



## 2015 Wyndham Championship

(The final of 43 events in the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season)

**Greensboro, N.C.**  
**Sedgefield Country Club**

**August 17-23, 2015**  
**Par/Yards: 70/7,127**

**First-place FedExCup Points: 500**  
**Purse: \$5,400,000**

### First-Round Notes – Thursday, August 20, 2015

*Weather: Overcast skies, with afternoon highs in the mid-80s, with WSW winds 5-10 mph.*

#### **First-Round Leaderboard**

Erik Compton	62 (-8)
Tom Hoge	62 (-8)
William McGirt	62 (-8)

#### **William McGirt**

North Carolina native and South Carolina resident William McGirt made eight birdies and no bogeys in round one, good for a career-low, 8-under 62. His previous low, 63, was most recently posted at the 2012 RBC Canadian Open/R1.

Dating to the first round of the Travelers Championship, 16 of McGirt's last 19 rounds have been at par-or-better.

McGirt hit 10 of 14 fairways in regulation in round one and 15 of 18 greens. He needed 27 putts.

McGirt at the Wyndham Championship: 2007/MC, 2011/T52, 2012/MC, 2013/T65, 2014/T8.

McGirt is making his 27<sup>th</sup> start of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season this week, having collected just one top-10 finish (7<sup>th</sup>/Sanderson Farms Championship). He comes into the week ranked 86<sup>th</sup> in the FedExCup standings.

McGirt was one of three players in 2011 that played their way into the FedExCup Playoffs at the Wyndham Championship. He entered the Wyndham Championship at No. 127 in the FedExCup standings, but his T52 finish was enough to secure the final spot (No. 125) in the FedExCup Playoffs.

McGirt remains in search of his first TOUR win in his 144<sup>th</sup> career start on TOUR this week. His career-best finish is T2 at the 2012 and 2013 RBC Canadian Open.

Five of the last seven champions of the Wyndham Championship have been first-time TOUR winners: Snedeker (2007), Moore (2009), Atwal (2010), Simpson (2011) and Patrick Reed (2013).

McGirt has previously held an 18-hole lead/co-lead at the 2011 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open (T16) and 2014 RBC Heritage (T9).

#### **Erik Compton**

Erik Compton, who made one birdie and eight pars on his outgoing nine (Nos. 10-18), birdied seven of his last nine holes for a 28, tying the low nine-hole score at Sedgefield Country Club (Briny Baird/R3/2008). Compton's 62 is also his career-low score on the PGA TOUR.

Compton, who's only top-10 finish this season was a T10 at the CareerBuilder Challenge, comes into the week ranked 114<sup>th</sup> in the FedExCup standings.

Compton is in search of his first career win on the PGA TOUR in his 135<sup>th</sup> start this week, with a T2 at the 2014 U.S. Open his best finish. Compton is a three-time winner on PGA TOUR Canada and owns one win on the Web.com Tour.

Since making a return to Sedgefield Country Club in 2008, the only first-round leaders to convert for the win were Arjun Atwal (2010) and Camilo Villegas (2014).

This marks Compton's third time to hold an 18-hole lead/co-lead and first since the 2014 McGladrey Classic (T48).

### **Tom Hoge**

Coming off a T10 at the Barracuda Championship in his last start on the PGA TOUR (modified stableford format), rookie Tom Hoge made four birdies and an eagle on his outgoing nine to turn with a 6-under 29. He added additional birdies at Nos. 13, 15 and 18 to post his career-low round of 8-under 62. He previously shot a 6-under 64 in round two of the Sony Open in Hawaii.

Hoge earned his rookie card this season by virtue of his 19<sup>th</sup>-place finish on last year's Web.com Tour priority list. He's currently No. 133 in the FedExCup standings.

Hoge is a native of Statesville, North Carolina, but moved with his family to North Dakota as a six-month old.

Hoge is making his 26<sup>th</sup> start of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season, having collected top-10 finishes at the RBC Canadian Open (T5) and Barracuda Championship (T10).

### **Tiger Woods**

After his tee shot at his first hole of the day missed left (No. 10), Tiger Woods pulled his second shot left of the green, pin high. A perfectly executed flop shot found the cup for a birdie-three to start his first-ever round in the Wyndham Championship.

Woods would take his only bogey of the day at No. 11, before additional birdies at Nos. 13, 15, 18, 1, 4 and 5 resulted in a 6-under 64. Woods made an 11-foot putt at No. 9 to save par and post his lowest score since a second-round, 9-under 61 at the 2013 World Golf Championships-Bridgestone Invitational.

Woods' 64 is one stroke shy of the lowest, first-round score by a player making his first start in the Wyndham Championship (Martin Laird/2008).

Woods' 64 today is his third sub-par, opening round in 11 starts this season on the PGA TOUR. He opened with a 4-under 66 at The Greenbrier Classic (T32) and a 3-under 68 at the Quicken Loans National (T18). This is just his sixth sub-par score in an opening round on TOUR since 2014 (18 starts).

Woods missed his first three greens in regulation, Nos. 10-12, but hit Nos. 13-8, before his second shot at his last hole of the day, No. 9, came up short (14/18). Off the tee, Woods found 50 percent of Sedgefield's 14 fairways and took 26 putts.

This week's Wyndham Championship marks Tiger Woods' ninth professional start in the state of North Carolina. He has made six starts at the Wells Fargo Championship, with one win and 2 total top-10s. He has also competed in two U.S. Opens at Pinehurst, finishing T2 in 1999 and T3 in 2005 (did not compete in 2014).

Woods comes into the week No. 187 in the FedExCup standings and will need a victory or possibly sole possession of second to advance to the FedExCup Playoffs next week. Woods, who has 79 PGA TOUR wins, continues his trek to catch Sam Snead's all-time win total of 82. This year, the Wyndham Championship is celebrating 50 years since Snead's last TOUR win in Greensboro in 1965.

Woods' most recent win came at the 2013 World Golf Championships-Bridgestone Invitational, a span of 23 starts.

### **Martin Kaymer**

Making just his second start in the Wyndham Championship (T20/2013), Martin Kaymer made five putts from outside 12 feet in round one and totaled for 124 feet of made putts.

Kaymer's 6-under 64 is his lowest on the PGA TOUR since posting the same number in round three of the 2014 BMW Championship (T16).

Kaymer is coming off a T12 at last week's PGA Championship at Whistling Straits where, in 2010, he claimed the first of his three victories on TOUR. He enters the Wyndham Championship ranked 149<sup>th</sup> in the FedExCup standings.

### **Miscellaneous Notes**

Defending Wyndham Championship winner Camilo Villegas opened with a 6-under 66 and is two strokes back. Villegas enters the Wyndham Championship No. 129 in the FedExCup standings, needing to finish inside the top 125 after this week to advance to next week's The Barclays.

Eight past champions of the Wyndham Championship are in the field: Camilo Villegas/2014 (66), Webb Simpson/2011 (67), Arjun Atwal/2010 (67), Ryan Moore/2009 (66), Carl Pettersson/2008 (64), Brandt Snedeker/2007 (70), Davis Love III/2006, 1992 (64), and K.J. Choi/2005 (68).

Davis Love III's 64 is his lowest round on TOUR since a 64 in round one of the 2012 Honda Classic (T21).

### FedExCup Notes

As the final event in the PGA TOUR Season, the Wyndham Championship plays a pivotal role in the race to the FedExCup Playoffs. The event offers the final opportunity for players to improve their FedExCup positions heading into the Playoffs, or in some instances, move into the top 125 in the FedExCup standings and qualify for the first Playoffs event, The Barclays.

### Players on the FedExCup top 125 bubble in the Wyndham Championship field:

FEC Standing	Player	R1 Score
122	Spencer Levin	66
123	Nicholas Thompson	71 (Was also 123 <sup>rd</sup> this time last year)
124	Luke Donald	68
125	Charl Schwartzel	67
126	Scott Langley	71
128	S. J. Park	71
129	Camilo Villegas	66
130	Ryo Ishikawa	71

Last year, Sang-Moon Bae was the only player in the field to move from outside the top 125 to inside the top 125 in FedExCup points standings. Nicholas Thompson was the only player to drop from inside the top 125.

In 2014, four players retained exempt status for the 2014-2015 PGA TOUR Season based on official money earnings; Nicholas Thompson, Jim Renner, Mike Weir and Charlie Beljan. Players outside of the 125th spot in the FedExCup standings, but inside the top 125 on the money list, will miss the Playoffs but will be exempt for the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season.

Three of the eight previous FedExCup champions have competed in the Wyndham Championship the week preceding the start of the Playoffs: Vijay Singh (2008), Bill Haas (2011) and Brandt Snedeker (2012).

Six of the eight winners of the FedExCup are in this week's field: Billy Horschel (2014), Brandt Snedeker (2012), Bill Haas (2011), Tiger Woods (2009, 2007) and Vijay Singh (2008).

No player outside the Playoffs bubble entering the Wyndham Championship has successfully negotiated his way to the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola.

### Rookies to qualify for FedExCup Playoffs

2013-14	2
2013	9
2012	11
2011	11
2010	7
2009	6
2008	9 (field was 144)
2007	11

### Web.com Tour Finals Bubble Notes

The Web.com Tour Finals debuted in 2013 with the Wyndham Championship playing a key role in the final qualification. Players ranked Nos. 126-200 on the FedExCup points list will be eligible for the Web.com Tour Finals. Last year at the Wyndham Championship, only Doug Labelle II (T38) moved from outside the top 200 in (200<sup>th</sup>). In doing so, he knocked out David Duval.

Bogey-free rounds:

R1: William McGirt (62), Erik Compton (62), Tom Hoge (62), Morgan Hoffmann (63), Jim Herman (63), Derek Ernst (63), Carl Pettersson (64), Hideki Matsuyama (65), Chad Campbell (65), Sam Saunders (65), Bryce Molder (66), Gonzalo Fdez-Castano (66), Spencer Levin (66), Arjun Atwal (67), Colt Knost (67), Brooks Koepka (67), Charl Schwartzel (67), Bill Lunde (67), Greg Chalmers (67), Byron Smith (67), Steve Wheatcroft (67), Johnson Wagner (68).

Scoring Averages at the par-70 Sedgefield Country Club:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1	33.714	34.818	68.532	---

2014 Cumulative Scoring Average at Sedgefield Country Club: 69.20

Dudley Hart (back) and John Peterson (hip) withdrew during round one with injuries.