

Before this year, Laird played well enough to earn a berth into the FedExCup Playoffs in 2008 and 2010-2013. His last start before this week was the Wyndham Championship in August.

Laird, a three-time winner on the PGA TOUR, is in search of his first win since the 2013 Valero Texas Open. He won the 2009 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open and 2011 Arnold Palmer Invitational.

Round at a glance: 9/14 fairways in regulation (64.3 percent), 14/18 greens in regulation (77.8 percent), 27 putts.

Jon Curran

Making his sixth career start on the PGA TOUR, rookie Jon Curran stuck his tee shot at the 182-yard, par-3 15th hole to within a foot, which he made for birdie to get to five under. He would finish his first round at 4-under 68.

Curran, a 2009 Vanderbilt University grad, finished T31 at the Shell Houston Open in his only start on the PGA TOUR in the 2013-14 season.

The 27-year-old Curran comes to the PGA TOUR this season by virtue of his 24th-place finish on the Web.com Tour priority list. On that Tour, he claimed three top-10 finishes in 23 starts, highlighted by a wire-to-wire win at the Brasil Champions presented by HSBC in Brazil.

Curran was teammates with Keegan Bradley at Hopkinton High in Massachusetts, where they won a team state championship together. They remain very close friends.

Additional Player Notes

After Monday qualifying for a spot into this week's field, Jarrod Lyle opened with an even-par 72. This marks Lyle's first return to the PGA TOUR following a 29-month absence to undergo treatment for myeloid leukemia. His last start on TOUR was the 2012 Mayakoba Golf Classic (T37). A week earlier, he posted his career-best finish of T4 at the Northern Trust Open.

Defending Frys.com Open champion Jimmy Walker struggled in round one, posting a 3-over 75. After round one last year at CordeValle GC, Walker was six strokes back with a 1-under 70.

Hunter Mahan, who won in August at The Barclays, opened with a 2-under 70 and is four off the pace. Mahan is making his first start at the Frys.com Open this week. Mahan has collected six PGA TOUR titles in his career, dating to 2004.

Making his first start in the Frys.com Open, Matt Kuchar opened with a 1-under 71 and is five strokes back. Kuchar and Hunter Mahan are both coming off appearances in the Ryder Cup two weeks ago.

Miscellaneous Notes

Five past champions of the Frys.com Open, dating to 2007, are in this week's field:

| Champion (Year) | R1 Score |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| Jimmy Walker (2013) | 75 |
| Jonas Blixt (2012) | 70 |
| Bryce Molder (2011) | 70 |
| Troy Matteson (2009) | 75 |
| Mike Weir (2007) | 73 |

This week's Frys.com Open marks the 29th PGA TOUR or Champions Tour event hosted by Silverado Resort and Spa; 1968-1976 Kaiser International Open Invitational, 1977-1980 Anheuser-Busch Golf Classic and 1989-2002 The Transamerica on the Champions Tour.

Bogey-free rounds:

R1: Martin Laird (67), Tyrone Van Aswegen (68), Marc Leishman (69), Billy Hurley III (70), Brad Fritsch (70).

Scoring Averages at the par-72 Silverado Resort and Spa (North):

| | Front 9 | Back 9 | Total | Cumulative |
|-----|----------------|---------------|--------------|-------------------|
| R1: | 36.201 | 35.889 | 72.090 | --- |

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