



2017 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open
(6th of 45 events in the 2017-18 PGA TOUR Season)

Las Vegas, Nevada
TPC Summerlin

November 2-5, 2017
Par/Yards: 35-36—71/7,255

Purse: \$6,800,000

COMPLETED First-Round Notes – Friday, November 3, 2017

Weather: Sunny, windy and cooler. High of 71. Wind SSW 15-25 mph.

The first round was suspended due to darkness at 5:52 p.m. Pacific Time with 25 players left on the course. Those players were back in position at 7:30 a.m. Friday to complete their round. Round one concluded at 8:45 a.m., while round two began as scheduled at 7:05 a.m.

First-Round Leaders

Whee Kim	65 (-6)
J.J. Spaun	66 (-5)
Ryan Blaum	66 (-5)
John Huh	66 (-5)
Alex Cejka	66 (-5)

Whee Kim

Making his third-consecutive start in the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open, South Korea's Whee Kim opened with a bogey-free, 6-under 65.

Kim finished T49 in 2015 and T76 in 2016. In the first round of each of those starts, he shot even-par 71.

In relation to par, Kim's 6-under score is his best since a second-round, 7-under 65 in round two of the 2017 Puerto Rico Open (T5).

In his last start before this week, Kim finished solo-fourth at the CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES. His career-best finish since joining the PGA TOUR in 2015 is a T2 at the 2017 FedEx St. Jude Classic.

This marks Kim's first 18-hole lead/co-lead on the PGA TOUR. His only other lead followed the second round at the 2015 Barbasol Championship, eventually finishing T3.

First-Round Lead Notes

Since the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open became a 72-hole event in 2004, Ryan Moore (2012) and Rod Pamplung (2016) are the only first-round leaders/co-leaders to have carried that lead on to victory.

Through five events this season, Brendan Steele (Safeway Open), Justin Thomas (CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES) and Ryan Armour (Sanderson Farms Championship) have each converted their first-round lead/co-lead into victory.

Alex Cejka

Las Vegas resident Alex Cejka made five birdies and no bogeys, good for a 66 in round one of his 12th Shriners Hospitals for Children Open.

Cejka's 66 in round one Thursday marked his 13th-consecutive round of par-or-better in the event, dating to the 2014 event. His lone top-10 finish was a T2 in 2015.

Cejka, who joined the PGA TOUR in 2003, is making his 358th career start on the PGA TOUR. His lone victory came at the 2015 Puerto Rico Open via a playoff with four other players.

Jimmy Stanger

When play was called for the day on Thursday, 22-year-old sponsor invite Jimmy Stanger was 5-under-par through 15 holes. He came back Friday with a par-bogey-par finish on Nos. 7-9 to post a 4-under 67.

Beginning on No. 10, Stanger opened with a birdie at his first hole of the day. At the 312-yard, par-4 15th, he holed a chip for eagle from 53 yards. He followed that with birdies on Nos. 16 and 17.

Stanger is making just his third start on the PGA TOUR this week. He missed the cut most at last week's Sanderson Farms Championship and as an amateur at the Valspar Championship in March.

Stanger recently posted four consecutive scores of 5-under 67 at the first stage of the Web.com Tour Q-School to take a one-stroke victory.

Prior to turning professional this past summer, Stanger was ranked 15th in the World Amateur Golf Rankings. He is coming off a collegiate career, which included winning the 2017 Atlantic Coast Conference Championship.

Charley Hoffman

1999 UNLV grad Charley Hoffman made three birdies, an eagle and one bogey en route to a 3-under 68. At the 312-yard, par-4 15th, Hoffman hit his tee shot to 6' 6", which he converted for the eagle.

Hoffman announced earlier this week that he would be donating his entire paycheck this week to the Direct Impact Fund via PGA TOUR Charities to aid in the relief efforts of last month's Las Vegas shooting.

Hoffman is making his 13th start in the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open, where he has collected three top-10 finishes; 4th/2014, 6th/2009 and T5/2006.

Miscellaneous Notes

Making his PGA TOUR debut this week and playing on a sponsor invite, Las Vegas native A.J. McInerney opened with an even-par 71. In attendance at the Route 91 Harvest Music Festival the night of the Las Vegas shooting a month ago, the former UNLV golfer shielded his girlfriend from danger as bullets flew overhead. Later, after evacuating the premises, he returned in his truck to help others evacuate.

Jim Furyk (1995) and Tiger Woods (1996) both own their maiden PGA TOUR titles at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open. Since Woods won in 1996, 10 players have posted their first career PGA TOUR victory in Las Vegas: Phil Taturangi (2002), Andre Stolz (2004), Wes Short Jr. (2005), Troy Matteson (2006), George McNeill (2007), Marc Turnesa (2008), Martin Laird (2009), Kevin Na (2011), Ben Martin (2014) and Smylie Kaufman (2015).

Since 1995, there have been 10 winners of the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open in their 20s, second most for a tournament during this time frame. The BMW Championship has yielded 11 winners under the age of 30. The Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by MasterCard shares the second spot with the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open with 10.

Kevin Na and Bronson Burgoon withdrew prior to the first round.

Each winner of the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open since 2009 is in this week's field: Ryan Moore/2012 (T28), Rod Pamplung/2016 (T45), Webb Simpson/2013 (T45), Jonathan Byrd/2010 (T45), Ben Martin/2014 (T63), Martin Laird/2009 (T81), Smylie Kaufman/2015 (T127), Kevin Na/2011 (WD).

Bogey-free rounds:

R1: Whee Kim (65), Alex Cejka (66), Peter Malnati (67), Rod Pamplung (70).

Scoring Averages at the par-71 TPC Summerlin:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	35.347	35.826	71.174	---

In the first round, the par-4 third hole played as the toughest (4.382). The par-5 ninth hole was the easiest (4.618).