



2013 Humana Challenge in partnership with the Clinton Foundation
(The 3rd of 36 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

La Quinta, CA

Jan. 14-20, 2013

**Purse: \$5,600,000 (\$1,008,000 to the winner)
500 FedExCup points to winner**

**(PP) Palmer Private/PGA West
(NP) Nicklaus Private/PGA West
(LQ) La Quinta Country Club**

**Par/Yards: 72/6,930
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First-Round Notes – Thursday, January 17, 2013

Weather: Clear skies with light, variable winds. Afternoon high reached into the mid 60s.

First-Round Leaderboard

Roberto Castro	63 (-9)/NP
James Hahn	63 (-9)/PP
Jason Kokrak	63 (-9)/LQ

First-Round Leader Notes

Jason Kokrak (63/-9/LQ)

Canadian-born Jason Kokrak posted a pair of eagles in a five-hole stretch at La Quinta CC (Nos. 6 and 11, both par fives) en route to a career-low, 9-under 63 in round one of the Humana Challenge. He takes a share of the lead with Roberto Castro and James Hahn into round two.

As a rookie on the PGA TOUR in 2012, Kokrak missed the cut in his first start in La Quinta last year (68-66-78). He is coming off a 72nd at last week's Sony Open in Hawaii.

At No. 167 on the money list with just three events left in the 2012 season, Kokrak claimed the best finish of his rookie year with a T2 at the Frys.com Open. The finish vaulted - and kept, him inside the top-125 to maintain his fully exempt status for 2013.

Kokrak is making his 30th career start on the PGA TOUR, with his previous best position following a round being T3 at the 2012 Frys.com Open.

Roberto Castro (63/-9/NP)

A fellow member of the 2012 PGA TOUR rookie class with Jason Kokrak, Roberto Castro also opened with a 9-under 63 to take a share of the first round lead. The bogey-free 63 matches his career-low from the final round of the 2012 Greenbrier Classic. Castro is coming off a missed cut at last week's Sony Open in Hawaii.

In his rookie season last year, Castro made 19 cuts in 27 starts, with his lone top-10 finish being a T7 at the Greenbrier Classic.

Also like Kokrak, the 27 year-old Castro is making his 30th career PGA TOUR start this week, and has never previously held any part of a lead following a round.

Dating to 2002, Pat Perez (2009) and Jhonattan Vegas (2011) are the only players to win the Humana Challenge after playing the first round on the Palmer Private.

James Hahn (63/-9/PP)

PGA TOUR rookie James Hahn posted a bogey-free, 9-under 63 in round one, matching the score of 2012 rookies Jason Kokrak and Roberto Castro.

Hahn comes to the PGA TOUR in 2013 by virtue of a 5th-place finish on the 2012 Web.com Tour, where he claimed one win (Rex Hospital Open) and two runner-ups (Utah Championship, Web.com Tour Championship).



Prior to 2013, Hahn's only start on the PGA TOUR resulted in a missed cut at the 2012 U.S. Open. He comes to La Quinta this week following a T67 at last week's Sony Open in Hawaii.

Jhonattan Vegas (2011), Arnold Palmer (1960) and Charley Hoffman (2007) are the only players to win the Humana Challenge in their first start here.

The 2003 University of California-Berkley grad hit 11/13 fairways and 15/18 greens in regulation.

Since 1990, the first-round leader of the Humana Challenge has held on for the win just three times. Pat Perez achieved the feat most recently in 2009, with Kenny Perry and Mark Brooks having previously done so in 1995 and 1996, respectively.

Russell Henley (64/-8/NP)

Last week's Sony Open in Hawaii winner, Russell Henley, posted an 8-under 64 in round one of the Humana Challenge to pull to within one of the lead entering the second round. Henley birdied his last five holes Sunday at Waialae CC and four of his first five holes (Nos. 10,11,13,14/Nicklaus Course) today.

Henley's 64 in round one of the Humana Challenge comes on the heels of 63s in rounds one, two and four. Last year on the PGA TOUR, there were only two players with five rounds of 64 or better for the entire season, Robert Garrigus and Ryan Palmer. Henley now has four after just five rounds this year.

While no PGA TOUR rookie has ever won his first two starts, Ben Kohles achieved the feat last year on the Web.com Tour (Nationwide Children's Hospital Invitational, Cox Classic).

Aaron Baddeley (-8/64/PP)

On the Palmer Private, Aaron Baddeley overcame a pair of front nine bogeys with a pair of back nine eagles at the 14th and 18th holes, both par fives, to post an opening-round, 8-under 64. He will begin round two one stroke off the lead.

Baddeley is making his third start at the Humana Challenge and first since a T61 in 2005. In his first start of 2003, he missed the cut.

Baddeley is looking for his fourth PGA TOUR title and first since the 2011 Northern Trust Open.

Jeff Maggert (65/-7/NP)

A month shy of his 49th birthday, Jeff Maggert opened with a 7-under 65 on the Nicklaus Private. He comes to Palm Springs on the heels of a T49 at last week's Sony Open in Hawaii.

In search of his first fourth career PGA TOUR win and first since the 2006 FedEx St. Jude Classic, Maggert hit all 14 fairways and 13/18 greens in regulation.

Maggert's lone top-10 finish last year came with fifth-place honors at the Humana Challenge, thanks to a final-round, 8-under 64.

Maggert is making his 16th start at the Humana Challenge this week, where he has collected four top-10 finishes.

Phil Mickelson (72/E/LQ)

Phil Mickelson, a two-time winner of the Humana Challenge (2002, 2004) and leading money winner of the event, opened with an even-par 72 at La Quinta CC. He is making his second start in Palm Springs since 2007 (T49/2012). In 10 career starts in the tournament, he owns four top 10s. He has only four above-par scores in 47 rounds at the Humana Challenge.

Mike Weir (67/-5/LQ)

Canada's Mike Weir, who claimed his fourth (of eight) PGA TOUR titles here 10 years ago, opened with a 5-under 67 at La Quinta CC. His first-round score today is his best since a 3-under 67 in round one of the 2010 (MC). In relation to par, today's 67 is his best since a 5-under 66 in round one of the 2010 RBC Heritage (T64).



Prior to missing last week's cut at the Sony Open in Hawaii, Weir had come off a 2012 season marred by 14 missed cuts in 14 starts. In 2011, the 2003 Masters champion made just two cuts in 15 starts. His lone top-10 finish since 2010 came in the form of sixth-place honors at the Humana Challenge in 2010.

Mark Wilson (77/+5/LQ)

Defending champion Mark Wilson struggled in round one at La Quinta CC, opening with a 5-over 77 at La Quinta CC. In 19 rounds in this event, Wilson's only other over-par round was a 73 in round two of 2011 (T61).

Major Champions

There are fourteen former major championship winners competing in this week's Humana Challenge.

Aces

James Driscoll recorded the first ace of the event at the 15th hole on the Palmer Course. Driscoll used an 8-iron from 167 yards to achieve the feat. Chris Kirk followed suit with an ace at the 3rd hole (his 12th of the day) on the same course with an 8-iron from 180 yards.

First-Round Scoring Averages:

Palmer Private Course – 69.712

Nicklaus Private Course – 68.231

La Quinta Country Club – 69.769

Hardest/Easiest Holes

The most difficult hole at La Quinta CC was the par-3 7th with an average score of 3.308, while the par-5 5th was the easiest at 4.346. The most difficult at Nicklaus Private was the par-4 18th at 4.250, and the par-5 4th was the easiest at 4.365. At the Palmer Private, the hardest was the par-4 13th at 4.288, while the par-5 6th was the easiest at 4.423.

Bogey-free rounds:

R1 – Roberto Castro (63/NP), Jason Kokrak (63/LQ), James Hahn (63/PP), Doug LaBelle (64/NP), Jeff Maggert (65/NP), Michael Bradley (65/NP), Zach Johnson (66/PP), Scott Stallings (66/PP), Stuart Appleby (67/LQ), Paul Haley II (67/NP), Lee Williams (67/LQ), Billy Horschel (67/NP), Colt Knost (68/LQ), Casey Wittenberg (69/LQ), Scott Verplank (69/LQ), Tim Clark (71/LQ), Bart Bryant (72/E).

Humana

The Humana Walkit Pro is new this year and offers information about how PGA TOUR pros are getting healthy through their craft. Humana, in partnership with IDS, a division of SMT and the PGA TOUR's ShotLink Scoring System, are tracking the number of steps taken and calories burned by every player on the course in real-time – each day of the Humana Challenge, in order to show people the immediate impact that golf – and walking – can have on their health.

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