

117th U.S. Open Championship – Round 1 Post-Round Notes

Players

- Round 1 leader Rickie Fowler's 7-under 65 tied the lowest first round score in relation to par in U.S. Open history.
 - Jack Nicklaus and Tom Weiskopf both shot 7-under 63 at Baltusrol G.C. (Springfield, N.J.) in 1980.
 - Fowler's 65 is two strokes off the championship record for lowest first-round total.
 - This is the ninth time in the championship's history that a 65 has been recorded in the first round, the most recent being Dustin Johnson and Henrik Stenson at Chambers Bay (University Place, Wash.) in 2015.
 - Fowler had 7 birdies and 11 pars.
 - Fowler was 15-for-15 putting inside 10 feet.
 - Fowler was sixth after Round 1 in 2013 (finished T-10).
 - Fowler placed was eighth after Round 1 in 2008 (finished T-60).
 - Fowler's best U.S. Open finish is a tie for second in 2014 at Pinehurst R. & C.C. (No. 2) (Village of Pinehurst, N.C.) where he was in 16th place after Round 1.
 - Fowler finished in the top five of all four majors in 2014.
 - Fowler has failed to make the cut in four of his eight U.S. Open appearances, including the last two years.
- Adam Hadwin birdied six consecutive holes, tying the record for most consecutive birdies in U.S. Open history.
 - The record has been reached twice in history: by George Burns, who birdied Nos. 2-7 in 1982, and Andy Dillard, who birdied Nos. 1-6 in 1992, both at Pebble Beach (Calif.) G.L.
 - This is the second time this year Hadwin has had six consecutive birdies. He birdied Nos. 2-7 in the third round of the CareerBuilder Challenge at La Quinta (Calif.) C.C., where he finished in a tie for seventh.
- Four players, including Round 1 leader Rickie Fowler, posted bogey-free rounds.
 - Last year at Oakmont (Pa.) C.C., only eventual champion Dustin Johnson had a bogey-free first round.
- Finishes of the last five U.S. Open champions:
 - 2016: Dustin Johnson, T-102, 75 (+3)
 - 2015: Jordan Spieth, T-61, 73 (+1)
 - 2014: Martin Kaymer, T-45, 72 (E)
 - 2013: Justin Rose, T-45, 72 (E)
 - 2012: Webb Simpson, T-82, 74 (+2)
- Wisconsin residents Jordan Niebrugge and Steve Stricker both posted scores of 1-over 73.
- 2017 Masters champion Sergio Garcia finished the day tied for 18th at 2-over 70.

Amateurs

- Two amateurs finished under par. Over the last 50 years of the U.S. Open, this is only the second time two amateurs finished the first round under par. The other occurrence was at Chambers Bay (University Place, Wash.) in 2015.
 - The two amateurs to finish under par were: Scottie Scheffler at 3-under 69 and Cameron Champ 2-under 70.
 - Champ, who hit 11 of 14 fairways, led the field in driving distance, averaging 349.4 yards.

- Scheffler, who carded a 1-under 69 at Oakmont C.C. on Thursday last year was the leader in the clubhouse at the conclusion of the first day, as only nine players completed their rounds due to rain delays.

Course

- Today's yardage played as the longest in U.S. Open history at 7,845 yards.
 - This exceeds the previous record of 7,695 yards from the second round at Chambers Bay in 2015.
- 44 players broke par in the first round, breaking the record for most players under par in the first round of the U.S. Open.
 - The previous record of 39 players was established in 1990 at Medinah (Ill.) C.C. (No. 3 Course).
 - The first-round scoring average at Medinah in 1990 was 73.7, compared to today's 73.4.
 - The all-time record of most rounds under par, in any round of the U.S. Open, remains 47 in 1990 at Medinah.
- The percentage of fairways hit today was 73. This is the highest percentage of fairways hit in the first round of a U.S. Open since this statistic has been tracked beginning in 1998.
 - The average percentage of fairways hit in the first round from 1998 to 2016 is 59.
 - The highest percentage previous to this year was 72.7 at Chambers Bay in 2015, and the lowest 43.9 at The Olympic Club (San Francisco, Calif.) in 2012.
- The 508-yard, par-4 third hole was the second-easiest fairway to hit Thursday, but also featured the most difficult green to hit in regulation at 89 percent and 41 percent, respectively.
 - This reflected a difficult front hole location for the uphill approach, which played into today's steady winds.
 - Contrastingly, the fairway of the 338-yard, par-4 second was hit 86 percent of the time and the green was the easiest to hit in regulation at 85 percent.
 - The hardest fairway to hit was the 12th at 54 percent.
- The Erin Hills greenside bunkers have proved challenging, with the number of sand saves in the first round averaging only 37 percent by the field.
 - The median sand-save percentage on the PGA Tour this season (through the FedEx St. Jude Classic) is 50.4.
- In the first round, the longest hole on the course at 637 yards, the par-5 18th hole played as the third-easiest hole in U.S. Open history since complete full-field scoring records were tracked beginning in 1970.
 - The average score on the hole today was 4.641, playing an average of 0.359 strokes under par. This included four eagles and 62 birdies.
 - The easiest holes in U.S. Open history are:
 - The par-4 12th at Chambers Bay in 2015, which played an average of .409 strokes under par. The average score for the hole was 3.591.
 - The par-5 ninth at Oakmont Country Club in 1994, which played an average of .379 strokes under par. The average score for the hole was 4.621.
- There were 11 eagles made today, which is the second-highest first-round total in U.S. Open history.
 - The record of 12 was set in the first round at Chambers Bay in 2015.