



## 3M Championship

TPC Twin Cities/Blaine, Minnesota/August 4-6, 2017

### First-Round Notes

**Course Setup:** Par 72/7,114 yards 70.808 R1 scoring average

**Weather:** Mostly sunny and pleasant with highs in the mid-70s. NW wind 10-20 mph.

	Player	To Par	Scores
T1.	<b>Mike Goodes</b>	-7	32-33 – 65
T1.	<b>Kenny Perry</b>	-7	29-36 – 65
T3.	<b>Scott Verplank</b>	-6	31-35 – 66
T3.	<b>Marco Dawson</b>	-6	32-34 – 66
T3.	<b>Gene Sauers</b>	-6	32-34 – 66
T3.	<b>Jay Haas</b>	-6	33-33 – 66

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- [Leaderboard](#)
- [Tee Times](#)
- [PGATOURmedia.com](http://PGATOURmedia.com) (transcripts and other resources available for download)

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#### Mike Goodes, 32-33 – 65 (-7)

- Is playing in his 11<sup>th</sup> 3M Championship where he came into the event with three straight top-10 finishes.
- Shot an opening-round bogey-free 7-under-par 65, his 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive round in the 60s here.
- His best showings in this event was a T6 in 2008 and a sixth-place effort in 2014. Was T7 in 2015.
- Today's 65 was one stroke shy of his final-round 64 in 2014, his low round here.
- This marks the sixth time in his career he has led or shared the lead after the opening round on PGA TOUR Champions, the last coming in 2016 at the Insperity Invitational.
- Looking for his first top-10 finish in 2017 with best showing to date a T15 at last week's Senior Open Championship.
- Won the 2009 Allianz Championship.

#### Kenny Perry, 29-36 – 65 (-7)

- His 7-under-par 65 marked the sixth time in seven appearances here that he has posted an opening-round in the 60s.
- A two-time winner of this event in 2014 and 2015, he was also T2 in 2011 and T3 in 2012.

- Ran off six straight birdies to start his day and shot a 6-under-par 29 on the front nine.
- Claimed the U.S. Senior Open for the second time a month ago at Salem CC in Massachusetts where he finished two better than Kirk Triplett. He also has three additional top-10 finishes on his resume this year.
- Is a nine-time winner on PGA TOUR Champions, including four major championships.
- Won 14 titles on the PGA TOUR, including a trio of wins in 2003 and 2008.
- Represented the United States on four Presidents Cup teams and two Ryder Cup squads.

### **Tournament Notes...**

- A week after players battled trying conditions at the Senior Open Championship in Wales (15-25 mph wind, rain and temperatures in the low-60s), they were greeted by more pleasant conditions on Friday here in the Twin Cities with mostly sunny skies and temperatures in the mid-70s.
- Bernhard Langer, fresh off his 10<sup>th</sup> major championship title at last week's Senior Open Championship, opened with a 3-under-par 69 and is currently T24. That 69 was his 25<sup>th</sup> consecutive sub-par round at TPC Twin Cities in as many starts.
- Defending champion Joe Durant got off to a good start with a 5-under-par 67 and is among five players T7.
- This is the first time since 2012 that there was not a solo first-round leader. In 2012, there was a four-way tie atop the leaderboard – Chien Soon Lu, Steve Pate, Gil Morgan and Peter Senior.
- Just four previous first-round leader/co-leaders have gone on to win here. The last to do so was Jay Haas in 2011. Others were Hale Irwin (1999), Ed Dougherty (2000) and Tom Purtzer (2005).
- Sixty-three-year-old Jay Haas posted a 6-under-par 66 on Friday and his round included one of the five eagles recorded on No. 18.
- University of Minnesota product Tom Lehman shot a 4-under-par 68. Lehman had a nice turnaround following a double bogey on No. 4, running off four straight birdies.
- Scott Verplank got himself off on the right foot on Friday. A top-10 finisher in three of his last four events, Verplank posted a 6-under-par 66 and is T3.
- Friday's opening-round scoring average was 70.808, a slight jump from the opening-round average a year ago – 70.663. There were 30 rounds in the 60s and 45 players bettered par.
- Here is where some of the first-time participants in this event stood after the opening round. Jerry Kelly (73/T54), Steve Stricker (69/T24), David Toms (71/T39), Phillip Price (69/T24), Billy Mayfair (71/T39) and Steve Flesch (67/T7).
- Tommy Armour III withdrew prior to the start of the event due to a back issue. Steve Pate took his place in the opening round. Russ Cochran withdrew after the round.
- The most difficult hole was No. 13, a par-3 with an average score of 3.205 (+.205). There were just seven birdies, while No. 3 was the easiest at 4.359 (-.641). There was one eagle and 50 birdies.
- A popular Saturday tradition will again return to the 3M Championship this year as golf legends Jack Nicklaus, Gary Player and Lee Trevino (Capt. Chi Chi Rodriguez) will tee off in an exhibition match on August 5th. That threesome will compete in an 18-hole scramble against three other teams composed of David Graham, Tom Weiskopf and Hale Irwin (Capt. Tony Jacklin); Fuzzy Zoeller, David Graham and Ben Crenshaw (Capt. Andy North); Michelle McGann, Pat Bradley and Nancy Lopez (Capt. Bill Rogers). In addition, Jim Colbert, Jerry Pate, Charles Coody and Al Geiberger will be on hand to sign autographs in the Stryker Expo Tent on Saturday morning.

