



Mississippi Gulf Resort Classic

Fallen Oak/Biloxi, Mississippi | March 31-April 2, 2017

First-Round Notes

Course Setup: Par 72 / 71.620 R1 scoring average

Weather: Sunny and pleasant with highs in the low-80s. WNW wind 6-12 mph.

	Player	To Par	Scores
1.	Joe Durant	-6	34-32 - 66
T2.	Scott Hoch	-5	35-32 - 67
T2.	Lee Janzen	-5	35-32 - 67
T2.	Jay Haas	-5	34-33 - 67
T2.	Miguel Angel Jimenez	-5	34-33 - 67

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- [Leaderboard](#)
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Joe Durant, 34-32 - 66 (-6)

- His opening-round 6-under-par 66 was his lowest round in seven rounds here at Fallen Oak.
- This marks the third time in his PGA TOUR Champions career he has held sole possession of the first-round lead. The others were the 2014 Senior PGA Championship and the 2016 Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai.
- Round included seven birdies and one bogey (No. 3).
- Hit 16 of 18 greens in regulation and is T1 in that category. It should not come as any surprise. Durant was third in that category in 2016 and second the previous year.
- Finished fourth here in 2015 and T66 a year ago.
- Was a four-time winner on the PGA TOUR and owns two victories on PGA TOUR Champions, including the 2015 Bass Pro Shops Legends of Golf (w/Billy Andrade) and the 2016 3M Championship
- Resides in Pensacola Beach, FL

Tournament Notes...

- **Fred Couples** is the only first-round leader to go on and win this event when he won in 2012. He helped his cause with a 9-under-par 63 in the first round.
- **Bernhard Langer's** record streak of consecutive sub-par rounds continued after he posted a 1-under-par 71 which was his 33rd consecutive sub-par round dating back to last year. He broke Gil

Morgan's streak of 31 set in 2000 when he finished with a final-round 65 at the Tucson Conquistadores Classic.

- Defending champion **Miguel Angel Jimenez** finished with a 5-under-par 67 and is currently T2. He is 13-under-par in his last two rounds at Fallen Oak, including an 8-under-par 64 in his final round a year ago. He has made just one bogey over the last 39 holes here.
- **Scott McCarron** ran his streak of consecutive holes without a three-putt to 216 on Friday, the longest current streak on PGA TOUR Champions.
- **Scott Hoch**, who is currently T2, is off to his best start since he was T1 at the 2013 Principal Charity Classic.
- **Jay Haas** was a combined 5-under-par on the four par-5 holes, including an eagle on No. 15. Haas is currently T2
- **Michael Allen** is currently T10 after a first-round 3-under-par. The all-time money leader in this event, Allen won here in 2013, was second in 2012 and owns four other top-15 finishes.
- Friday's scoring average was 71.620 (-.380 under par) with 19 rounds in the 60s and 40 under par. It was the second-lowest first-round average in tournament history. The lowest remains 71.056 in 2012.
- Tucson Conquistadores Classic champion **Tom Lehman** is currently T10 as is tournament runner-up, **Steve Stricker**.
- **John Daly** got off to a good start on Friday, shooting a 3-under-par 69 in his first visit to Fallen Oak.