








Vying for the coveted green jacket

A look at some of the players expected to contend at the Masters, to be played April 7-10:

| MAJORS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Masters M | Jason Day | Jordan Spieth | Rory McIlroy | Rickie Fowler | Phil Mickelson | Bubba Watson | Adam Scott | Dustin Johnson | Justin Rose | Matt Kuchar |
| U.S. Open US | | | | | | | | | | |
| British Open B | | | | | | | | | | |
| PGA Championship P | | | | | | | | | | |
| (Times won) | | | | | | | | | | |
| AGE | 28 | 22 | 26 | 27 | 45 | 37 | 35 | 31 | 36 | 37 |
| COUNTRY | Australia | United States | Northern Ireland | United States | United States | United States | Australia | United States | England | United States |
| MAJORS WON | PGA (1) | M (1) US (1) | US (1) B (1) P (2) | None | M (3) B (1) P (1) | M (2) | M (1) | None | US (1) | None |
| BACKSPIN | Coming off victories in the Arnold Palmer Invitational and Dell Match Play, he has taken over as a leading candidate to win a green jacket. | In his two appearances at the Masters, Spieth has won and finished second; in eight rounds, he has yet to post a score over par. | For the second year, he goes into the Masters needing to win to complete the career Grand Slam; his 54-hole lead in 2011 suggests it can happen. | This is the only major in which Fowler has never missed the cut; he started this year by winning in Abu Dhabi against a strong field. | Has become a popular choice for the Masters because he has been playing well this year, and because he always seems to play well at Augusta National. | Moved to the A-list of favorites with his play this year; when he's on, he's tough at the Masters, but his only two top 10s were the years he won. | Might be the hottest player in golf going into the Masters with a runner-up at Riviera and victories in the first two PGA Tour events of the Florida swing. | Started off year with a lot of rust and looked to be rounding into form; his ability alone makes him a contender. Tied for sixth at the Masters last year, his first top 10. | Has never missed the cut in 10 previous appearances at Augusta National; a great driver and iron player, his worst finish in the last five years was a tie for 25th. | First showed his aptitude for Augusta National as an amateur in 1998 when he tied for 21st. In the 2012 Masters finished two shots out of a playoff. |