

Looking at the last five winners at Quail Hollow Club we can help narrow down who has the best potential to win. We start with 72 players in the field and remove players that do not meet the criteria in order below:

**Age:** The last 5 winners have been from 28 years old to 35 years old

**33 players do not meet the criteria**

Aldrich Potgieter (21), Ryo Hisatsune (23), Akshay Bhatia (24), Sudarshan Yellamaraju (24), Ricky Castillo (25), Nicolai Højgaard (25), Ludvig Åberg (26), Jacob Bridgeman (26), Pierceson Coody (26), Ryan Gerard (26), Chris Gotterup (26), Alex Fitzpatrick (27), Min Woo Lee (27), Bud Cauley (36), Harris English (36), Tony Finau (36), Tom Hoge (36), Matt Wallace (36), Rickie Fowler (37), David Lipsky (37), Rory McIlroy (37), Jason Day (38), Nick Taylor (38), Keegan Bradley (39), Ryan Fox (39), Brian Harman (39), Webb Simpson (40), Jhonattan Vegas (41), Gary Woodland (41), Alex Noren (43), Justin Rose (45), Adam Scott (45) & Lucas Glover (46)

**Career Wins:** The last 5 winners had under 25 prior career wins

**All 39 players left meet the criteria**

**Career Start Numbers:** The last 5 winners won between their 69<sup>th</sup> and 248<sup>th</sup> PGA TOUR career starts

**14 additional players do not meet the criteria**

Kristoffer Reitan (15<sup>th</sup>), Chandler Blanchet (16<sup>th</sup>), Matt McCarty (46<sup>th</sup>), Jake Knapp (60<sup>th</sup>), Brian Campbell (61<sup>st</sup>), J.T. Poston (254<sup>th</sup>), J.J. Spaun (256<sup>th</sup>), Mackenzie Hughes (259<sup>th</sup>), Michael Kim (266<sup>th</sup>), Justin Thomas (268<sup>th</sup>), Hideki Matsuyama (298<sup>th</sup>), Jordan Spieth (312<sup>th</sup>), Si Woo Kim (313<sup>th</sup>) & Patrick Rodgers (326<sup>th</sup>)

**FedExCup Ranking:** The last 5 winners have been ranked 138<sup>th</sup> or better entering the week

**All 25 players left meet the criteria**

**OWGR:** The last 5 winners have been ranked 417<sup>th</sup> or better entering the week

**All 25 players left meet the criteria**

The next set of stats look at the last 5 winners ranks in each category for the season entering the week of their win.

**Strokes Gained: Off-the-Tee:** previous winners were ranked 74<sup>th</sup> or better entering the week

**9 more players do not meet the criteria**

Daniel Berger (82<sup>nd</sup>), Sungjae Im (98<sup>th</sup>), Viktor Hovland (108<sup>th</sup>), Andrew Novak (112<sup>th</sup>), Ben Griffin (117<sup>th</sup>), Sahith Theegala (120<sup>th</sup>), Nico Echavarria (125<sup>th</sup>), Harry Hall (132<sup>nd</sup>) & Denny McCarthy (135<sup>th</sup>)

**Strokes Gained: Approach-the-Green:** previous winners were ranked 94<sup>th</sup> or better entering week

**4 more players do not meet the criteria**

Taylor Pendrith (97<sup>th</sup>), Maverick McNealy (99<sup>th</sup>), Max Homa (109<sup>th</sup>), Robert MacIntyre (136<sup>th</sup>)

**Strokes Gained: Around-the-Green:** previous winners were ranked 200<sup>th</sup> or better entering the week

**All 12 players left meet the criteria)**

**Strokes Gained: Putting:** previous winners were ranked 108<sup>th</sup> or better entering the week

**3 more players do not meet the criteria**

Patrick Cantaly (110<sup>th</sup>), Corey Connors (112<sup>th</sup>) & Collin Morikawa (134<sup>th</sup>)

**Strokes Gained: Tee-to-Green:** previous winners were ranked 120<sup>th</sup> or better entering week

**All 9 players left meet the criteria**

**Strokes Gained: Total:** previous winners were ranked 118<sup>th</sup> or better entering the week

**All 9 players left meet the criteria**

**Best Strokes Gained Rank:** The previous winners all ranked 74<sup>th</sup> or better in at least one SG category

**All 9 players left meet the criteria**

**Bounce Back:** previous winners were ranked 135<sup>th</sup> or better entering the week

**2 more players do not meet the criteria**

Sepp Straka (141<sup>st</sup>) & Alex Smalley (150<sup>th</sup>)

**Par 5 Scoring Average:** previous winners were ranked 99<sup>th</sup> or better entering the week

**1 more player does not meet the criteria**

Kurt Kitayama (141<sup>st</sup>)

**Par 3 Birdie or Better Percentage:** previous winners were ranked 133<sup>rd</sup> or better entering the week

**1 more player does not meet the criteria**

Xander Schauffele (151<sup>st</sup>)

**Going for the Green Birdie or Better:** previous winners were ranked 119<sup>th</sup> or better entering the week

**2 more players do not meet the criteria**

Cameron Young (130<sup>th</sup>) & Sam Stevens (142<sup>nd</sup>)

**Nationality:** in the 32 stroke play events at Quail Hollow Club no player from England has won

**2 more players do not meet the criteria**

Matt Fitzpatrick & Tommy Fleetwood

The only remaining player is....

	Criteria	Burns Rank	Players Eliminated	Players Left
Age	28 to 35	29	33	39
Career Start Numbers	69 <sup>th</sup> to 248 <sup>th</sup>	193 <sup>rd</sup>	14	25
SG: Off-the-Tee	74 <sup>th</sup> or better	57 <sup>th</sup>	9	16
SG: Approach-the-Green	94 <sup>th</sup> or better	79 <sup>th</sup>	4	12
SG: Putting	108 <sup>th</sup> or better	10 <sup>th</sup>	3	9
Bounce Back	135 <sup>th</sup> or better	12 <sup>th</sup>	2	7
Par 5 Scoring Average	99 <sup>th</sup> or better	47 <sup>th</sup>	1	6
Par 3 Birdie or Better Percentage	133 <sup>rd</sup> or better	70 <sup>th</sup>	1	5
Going for the Green Birdie or Better	119 <sup>th</sup> or better	39 <sup>th</sup>	2	3
Nationality	Not England	United States	2	<b>Sam Burns</b>