



# PGA News

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## FINAL NOTES FROM THE SEASON'S FINAL MAJOR

### **RAINY DAYS & MONDAYS AT MAJORS:**

The PGA Championship was pushed to a Monday finish due to weather problems twice - in 1976 (Aug. 12-16) at Congressional Country Club in Bethesda, Md., and in 1986 (Aug. 7-11) at Inverness Club in Toledo, Ohio.

- The U.S. Open's Monday weather-related finish came in 1983, when Larry Nelson won Oakmont Country Club.
- The Masters' Monday weather-related finishes: 1936, 1961, 1973 and 1983
- The British Open's most recent Monday weather-related finish came in 1988 at Royal Lytham & St. Annes, England.

### **MORE ABOUT PHIL**

Phil Mickelson is the first left-hander to win a PGA Championship and the first to win more than one major championship. Other left-handers: Bob Charles (1963 British Open) and Mike Weir (2003 Masters).

### **BACK TO POIPU BAY**

Phil Mickelson, who set a PGA Grand Slam of Golf record in 2004 with a 59, makes his second consecutive trip to the showcase event for major champions, Nov. 22-23. He is joined by Tiger Woods (Masters, British Open Champion), U.S. Open Champion Michael Campbell and Alternate Retief Goosen. It will be Goosen's third trip and Campbell's first.

## Baltusrol's No. 7 Hole – A Challenge on all counts

Baltusrol Golf Club boasts the longest par-4 on the Tour this year. Measuring 505 yards, the No. 7 hole is the second toughest hole on Tour and the toughest par-4 in 2005. Coming into the week the par-3 14<sup>th</sup> hole at Harbour Town is the most difficult hole this season (+.496) and was also as the PGA Tour's hardest par-3 since 1983. Below is a list of the toughest holes on the Tour this season and another list of the toughest Par-4s over 490 yards

### Comparing Baltusrol GC No. 7 with the Toughest Holes on the TOUR in 2005:

Course	Hole	Par	Yards	Average	Birdies	Pars	Bogeys	other
Harbour Town G.L.	14	3	192	3.496	31	223	93	64
Baltusrol Golf Club	7	4	504	4.479	34	235	155	46
Congressional C.C.	10	4	489	4.460	32	215	165	34
Pinehurst Resort, #2	2	4	469	4.458	26	244	173	33
Waialae CC	1	4	488	4.457	20	234	162	28
Quail Hollow CC	18	4	478	4.445	29	250	140	46
Bay Hill Club & Lodge	18	4	441	4.438	33	213	78	46
Westchester CC	12	4	485	4.436	13	257	161	21
Pinehurst Resort, #2	16	4	492	4.426	22	256	173	25

### Toughest Par-4s on the PGA TOUR in 2005 over 490 yards:

Course	Hole	Par	Yards	Average	Birdies	Pars	Bogey	Others
Baltusrol Golf Club	7	4	504	4.479	34	235	155	46
Pinehurst Resort, #2	16	4	492	4.426	22	256	173	25
Augusta National GC	11	4	490	4.367	18	157	96	12
Quail Hollow CC	9	4	491	4.342	24	275	150	16
Redstone GC (Fall Creek)	7	4	498	4.332	38	261	141	24
Augusta National GC	10	4	495	4.314	15	177	81	10

### Third-Round Leads (15 of 20 Overall, 2-2 Majors)

Tournament	Place	Rd. 3 Total	Final Rd Finish	Final Rd Score
1991 Northern Telecom Open	2-strokes over Pavin, Peoples	-15	<b>W</b>	71
1993 Northern Telecom Open	tie Hart	-15	T8	75
1993 The International		+29	<b>W</b>	n/a
1994 Mercedes Championships	tie Couples	- 8	<b>W</b>	68
1995 Northern Telecom Open	tie Gallagher, Jr., Ogle	-14	<b>W</b>	68
1996 GTE Byron Nelson Classic	1-stroke over Pavin, Rymer, Wiebe	-11	<b>W</b>	66
1996 NEC World Series of Golf	3-strokes over Mayfair, Norman	- 6	<b>W</b>	70
1997 Sprint International		+39	<b>W</b>	n/a
1998 Mercedes Championships	1-stroke over Duval	-13	<b>W</b>	68
2000 Buick Invitational	2-strokes over Maruyama	-16	<b>W</b>	70
2001 AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am	tie Browne	-14	T3	73
2001 Compaq Classic of New Orleans	3-strokes over Frazar	-20	2 <sup>nd</sup>	72
2001 MasterCard Colonial	tie Quigley	-11	T2	70
2001 Canon Greater Hartford Open	1-stroke over Berganio, Jr.	-14	<b>W</b>	68
2004 Bob Hope Chrysler Classic (*)	2-strokes over Haas	-21	<b>W</b>	n/a
<b>2004 Masters Tournament</b>	tie DiMarco	- 6	<b>W</b>	69
2005 FBR Open	4-strokes over Na	-14	<b>W</b>	68
2005 AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am	7-strokes over Owen	-20	<b>W</b>	73
2005 Ford Championship at Doral	2-strokes over Woods	-20	2 <sup>nd</sup>	69
<b>2005 PGA Championship</b>	<b>tie Love</b>	<b>-6</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>72</b>

## Final Round Scoring Average with Lead: 70.00 (17/1,190) (Sprint International is not stroke play)

Only twice in the last 25 major championships has the winner not come from the final pairing, Ben Curtis at the British Open in 2003 and the 2005 U.S. Open Championship Michael Campbell. Here's a look at the four major championships and the last time the champion did not play in the final group:

Tournament	Year	Winner	Position through 54 holes
PGA Championship	1995	Steve Elkington	T5
British Open	2003	Ben Curtis	T3
U.S. Open	2005	Michael Campbell	T4
Masters Tournament	1989	Nick Faldo	T9

Tiger Woods (1 – Masters Tournament; 2 – U.S. Open, 1 – British Open, T4 – PGA Championship) and Vijay Singh (T5 – Masters Tournament, T6 – U.S. Open, T5 – British Open, T10 – PGA Championship) are the only two players to finish in the top-10 in all four major championships

Five past PGA Championship champions finished among the top-10 this week: T-2 Steve Elkington (1995), T-4 Tiger Woods (2000, 1999), T-4 Davis Love III (1997) and T-10 Vijay Singh (2004, 1998) and T-10 David Toms (2001).

### Phil Mickelson statistics for Round 4

Fairways Hit: 8 of 14 (57.1%)  
Driving Distance: 288.5 yards  
Greens in Regulation: 11 of 18 (61.1%)  
Putting: 31 putts (1.72)

### Phil Mickelson 72-hole statistics

Fairways Hit: 32 of 56 (57.1%)  
Driving Distance: 274.0 yards (78<sup>th</sup>)  
Greens in Regulation: 50 of 72 (69.4%)  
Putting: 29.8 (1.65)

Defending champion Vijay Singh finished T10 with rounds of 70-67-69—280.

The 1997 PGA Champion Davis Love III collected his 20<sup>th</sup> top-10 out of 71 career Major Championship starts with his T4 finish at the PGA Championship.

Thomas Bjorn, who finished T2, recorded his second top-10 finish at the PGA Championship in eight appearances. It is his sixth top-10 in a major in 33 career Major Championship starts.

STEVE ELKINGTON, who finished T-2, recorded his best major championship finish since he lost in a playoff at the 2002 British Open Championship in 2002. It is his 65<sup>th</sup> top-10 on the PGA TOUR in 430 career starts. It is also his ninth top-10 out of 50 career Major Championship starts.

After an opening 5-over 75 Tiger Woods rallied to finish T4 and collected his 21<sup>st</sup> top-10 finish in 42 career starts Major Championship (36 as a professional) starts.

### THE TALE OF TIGER'S CLIMB FROM POOR STARTS

Tiger Woods fired a 66-68 on the weekend at the PGA Championship and moved up the leader board 58 spots, from T62 to T4. Below is a list of his worst starts in relation to position and where he managed to finish at the end of the week.

Tournament	Score (Position)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Rd	3 <sup>rd</sup> Rd	final Rd	Finish
2005 PGA Championship	75 (T113)	69	66	68	T4
2004 PGA Championship	75 (T104)	69	69	73	T24
2004 PLAYERS Championship	75 (T108)	69	68	73	T16
2001 PGA Championship	73 (T100)	67	69	70	T29
2001 Buick Classic	75 (T118)	66	68	71	T16
1998 Cialis Western Open	76 (T95)	67	69	69	T9
1988 AT&T Pebble Beach Nat'l Pro-Am	76 (T150)	72 (T143)			WD

PAT PEREZ'S T-4 finish at the PGA Championship is his first career top-10 in a Major Championship and his fourth top-10 of the Tour season. Perez has made the cut in five of six career starts in Major Championships. It is his second start at the PGA Championship, he finished 70<sup>th</sup> in 2002 at Hazeltine National Golf Club.

TED PURDY collected his first career top-10 finish in a Major Championship with his T-10 finish at the PGA Championship. He has made the cut in three of his five Major Championship starts.

DUDLEY HART's T-10 finish at the PGA Championship is his second career top-10 in a Major Championship and his third top-10 in 2005. His other top-10 finish came at the 1993 PGA Championship at Inverness Club, where he finished T-6. It was his third career major start at the time.

Baltusrol's No. 18 Hole yielded only three eagles throughout the weekend. In the final round, Sean O'Hair and Steve Schneiter, and in the third round, Sergio Garcia posted an eagle.

No. 14 and No. 18 were the only holes that averaged under-par for the week. The par-4 14<sup>th</sup> averaged 3.964 and the par-5 18<sup>th</sup> averaged 4.526.