



2013 Sony Open in Hawaii

(The 2nd of 36 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Honolulu, HI
Waialae Country Club

Jan. 10-13, 2013
Par/Yards: 35-35—70/7,044

Purse: \$5,600,000 (\$1,080,000 to the winner)
500 FedExCup points to winner

First-Round Notes – Thursday, January 10, 2013

Weather

Partly cloudy and breezy. High of 80. Winds E 15-25 mph.

The final group of the day elected not to finish the last hole (#9), as darkness was closing in: Scott Gardiner (2-under thru 17 holes), James Hahn (1-over thru 17 holes) and Richard Hattori (2-over thru 17 holes). They will be back in position at 8:00 a.m., with the second round beginning as scheduled at 7:10 a.m.

First-Round Leaderboard

Scott Langley	62 (-8)
Russell Henley	63 (-7)
Scott Piercy	64 (-6)
Tim Clark	64 (-6)

Scott Langley (8-under 62)

Rookie Scott Langley opened with an 8-under 62 to take a one-stroke lead over fellow rookie Russell Henley after the first round of the Sony Open in Hawaii. Langley's score equals the best opening-round score at the Sony Open (Scott Simpson/1991, Brian Claar/1997, Mike Reid/1997).

The last rookie to lead the Sony Open in Hawaii was Troy Merritt, who shared the first-round lead in 2010.

Langley, a 23-year-old native of Barrington, Illinois, is bidding to become the first player since Bruce Lietzke in 1977 to win the Sony Open in his first attempt. Jerry Kelly is the last player to record his first PGA TOUR victory at the Sony Open (2002).

The left-handed Langley made four starts in 2012, with a T29 finish at the U.S. Open his best outing.

Langley, the 2010 NCAA champion at the University of Illinois, is the first former participant of The First Tee program to earn a PGA TOUR card.

The last first-round leader to go on and win the Sony Open was Ryan Palmer in 2010.

Russell Henley (7-under 63)

Playing in the same group as tournament-leader Scott Langley, Russell Henley opened up his rookie season on the PGA TOUR with a 7-under 63.

Henley became the second-ever amateur to win on the Web.com Tour when he captured the 2011 Stadion Classic at UGA one week before graduating from the University of Georgia. He won seven times during his college career at Georgia, tying the school's all-time record set by Chris Kirk.

Henley, a 23-year-old native of Macon, Ga., was one of five two-time winners on the Web.com Tour in 2012, finishing No. 3 on the official money list.

Dustin Johnson (even-par 70)

Dustin Johnson opened with an even-par 70 in his attempt to join Ernie Els (2003) as the only players to win the Sony Open in Hawaii and Hyundai Tournament of Champions back-to-back in the same season.

Last week Johnson (2008-13) became the first player since Tiger Woods (1996-01) to win in six consecutive years straight out of college. Johnson holds the second-longest active win streak on TOUR behind only Phil Mickelson's nine (2004-12).

In two previous Sony Open starts, Johnson has finished T10 (2008) and T16 (2010).



Players under the age of 30 with three or more victories on the PGA TOUR: Dustin Johnson (7), Rory McIlroy (6), Anthony Kim (3), Webb Simpson (3), Keegan Bradley (3).

Johnson Wagner (1-over 71)

Johnson Wagner, who won the 2012 Sony Open in Hawaii, is seeking to become just the fourth player to successfully defend a title at the Sony Open in Hawaii – Hubert Green (1978-79), Corey Pavin (1986-87) and Ernie Els (2003-04). He opened on Thursday with a 1-over 71.

Additional Player Notes

Charles Howell III opened with a 4-under 66 on Thursday. Last year, his runner-up finish was his sixth top-5 finish at the Sony Open: 2012 (T2), 2010 (T5), 2009 (4th), 2007 (T2), 2005 (T3) and 2002 (T4).

Matt Kuchar carded a 4-under 66 in his 900th official round on TOUR.

Tim Clark carded a bogey-free 6-under 64. The South African owns 10 runner-up finishes on the PGA TOUR, including at least one in each of the last eight seasons (including the 2011 Sony Open in Hawaii).

Miscellaneous Notes

All of the “The 25” graduates from the 2012 Web.com Tour are competing this week, including leading money-winner Casey Wittenberg (1-under 69).

Five rookies in the field made their first-career PGA TOUR start on Thursday: Robert Streb (67), David Lingmerth (69), Henrik Norlander (70), Donald Constable (72), Scott Gardiner (TBD/has 23’1” putt on last hole).

Past champions of the Sony Open in Hawaii: Ryan Palmer (67), Vijay Singh (67), Jerry Kelly (69), Zach Johnson (71), Johnson Wagner (71), K.J. Choi (72), Mark Wilson (74).

Twenty players in the field also participated in last week’s Hyundai Tournament of Champions.

Bogey-free rounds:

R1 – Scott Langley (62), Tim Clark (64), Stephen Ames (65), Scott Piercy (66), Webb Simpson (66), Matt Jones (66), Ryan Palmer (67), Vijay Singh (67), David Mathis (69), Chez Reavie (69).

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Scoring Averages at the par-70 Waialae Country Club:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1	35.375	34.410	69.785	---