



Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai

Hualalai Golf Course | Ka'upulehu-Kona, Hawai'i | January 19-21, 2017

Second-Round Notes

Course Setup: Par 72 / 7,107 yards (R1 scoring average: 68.894; Overall scoring average: 69.096)

Weather: Partly cloudy and hazy with a high of 81. Wind from the W at 10-15 mph.

Summary: Bernhard Langer birdied four of his final five holes to claim the lead heading into the final round on Saturday. He'll have a handful of players chasing him, however. Fred Couples trails by one stroke and Kirk Triplett is two back. Among those tied for fourth, three strokes behind, is David Toms, making his first start on PGA TOUR Champions.

Player	To Par	Scores
1. Bernhard Langer	-15	64-65 - 129
2. Fred Couples	-14	65-65 - 130
3. Kirk Triplett	-13	67-64 - 131
T4. David Toms	-12	69-63 - 132
T4. Lee Janzen	-12	66-66 - 132
T4. Olin Browne	-12	65-67 - 132
T4. Duffy Waldorf	-12	64-68 - 132

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Bernhard Langer, 64-65 - 129 (-15)

Followed his 8-under-par 64 with a 7-under-par 65 for a 36-hole total of 129. His 36-hole total of 129 is his lowest score here at this tournament. His previous best was a 14-under-par 130 in 2009 and 2014 and he went on to win both of those tournaments.

Has posted 17 birdies through two rounds to lead all players and has only needed 51 putts which ties him for second in putts per round with Jeff Maggert at 25.5. Lee Janzen leads with just 50 (25.0).

A victory on Sunday would also be his 30th career win on PGA TOUR Champions, moving him into second place behind Hale Irwin (45 wins). He is currently tied with Lee Trevino with 29.

A victory on Sunday would also be his third win in this event and would mark the fourth time in his PGA TOUR Champions career that he has won an event three times. The others are the Insperity Invitational, the Chubb Classic and the Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship.

Fred Couples, 65-65 – 130 (-14)

Seeking his first win in this event after runner-up finishes in 2010 and 2014. He and Jeff Sluman were second to Bernhard Langer in 2014.

Is playing in just his second PGA TOUR Champions event in the last 11 months. After finishing second at last February's Chubb Classic, Couples was sidelined until late October with back issues. He returned to finish 37th at the PowerShares QQQ Championship, the first of three PGA TOUR playoffs.

Is second in Greens in Regulation this week, hitting 32 of 36 (88.9%).

Has been paired with Bernhard Langer three times previously in this event, including 2014 when they were tied after 36 holes at 14-under-par 130. In the final round, Langer posted an 8-under-par 64 and Couples a 5-under-par 67. The others were in the opening round in 2011 and in the second round in 2015.

Kirk Triplett, 67-64 – 131 (-13)

His 36-hole total of 13-under-par 131 is his best showing after 36 holes in five starts here. He finished fifth here in 2013.

Is bidding for his sixth victory on PGA TOUR Champions and he has won at least one event in four of his five years on TOUR, including the inaugural American Family Insurance Championship last year.

Has birdied all eight par-5s this week.

Has won on the PGA TOUR, PGA TOUR Champions and the Web.com Tour and is just one of 10 players to do so.

Tournament Notes:

The winner of Sunday's event will get a head start in the season-long Charles Schwab Cup race with \$300,000 being awarded to the winner. Bernhard Langer won the Charles Schwab Cup the last three years and four times overall.

David Toms followed his 3-under-par 69 in his PGA TOUR Champions debut on Thursday with a 9-under-par 63 on Friday. It was his lowest round in a Tour event since he shot a 7-under-par 63 in the final round of 2012 The McGladrey Classic.

Should David Toms win tomorrow, he'd become the 10th player to win this event in his first attempt and he'd also become the 19th player to win in his debut on this Tour. The last to do so was Miguel Angel Jimenez in 2014 at the Greater Gwinnett Championship (now the Mitsubishi Electric Classic).

A David Toms victory would also make him the seventh youngest winner at 50 years, 17 days.

Hale Irwin bettered his age for the 18th time on PGA TOUR Champions when he fired a 2-under-par 70. The 71-year-old Irwin also bettered his age on Thursday with a 3-under-par 69. It marked the third time he had done so here at Hualalai. A year ago he shot a 3-under-par 69 in the second round. Irwin has won nearly \$4.5 million in the state.

While Hale Irwin bettered his age, his fellow World Golf Hall of Famer Larry Nelson matched his age with a 3-under-par 69. It was the fourth time he had matched his age and he also bettered his age one time.

Tom Pernice, Jr., continued his string of consecutive holes without a three-putt with 18 additional holes on Friday to bring that total to 272. His last three-putt came on No. 7 in the second round at last year's Toshiba Classic. Pernice shot an 8-under-par 64 on Friday.

Defending champion Duffy Waldorf remains in contention following a 4-under-par 68. He is currently T4, three back of Bernhard Langer.

In addition to Kirk Triplett, Doug Garwood has birdied all eight par-5 holes.

Jeff Maggert has one-putted 21 of 36 holes with 13 of those coming in the opening round.

Hole No. 8 remained the most difficult with a second-round scoring average of 3.234 (+.234). There were just five birdies on Friday and only seven through two rounds.

Colin Montgomerie has a current streak of 24 rounds par/better dating back to last year and he also has a streak of 24 consecutive sub-par rounds.

Here is how Bernhard Langer has fared when he has been the leader/co-leader going into the final round.

BERNHARD LANGER

Year	Tournament	Place	Score	Result
2007	Administaff Small Business Classic	1 st /+4	-17	Won
2008	Toshiba Classic	1 st /+3	-12	Won
2008	Ginn Championship	1 st /+2	-11	Won
2008	Senior PGA Championship	1 st /+1	+2	2nd
2008	Administaff Small Business Classic	T1/Bryant & Nielsen	-9	Won
2009	Toshiba Classic	T1/O'Meara	-9	T9
2009	Triton Financial Classic	1 st /+1	-10	Won
2010	Outback Steakhouse Pro-Am	1 st /+1	-9	Won/++ 36-hole event
2010	Senior British Open	1 st /+3	-6	Won
2010	U.S. Senior Open	T1/Couples	-5	Won
2010	Boeing Classic	1 st /+1	-15	Won
2011	The ACE Group Classic	1 st /+4	-14	Won
2012	U.S. Senior Open	1 st /+4	-10	T2
2012	Senior British Open	1 st /+2	-7	T6
2013	The ACE Group Classic	1 st /+3	-12	Won
2013	Mississippi Gulf Resort Classic	T1/Chapman & Daley	-8	2 nd
2013	Senior British Open	1 st /+3	-9	2 nd ** Playoff
2013	Montreal Championship	1 st /+3	-6	T4
2013	Greater Hickory Classic at Rock Barn	1 st /+2	-10	3 rd
2013	AT&T Championship	T1/Perry, Forsbrand, Goodes & Montgomerie	-8	2 nd ** Playoff
2014	Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai	T1/Couples	-14	Won

2014	The ACE Group Classic	T1/Triplett	-10	T2
2014	Toshiba Classic	1st+2	-13	T2
2014	Insperty Invitational	1st+3	-10	Won
2014	Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship	1st+3	-15	Won** Playoff
2014	Senior Open Championship	1st+8	-14	Won
2015	Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship	1st+6	-16	Won
2015	U.S. Senior Open	T1/Maggert	-5	T3
2016	Chubb Classic	1st+7	-16	Won
2016	Regions Tradition	1st+4	-12	Won
2016	Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship.	1st+3	-2	Won
2016	SAS Championship	1st+2	-10	2nd