9%
Haas, Bill	114	60	52.6%
Furyk, Jim	102	60	58.8%
Bradley, Keegan	117	59	50.4%

Bill Haas & Webb Simpson are paired together this week and have a total of 122 top 25 finishes since the start of the 2011 PGA TOUR season.

Strokes Gained: Tee-to-Green Leaders at 2015 THE PLAYERS

Rank	Player	Average
1	Sergio Garcia	+3.505
2	Bill Haas	+2.601
3	Rory McIlroy	+2.515
4	Padraig Harrington	+2.359
5	Rickie Fowler	+2.246

Bill Haas ranked 2nd in Strokes Gained: Tee-to-Green at THE PLAYERS outperforming the field by +2.601 strokes per round.

His performance in Strokes Gained: Tee-to-Green marked his 7th best performance from tee-to-green in his career on TOUR.

Webb Simpson

Webb Simpson is set to make 12th appearance of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR season. Simpson currently ranks 56th in the FedExCup standings on the strength of 3 top 10's and 5 top 25 finishes this season.

This season, Webb Simpson has improved his game from Tee-to-Green going from 37th to 11th in Strokes Gained: Tee-to-Green. However, he has fallen from 34th in Strokes Gained: Putting last season and currently ranks 176th. Ironically his Strokes Gained: Total has stayed the same combining his play Tee-to-Green and Putting.

Webb Simpson Strokes Gained Last Season vs. This Season

Stat	Last Season	This Season
Strokes Gained: Tee-to-Green	37 th	11 th
Strokes Gained: Putting	34 th	176 th
Strokes Gained: Total	23 rd	23 rd

Louis Oosthuizen

Louis Oosthuizen is set to make his 9th start of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR season and 1st at the Wells Fargo Championship. Louis Oosthuizen currently ranks 65th in the FedExCup standings on the strength of 4 top 10's and 6 top 25 finishes this season.

Louis Oosthuizen Ranks Last Season vs. This Season

Stat	Last Season	This Season
Strokes Gained: Tee-to-Green	77 th	13 th
Going for Green Hit Green %	T67	T18
Going for Green Birdie or Better %	T141	5 th
Eagles (Holes per)	141 st	6 th
Par 4 Scoring Average	T129	T29
Par 5 Scoring Average	T171	T15

When going for the green, Oosthuizen ranked T-67th in Going for the Green Hit Green Percentage and T-141st in GFG – Hit Green Percentage last season. However, this season he has improved his ranking drastically ranking T-18th and 5th in these two categories.

Patrick Reed

Patrick Reed currently ranks 4th in the FedExCup standings on the strength of 1 win (Hyundai TOC), 3 top 10's and 10 top 25's this season. Patrick Reed is set to make his 2nd appearance at the Wells Fargo Championship.

In the last 2 TOUR seasons, Patrick read has gone from 69th in scrambling to 3rd this season. In 305 missed greens in regulation this season, Patrick Reed has managed to salvage par on 206 times.

Patrick Reed Scrambling Last Season vs. This Season

Last Season	This Season
59.42% (69 th)	67.54% (3 rd)

Patrick Reed has improved his play from around the greens on TOUR, moving up 66 positions in scrambling from last season to this season.

Par 3 Performance Leaders 2015 THE PLAYERS

Rank	Player	Score to Par
1	Patrick Reed	-5
2	Martin Flores	-4
3	Cameron Tringale	-3
3	Rickie Fowler	-3
3	Kevin Na	-3
3	Bo Van Pelt	-3
3	Billy Horschel	-3

Patrick Reed led the field in Par 3 Performance at THE PLAYERS playing the 3 pars at 5 under par for the week.

Reed made 5 birdies, 11 pars and 0 bogeys on the 16 par 3's played at THE PLAYERS including making birdie on the 13th hole in 3 out of the 4 rounds.

Rory McIlroy

Rory McIlroy is set to make his 7th appearance of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR season and his 6th start at the Wells Fargo Championship. Rory is coming off a T-8th place finish at last weeks THE PLAYERS and is in search of his 5th top 10 finish this season.

Rory McIlroy at 2015 THE PLAYERS

Stat	Value	Rank
Strokes Gained: Tee-to-Green	+2.515	3 rd
Total Driving	10	1 st
Proximity to Hole	28' 1"	1 st
Scrambling	73.91%	3 rd
Strokes Gained: Putting	-0.518	60th

At THE PLAYERS, Rory McIlroy continued his solid ball striking ranking inside the top 3 in several Tee-to-Green statistics. However, it was his performance on the greens at THE PLAYERS that was holding him back. Rory lost over a half a stroke per round in Strokes Gained: Putting **-0.518 (-2.070 total)** ranking 60th of 75 players making the cut.

In 5 appearances at Quail Hollow, Rory has only finished outside of the top 10 once (2010 missed cut). Rory is a combined 41 under par at Quail Hollow in 18 rounds played.

Birdies Per Round at Quail Hollow (min 10 rounds)

Player	Birdies Per Round
McIlroy, Rory	5.06
Woods, Tiger	4.40
Mickelson, Phil	4.36
de Jonge, Brendon	4.31
Poulter, Ian	4.25

In 18 career rounds at Quail Hollow, no one has a better birdie average at this course than Rory McIlroy. In his 18 rounds he has carded 91 birdies for an average of 5.06 birdies per round.

Most Under Par on Par 5's at Wells Fargo Championship Since 2010

Player	Score to Par
McIlroy, Rory	-41
Mickelson, Phil	-37
Simpson, Webb	-34
Davis, Brian	-34
Johnson, Zach	-33
Howell III, Charles	-33

Since 2010, no one is more under par on the par 5's than Rory McIlroy. On 72 par 5's played at Quail Hollow Club, Rory has **3 eagles, 39 birdies, 26 pars and only 4 bogeys**.

Rory's last bogey on a Par 5 at Quail Hollow came in 2013 round 3 on the 5th hole. Rory currently has 23 consecutive par 5's at this event without a bogey.

Best Greens in Regulation at Wells Fargo Championship (min 13 rounds)

Player	%
McIlroy, Rory	73.8%
Merrick, John	71.2%
Durant, Joe	71.0%
Sindelar, Joey	71.0%
Senden, John	71.0%

Rory McIlroy has the best Greens in Regulation percentage at the Wells Fargo Championship hitting his mark 239 of 324 times (73.8%).

Total Driving Leaders 2014-15 PGA TOUR

Rank	Player	Total
1	Rory McIlroy	41
2	Adam Scott	74
3	Hideki Matsuyama	80
4	Keegan Bradley	82
5	Hudson Swafford	86

Rory McIlroy is leading the TOUR in Total Driving this season combining distance and accuracy. Rory currently ranks 12th in Driving Distance averaging 302.1 yards off the tee and T-29th in Driving Accuracy hitting 68.25% of his fairways.

Rory McIlroy Total Driving Since 2012

Year	Rank	Value
This Season	1st	41
2013-14	16 th	111
2013	T39	148
2012	T54	161

Since 2012, Rory McIlroy has dramatically improved his Total Driving going from **T-54th** in 2012 to **1st** this season. More specifically he has gone from **156th** in Driving Accuracy in 2012 to **T-29th** this season.

Ben Martin

Coming off a T-4th place finish at THE PLAYERS, Ben Martin is set to make his 17th start of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR season. Martin currently ranks 11th in the FedExCup standings on the strength of 3 top 10's (including his win at Shriners Hospitals) and 6 top 25 finishes this season.

Ben Martin Events on TOUR making 20+ Birdies.

Year	Tournament	# of Birdies
2015	Shriners Hospitals for Children Open	26
2015	THE PLAYERS Championship	20
2015	Hyundai Tournament of Champions	20
2015	Arnold Palmer Invitational	20
2014	Puerto Rico Open	20
2014	Zurich Classic of New Orleans	20
2011	Farmers Insurance Open	20

In 68 stroke play events on TOUR, Ben Martin has made 20 or more birdies in an event 7 times.

His 20 birdies at THE PLAYERS last week ranked T-4th in the field.

Adam Scott

Adam Scott continues to be one of the best players from Tee-to-Green on TOUR in the 2014-15 PGA TOUR season.

Adam Scott Tee-to-Green Stats This Season

Stat	Rank	Value
Driving Distance	5 th	306.4
Greens In Regulation	7 th	70.90%
Total Driving	2 nd	74
Ball Striking	2 nd	9

Adam Scott ranks inside the top 10 in several Tee-to-Green stats this season, including Greens in Regulation hitting his mark 268 of 378 attempts.

Adam Scott currently leads the TOUR in Strokes Gained: Tee-to-Green outperforming the TOUR by +1.724 strokes per round.

Strokes Gained: Tee-to-Green Leaders at 2015 PGA TOUR Season

Rank	Player	Average
1	Adam Scott	+1.724
2	Henrik Stenson	+1.653
3	Hideki Matsuyama	+1.650
4	Sergio Garcia	+1.563
5	Jim Furyk	+1.533

Adam Scott Strokes Gained: Tee-to-Green vs. Strokes Gained: Putting

Stat	Rank	Value
Strokes Gained: Tee-to-Green	1 st	+1.724
Strokes Gained: Putting	193 rd	-0.829

Adam Scott gains nearly 2 shots on the TOUR in Strokes Gained: Tee-to-Green leading the TOUR. However, he ranks 193rd of 202 ranked players in SG: Putting.

Henrik Stenson

Henrik Stenson is set to make his 8th start of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR season and is coming off a T-17th place finish at THE PLAYERS.

Henrik Stenson currently ranks 1st Strokes Gained: Total outperforming the TOUR by +2.580 strokes per round.

Strokes Gained Statistics (Henrik Stenson vs. The Field)

Category	Stenson Rank	Stenson Value
Tee-to-Green	2 nd	+1.653
Putting	2 nd	+0.927
Total	1 st	+2.580

Henrik Stenson currently ranks in the top 2 in all Strokes Gained categories this season.

Greens in Regulation Leaders Since Start of 2013 PGA TOUR Season (min 1200 holes played)

Player	%
Stenson, Henrik	70.9%
DeLaet, Graham	69.8%
Hicks, Justin	69.8%
Stadler, Kevin	69.3%
Horschel, Billy	69.2%

In the last 3 PGA TOUR seasons, Henrik Stenson ranked 1st in 2013, 8th in 2013-14, and currently ranks 3rd in Greens in Regulation this season. Since the start of 2013, Henrik has hit 1,813 of 2,556 Greens in Regulation ranking first on TOUR hitting his mark 70.9% of the time.

Kevin Kisner

Kevin Kisner moved into the 21st position of the FedExCup standings after his solid finish at THE PLAYERS last week. In the last month of the PGA TOUR season, Kevin Kisner has moved from 254th in the Official World Golf Rankings to 66th entering this week.

In his last 3 weeks on TOUR, Kevin Kisner has been one of the hottest players. In his last 216 holes on TOUR, Kevin has only made 12 bogeys or worse ranking 2nd, T1 & T-4th in bogey avoidance. In this stretch he has 2 eagles, 54 birdies, 148 pars and 12 bogeys or worse (-44).

Kevin Kisner Ranks in his last 3 TOUR Events

Stat	RBC Heritage	Zurich Classic	THE PLAYERS
Strokes Gained: Tee-to-Green	1 st	18 th	8 th
Driving Accuracy	3 rd	T26	T25
Greens In Regulation	T8	T54	T3
Bogey Avoidance	2nd	T1	T4
Par 5 Scoring Average	T1	T17	T9
Tournament Finish	P2 (lost in Playoff)	T28	P2 (lost in Playoff)