

2024 Regions Tradition

COMPLETED First-Round Notes

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Greystone Golf & Country Club | Birmingham, Alabama

10th of 28 PGA TOUR Champions events in the 2024 Season



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- **Course Setup:** Par 72 / 7,102 yards
- **Round 1 Scoring Average:** 70.718
- **Weather:** Mostly sunny with temps in the low-70s and winds NW at 3-8 mph
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	Player	To Par	Scores
T1	Ernie Els	-7	32-33 – 65
T1	Padraig Harrington	-7	34-31 – 65
T1	Steve Flesch	-7	34-31 – 65
T1	Chris DiMarco	-7	31-34 – 65
T1	Doug Barron	-7	34-31 – 65
T1	Kenny Perry	-7	32-33 – 65
T7	Marco Dawson	-6	32-34 – 66
T7	Charlie Wi	-6	33-33 – 66

Things to Know

- Six players share the first-round lead at the Regions Tradition, including World Golf Hall of Fame member **Ernie Els**, 2024 WGHOE inductee **Padraig Harrington** and 2014 Regions Tradition champion **Kenny Perry**.
- This is the highest number of players tied for the lead after 18 holes on PGA TOUR Champions since the 2023 PURE Insurance Championship (9).
- **Resumption of Play:** The first round resumed at 8:00 a.m. CT and was completed at 10:43 a.m. after being halted on Thursday at 4:46 p.m. The second round began at 10:35 a.m.

Ernie Els, 32-33 – 65 (-7)

- This is his low 18-hole score of the 2024 season (17th round)
 - Previous best: 66 (three times)
- This is his fifth time leading/co-leading after the first round on PGA TOUR Champions
 - Is 0-for-4 converting those into victories
- The 54-year-old seeks his fourth win on PGA TOUR Champions (88th start)
 - Last win: 2023 Hoag Classic
- Making his seventh start of the 2024 season, he has one top-10 finish (T3, Chubb Classic)
- Making his fourth appearance at the Regions Tradition, he has finished T2 (2023), T3 (2022) and T4 (2021)

Padraig Harrington, 34-31 – 65 (-7)

- This is his sixth time leading/co-leading after the first round on PGA TOUR Champions
 - Is 2-for-5 converting those into victories
- The 52-year-old seeks his eighth win on PGA TOUR Champions (39th start)
- Seeks his second win of the 2024 season (fifth start)
 - Won the Hoag Classic (March 22-24)

- Making his third appearance at the Regions Tradition, he has finished 2nd (2022) and T5 (2023)

Steve Flesch, 34-31 – 65 (-7)

- This is his low 18-hole score of the 2024 season (20th round)
 - Previous best: 67 (The Galleri Classic, Final Round)
- This is his fifth time leading/co-leading after the first round on PGA TOUR Champions
 - Is 1-for-4 converting those into victories
- The 56-year-old seeks his fifth win on PGA TOUR Champions (154th start)
 - Last win: 2023 Ascension Charity Classic
- Making his eighth start of the 2024 season, his best finish is T25 (Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai)
- Making his sixth appearance at the Regions Tradition, his best finish is T12 (2019)

Chris DiMarco, 31-34 – 65 (-7)

- This is his low 18-hole score since March 2023 on PGA TOUR Champions
 - Shot 64 in the first round of the 2023 Hoag Classic
- This is his third time leading/co-leading after the first round on PGA TOUR Champions
 - Is 0-for-2 converting those into victories
- The 55-year-old seeks his first win on PGA TOUR Champions (119th start)
 - Best finish: T4 (2020 Ally Challenge)
- Making his ninth start of the 2024 season, his best finish is T26 (two times: Invited Celebrity Classic, Mitsubishi Electric Classic)
- Making his fifth appearance at the Regions Tradition, his best finish is T33 (2022)

Doug Barron, 34-31 – 65 (-7)

- Matched his low 18-hole score of the 2024 season (15th round)
 - Also shot 65 in the first round of the Mitsubishi Electric Classic
- This is his sixth time leading/co-leading after the first round on PGA TOUR Champions
 - Is 1-for-5 converting those into victories
- The 54-year-old seeks his third win on PGA TOUR Champions (82nd start)
 - Last win: 2021 Shaw Charity Classic
- Making his sixth start of the 2024 season, he has one top-10 finish (T2, Mitsubishi Electric Classic)
- Making his third appearance at the Regions Tradition, his best finish is T9 (2022)

Kenny Perry, 32-33 – 65 (-7)

- This is his low 18-hole score since July 2023 on PGA TOUR Champions
 - Shot 64 in the final round of the 2023 Kaulig Companies Championship
- This is his 10th time leading/co-leading after the first round on PGA TOUR Champions (first since 2019)
 - Is 2-for-9 converting those into victories
- The 63-year-old seeks his 11th win on PGA TOUR Champions (198th start)
 - Last win: 2018 3M Championship
- Making his third start of the 2024 season, his best finish is T20 (Invited Celebrity Classic)
- Making his 12th appearance at the Regions Tradition, he won in 2014 as one of three top-5 finishes at this event
 - Note: the 2014 Regions Tradition was held at Shoal Creek

Other Notes

- **Marco Dawson** and **Charlie Wi** are T7 after each shooting 6-under 66.
- Two-time defending champion **Steve Stricker** sits T9 after opening with 5-under 67. The 57-year-old is seeking his fourth Regions Tradition title in his last five appearances at this event (2019, 2022, 2023).
- Making his second start since returning from an Achilles injury, two-time champion (2016, 2017) **Bernhard Langer** carded 4-under 68 and sits T11.
- Charles Schwab Cup leader **Steven Alker** is T18 after posting 3-under 69.
- 2021 champion **Alex Cejka** withdrew (back) before the start of the first round and alternate **Jesper Parnevik** (T57) got into the field.
- **Rocco Mediate** withdrew on Friday morning during the first round.