



## American Family Insurance Championship

University Ridge Golf Course | Madison, Wisconsin | June 22-24, 2018

### First-Round Notes

Friday, June 22, 2018

**Course Setup:** Par 72 / 7,056 yards (R1 Scoring average: 70.628)

**Weather:** Scattered showers with a high of 69 and 10-20 MPH winds out of the NE.

**Note:** Lift, clean and place was in effect.

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|    | Player            | To Par | Scores     |
|----|-------------------|--------|------------|
| 1  | Steve Stricker    | -8     | 32-32 – 64 |
| 2  | Brad Bryant       | -7     | 34-31 – 65 |
| T3 | Colin Montgomerie | -5     | 33-34 – 67 |
| T3 | John Daly         | -5     | 33-34 – 67 |
| T3 | Steve Flesch      | -5     | 31-36 – 67 |

#### Quick Links:

- [Leaderboard](#)
- [Second-Round Tee Times](#) (9:00-11:00 a.m. CT off No. 1 and 10 tees)
- [PGATOURMedia.com](#) (transcripts and other resources available for download)
- Golf Channel Coverage: Saturday and Sunday 4-6 p.m. CT (tape delay)

#### Steve Stricker, 32-32 – 64 (-8)

- The 8-under 64 is Stricker's lowest first round on PGA TOUR Champions. His previous low was his 6-under 66 at last year's American Family Insurance Championship.
- Stricker's first-round scoring averages this season:
  - PGA TOUR (8 individual starts): 68.13
  - PGA TOUR Champions (5 individual starts): 66.60
  - Cumulative (13 rounds): 67.54
- This is the first time Stricker has led after the first round on PGA TOUR Champions. On the PGA TOUR, he has been a first-round leader/co-leader four times, the most recent being at the 2011 PGA Championship, and he is 2-for-4 in converting those leads into victories.
- This was Stricker's 30th consecutive round under par on PGA TOUR Champions, the fourth-longest streak in Tour history. The longest was Bernhard Langer's streak of 36 in 2016-17.
- This year on PGA TOUR Champions, he won in back-to-back starts at the Colouard Classic and the Rapiscan Systems Classic, and he has top-five finishes in all five of his starts. Most recently, he finished T2 at the Regions Tradition and he is currently No. 4 in the Charles Schwab Cup.

**First-Round Lead Notes**

- This season, a first-round leader/co-leader has won four out of 12 tournaments. Most recently, Miguel Angel Jimenez converted his first-round lead into victory at the Regions Tradition.
- A first-round leader/co-leader has not won the American Family Insurance Championship. Last year, Paul Broadhurst led by two after a first-round 63, and he went on to finish fifth. Eventual winner Fred Couples was T6 after opening with a 67.

**Brad Bryant, 34-31 – 65 (-7)**

- In just his second start of the season, Bryant carded an opening-round 7-under-par 65 to sit in second place after his opening round at the American Family Insurance Championship. This is his lowest 18-hole score since the final round of the 2016 3M Championship and best first-round exit since co-leading the 2015 Encompass Championship after the first day.
- His only other appearance on PGA TOUR Champions this season was at the Boca Raton Championship where he opened with an even-par 72 followed by a 69-74 to finish T44.
- On PGA TOUR Champions, the 63-year-old has four wins, two each in his 2006 and 2007 seasons, 11 runner up finishes and ten third-places finishes.
- This is Bryant's second appearance at the American Family Insurance Championship, finishing T52 in the tournament's inaugural year (2016).

**Colin Montgomerie, 33-34 – 67 (-5)**

- Montgomerie hit all 13 fairways and all 18 greens en route to a bogey-free 67, six shots better than his previous best score at University Ridge. In his tournament debut last year, Montgomerie finished 5-over (74-73-74) and tied for 68th, his worst finish in 101 starts on PGA TOUR Champions.
- Prior to his T6 at the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship, Montgomerie had failed to post a top-20 finish in his previous five individual starts.
- He has two top-10s this season, including a runner-up at the Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai, and he is No. 15 in the Charles Schwab Cup.

**John Daly, 33-34 – 67 (-5)**

- Daly hit 12 of 13 fairways and 16 of 18 greens in regulation en route to his first-round 67, tied for his best opening round this season.
- A knee injury has forced Daly to withdraw from his last three tournaments: Insperty Invitational, Regions Tradition and the FedEx St. Jude Classic.
- He has two top-10s in seven starts this season, and he's No. 63 in the Charles Schwab Cup.

**Steve Flesch, 31-36 – 67 (-5)**

- Flesch opened the front nine with five birdies en route to a 5-under-par 67 for his lowest 18-hole score recorded since winning the 2018 Mitsubishi Electric Classic.
- This is Flesch's second appearance at the American Family Insurance Championship, last year finishing T51 at 1-under-par 215.
- The 51-year-old has nine starts this season on PGA TOUR Champions, including his first victory and four top-25 finishes, and he is No. 19 in the Charles Schwab Cup.

**Other Notes**

- Defending champion **Fred Couples** carded six birdies en route to a 3-under-par 69 (T16) opening round in his second appearance of the season on PGA TOUR Champions.
- Madison resident **Jerry Kelly** opened with a 4-under-par 68 and is T6. In his tournament debut last year, Kelly finished T13 at 8-under.
- Charles Schwab Cup leader **Bernhard Langer** is T6 after opening with a 4-under 68. The American Family Insurance Championship is one of just eight tournaments on this year's 27-event schedule that Langer has not won. In his only other start in Madison, he finished T13 in 2016.
- **Mike Small**, the Illinois men's golf coach, is T6 after posting a bogey-free 68. Small, who was teammates with Stricker at the University of Illinois, finished T20 at last year's American Family Insurance Championship. In

his last start, Small finished T9 at the Principal Charity Classic, his best finish in eight starts on PGA TOUR Champions.

- The field includes six World Golf Hall of Famers:
  - Colin Montgomerie: 33-34 – 67 (T3)
  - Bernhard Langer: 33-35 – 68 (T6)
  - Fred Couples: 33-36 – 69 (T16)
  - Vijay Singh: 35-36 – 71 (T45)
  - Davis Love III: 37-35 – 72 (T52)
  - Tom Kite: 38-36 – 74 (T65)