

## PGA Championship

## McIlroy misses cut with bogey on 18th hole

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SPRINGFIELD, N.J. (AP) — Phil Mickelson walked off the first green with a disgusted look on his face, as if he'd thrown away any shot at making the cut in the PGA Championship.

A 7 on the opening par-4 hole will do that to you.

"I think in the history of the PGA Championship, that's the worst start of any player's round," Mickelson said. "I'd have to look that up."

The five-time major winner set about steadying himself, writing the triple bogey on the scorecard and leaving it behind. With four birdies the rest of the way and only a slip-up on 16, Mickelson managed an even-par 70 to advance to the weekend.

"I was able to fight back and be patient from there on out, start to make a birdie here or there," he said.

As usual, Lefty's gallery was massive — he played with defending champion

Jason Day, who is tied for third at 7-under, and Rory McIlroy, who bogeyed the relatively easy par-5 18th to miss the cut. Those thousands of fans were as stunned with the way Mickelson began as he was.

After a 1-over 71 on Thursday, the PGA winner when the tournament last was held at Baltusrol in 2005 hit his drive so far left on No. 1 that its first bounce was on Shunpike Road. It appeared to hang a left on Baltusrol Drive, possibly on its way to the Hudson River.

Playing a provisional on the 478-yard hole, Mickelson messed up once more, the ball landing far from the fairway, nestling near a path. His next shot almost landed in the backyard of a home adjoining the golf course.

He needed two shots to reach the green, then, thankfully, he one-putted for a 7.

"Just a total mental block on that first hole," he said. "And I don't even know what to say. It was just horrific."

Mickelson began his comeback with a birdie on



Rory McIlroy waits to putt on the 18th hole during the second round of the PGA Championship on Friday.

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No. 3, got another on the 8th and one on No. 11. A bogey on the par-3 16th jeopardized his standing, but he made sure he would make the weekend with a birdie on the finishing hole.

Then he let out a major sigh of relief.

"I'm having a difficult time right now managing

my expectations, because I know how well I'm playing," he said, "and I'm so result oriented that I'm not playing very relaxed, free golf like I did at the British, like I did in the preparation here. Tomorrow, I'm going to try to go out and not worry about the score and just play a good round because I've been

hitting a lot of good shots. I'm trying to force the issue because I know you've got to get hot out here."

Unlike Mickelson, McIlroy couldn't respond, though he came close. The two-time major champion came off an opening 74 and needed to post a good number to remain in the tournament.

He made his first birdie of the tourney on No. 4 and birdied 6, but bogeyed the ninth. After a birdie on 11, he was in position to stick around, but he bogeyed 13.

McIlroy came to the only two par-5s on Baltusrol at 3 over; the cut would be plus 2. He birdied the more difficult 17th, then fell apart after hitting his second shot into the deep rough behind 18. Two wasted shots led to a 6 — and an early exit.

"I thought I needed to make 4," on 18, he said, "so that's what I was trying to do. It was a tough lie. I hit the first one as hard as I really could considering how close the pin was to the edge of the green."

He felt most betrayed by his putter.

"I think if you had given anyone else in this field my tee shots this week, they would have been up near the top of the leaderboard," McIlroy said. "It just shows you how bad I was around the greens. Tee to green was good, but it was just pathetic when I got onto the green."

## PGA: Walker barely misses 36-hole record score for all majors

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A second round that began in rain with one group given the wrong hole location on No. 10 ended with Streb and Jimmy Walker sharing the lead and becoming the eighth and ninth players to match the 36-hole record in the PGA Championship at 131.

Walker had to settle for a 4-under 66, right when he had the 36-hole record for all majors (130) within his reach with two par 5s remaining. But he hit into the hospitality area well left of the 17th and scrambled for par, and then his tee shot narrowly missed its mark and found the water on the 18th, leading to bogey.

Even so, he was tied at the halfway point of a major.

"It's going to be a new experience, and it will be fun," Walker said. "You still have to go perform. Doesn't matter what tournament it is."

Day dropped to even par with a double bogey on No. 7, and that appeared to wake up the world's No. 1 player. Day went on a tear with seven birdies over his next eight holes, two of them from 18 feet, one of them from 35 feet. Suddenly, he was on the verge of a shot at 63 until he hooked his tee shot to the base of the hospitality

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Jimmy Walker chips to the 15th green during the second round of the PGA Championship golf tournament at Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield, N.J., Friday, July 29, 2016.

area on the 17th, and pushed a driving iron into the right rough on the 18th. He settled for pars at both for a 65.

Day was right where he wanted to be, three shots behind going into the weekend, his name high on the leaderboard for everyone to see. At stake is a chance to join Tiger Woods as the only back-to-back PGA champions since the stroke-play era began in 1958.

Day was joined at 7-under 133

by Emiliano Grillo, the talented young Argentine who worked hard on his putting at Baltusrol and watched it pay off. Grillo got this afternoon of birdies going by making five of them in a seven-hole stretch on the back nine until he cooled on the front and had to settle for a 67.

This is new territory for him, too.

Just like Walker and Streb, he has never even contended in a

major.

"I've never been in this situation, and I'm not afraid of it," Grillo said. "I'm going to go out and enjoy it."

By the end of the day, it was easy to overlook a familiar figure — Henrik Stenson, the British Open champion who made eagle on the 18th at the turn and polished off another 67. He was only four shots behind in his bid to match Ben Hogan as the only players to win two straight majors at age 40.

Mickelson made the cut, and that might have been the most entertaining of all.

He began his round with a tee shot so far left that it sailed off the property, bounced along Shunpike Road and caromed to the left down Baltusrol Way. Wherever it finished, it was out-of-bounds, and Mickelson had to scramble for a triple bogey. He spent the rest of the day battling to get back, and he delivered on the 18th with a birdie to post a 70.

"I think in the history of the PGA Championship, that's the worst start of any player's round. I'd have to look it up," Mickelson said.

No need to. Someone pointed out that Nicolas Colsaerts piped two over the fence and made 8.

"I'm having a difficult time right now managing my expectations,

because I know how well I'm playing and I'm so result-oriented that I'm not playing very relaxed, free golf like I did at the British, like I did in the preparation here," Mickelson said.

Two weeks ago at Royal Troon, where Mickelson opened with a 63 and Stenson close with a 63, it was just those two players in a duel that ranked among the greatest.

At Baltusrol, a dozen players were separated by five shots going into the weekend, a group that included Martin Kaymer (69). Jordan Spieth was finally back in the mix, at least on the fringes, after a hot start that led to a 67. He was in the group six shots behind.

The biggest surprise was Streb, who became the fourth player with a 63 at Baltusrol. Jack Nicklaus and Tom Weiskopf each had 63 in the opening round of the 1980 U.S. Open, and Thomas Bjorn shot 63 in the third round in the 2005 PGA Championship.

Streb hasn't had a top 10 on the PGA Tour since he tied for 10th in the PGA Championship last year. He found something in his swing a few weeks ago, birdied the last four holes a week ago Friday in the Canadian Open just to make the cut, and grabbed a sliver of history at Baltusrol.

## MARINERS: Game featured a 74-minute rain delay during 7th inning

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Scott Servais said. "We've seen him come out slow in the past and be able to make an adjustment, but not today."

Jon Lester recovered from a rut of bad starts, pitching six shutout innings for the Cubs' third straight win.

Jason Heyward and David Ross homered as the NL Central leaders won for the 10th time in 15 games.

"That's a bad day. It's unfortunate. We got to get better playing in these day games," Servais said.

Seattle lost in its first trip to Wrigley Field since 2007. The Mariners let infielder Luis Sardinas pitch the eighth, and he threw a perfect inning.

"When you're down like that, it's about the next day's game," Servais said of conserving his bullpen. "Don't want to do it, don't

like doing it, but sometimes the game calls for it."

Lester (11-4) had lasted just 16 innings over his previous four starts, going 1-1 with a 10.13 ERA. That skid came after he had gone 9-3 with a 2.03 ERA in his first 16 starts.

Lester gave up four hits, struck out seven and walked two. He was already done when there was a 74-minute rain delay in the seventh.

"The guys swung the bats really well," Lester said. "I try to always tell them, 12 runs and an airtight defense makes a pitcher's job a lot easier, so that was good today."

Mike Montgomery, traded last week from Seattle to the Cubs, pitched the final two innings. He gave up a single to Shawn O'Malley in the ninth for the Mariners' run.

The Cubs already led 5-0 when they scored six times

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Seattle Mariners shortstop Shawn O'Malley, right, turns the double play forcing Chicago Cubs' Kris Bryant (17) out at second and getting Anthony Rizzo at first during the seventh inning of a baseball game Friday, July 29, 2016, in Chicago.

in the sixth inning, with Anthony Rizzo hitting a three-run double.

Heyward hit his first homer since June 11 and drove in three runs. He had

been just 5 for 45 in his last 13 games.

Kris Bryant reached base all five times he came up for the Cubs. He singled twice, doubled and walked twice.

Sardinas, who played for Texas and Milwaukee the past two seasons, moved from first base to the mound and retired the Cubs on eight pitches.

"Tremendous job, threw the ball downhill, little breaking ball," Servais said.

## HOMECOMING

Servais, who played for the Cubs during four seasons, checked out the Wrigley renovations.

"It's about as nice as you can get," he said. "The visitors' side, it's probably about as tight as you can get. That's just the way it is. They use it as a home-field advantage. But we're excited to be here. A lot of our guys haven't been here before."

## NEWCOMER

Seattle's Guillermo Heredia made his major league debut when he went to right field in the seventh. He struck out in the eighth. The Mariners recalled him from Triple-A Tacoma before the game and optioned LHP David Rollins.

## TRAINER'S ROOM

Mariners: RF Nelson Cruz returned to the lineup after fouling a ball off his shin Tuesday. He went 0 for 2 with a walk.

## UP NEXT

Mariners: It's been a streaky season for LHP Wade Miley (6-8, 5.23). He lost his first two decisions, won his next six and has lost his last six starts.

Cubs: Jake Arrieta (12-4, 2.76) is 0-2 with a 5.55 ERA in four July starts. He has allowed 20 earned runs over his last five starts after giving up 19 over his first 15 starts.

## DUCKS: Helfrich confident in all three guys, is excited to see them compete

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glaring and everybody kind of looks at each other and goes, yeah.

"Like last year was a unanimous vote. No question about that. It can't be fake. It can't be artificial, staged, any of those type of descriptors. It's just got to happen. And right now is the time where a lot of that happens for those guys, guys that go to work and re-learn their terminology, or in some guys' case, learn it for the first time, and then hit the ground running in fall camp."

Helfrich described the three potential starters as similar and completely different, from what he saw in the spring.

Here's what he said about each:

• Prukop: "A guy in Dakota that had played a lot of college football, different plays, all those things, but completely inexperienced in our system, and you could see those wheels turning of, OK, we called that red and we called that water or whatever it is. And those gears stuck a few times."

• Jonsen: "He was there for a year but didn't — he fall camp."



Prukop



Jonsen



Wilson

couldn't practice. He was physically unable to practice, and so he was there. He knows the terminology, but he hasn't actually done it, so there was that learning curve."

• Wilson: "Wilson hopped off the plane and

started practice. It was kind of a hit-the-ground-running type of moment for him."

Regardless of who starts, he will have a plethora of offensive weapons to get the ball to, led by junior running back Royce Freeman.

Freeman was overshadowed by Stanford's Christian McCaffrey last season but finished with impressive numbers — 283 carries for 1,836 rushing yards and 17 touchdowns as well as 26 receptions for 348 yards and two more scores.

The Ducks are also deep at receiver and tight end.

Oregon also has the luxury that the quarterback doesn't play as important of a role as in other systems as far as getting the play called and everyone organized.

"How we go about things, we don't have the look-them-in-the-eye-in-the-huddle moment,"

Helfrich said. "We don't do that. So that's where you have a guy like Royce or Charles Nelson that can lead the charge in terms of work ethic and practice and how we train, those guys can lead that, and the quarterback doesn't have to be that guy all the time.

"It can be. With Marcus it was. Last year it wasn't. A few years before that it wasn't. It's just kind of a byproduct of how we do it."

Fall camp for the Ducks begins on Aug. 8 in Eugene and the team's media day will also take place on that same day.