



Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship

Exmoor Country Club | Highland Park, Illinois | July 9-15, 2018

First-Round Notes

Thursday, July 12, 2018

Course Setup: Par 72 / 7,062 yards (R1 scoring average: 70.727)

Weather: Partly cloudy skies with a high in the mid-80s. Wind from the SE at 6-12 mph.

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	Player	To Par	Scores
T1.	Kenny Perry	-7	32-33 – 65
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T3.	Bart Bryant	-6	32-34 – 66
T3.	Glen Day	-6	33-33 – 66
T3.	Jeff Maggert	-6	33-33 – 66

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- [Leaderboard](#)
- [Second-Round Tee Times](#) (Golf Channel coverage: 1:30-4 p.m. ET)
- [PGATOURmedia.com](#) (transcripts and other resources available for download)

Kenny Perry, 32-33 – 65 (-7)

- Perry made eight birdies Thursday, tied with Mike Small for most in the field, and opened with an under-par first round for just the third time in eight starts at this tournament.
- This is the seventh time Perry has been a first-round leader/co-leader on PGA TOUR Champions, and it's the third time at a major. Entering this week, he is 2-for-6 in converting those leads into victories (Wins: 2013 U.S. Senior Open, 2013 AT&T Championship).
- Two of Perry's eight birdies came on par 3s. On the season, he is T1 on Tour in par 3 scoring average (2.93).
- Perry's win at the 2013 Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship helped him claim the Charles Schwab Cup at the end of the year.
- He underwent shoulder surgery in late 2017 and missed the first three months of the 2018 season. In seven starts this year, his best finish was T5 at the Inseperity Invitational and he is 52nd in the Charles Schwab Cup.

Mike Small, 33-32 – 65 (-7)

- Playing in the final group of the day (12:20 p.m. tee time), Small opened with a 7-under 65, matching his lowest score on the PGA TOUR and PGA TOUR Champions. In 72 starts on the PGA TOUR, his best score was a Sunday 65 at the 2006 U.S. Bank Championship in Milwaukee. On PGA TOUR Champions, his previous best score was a first-round 66 at the 2018 Cologuard Classic.
- This is the first time Small has held a lead/co-lead after any round on either the PGA TOUR or PGA TOUR Champions. Previously, his best position was T2 after the first round of the 1998 RBC Canadian Open.
- This season, he's been in the top 10 after 18 holes in three of his four starts, and his first-round average is 67.00.
- He is coming off the two best finishes of his PGA TOUR Champions career (T9, Principal Charity Classic; T10, American Family Insurance Championship). In nine starts since turning 50 in 2016, he has made \$173,266.

- Small, the men's golf coach at the University of Illinois, earned a spot in the field by being in the top 70 (No. 68) of the Charles Schwab Cup money list.

First-Round Lead Notes

- Since 1990, the first-round leader/co-leader has gone on to win this tournament six times. Most recently, Bernhard Langer led wire-to-wire and won in 2015.
- Last year, Larry Mize was the first-round leader after opening with a 64 at Caves Valley Golf Club. Mize went on to finish T35. Scott McCarron, the eventual champion, was T7 after a first-round 67.
- Four first-round leaders/co-leaders have gone on to win this year on PGA TOUR Champions: Jerry Kelly (Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai), Mark Calcavecchia (Boca Raton Championship), Bernhard Langer (Insperity Invitational) and Miguel Angel Jimenez (Regions Tradition).

Bart Bryant, 32-34 – 66 (-6)

- Playing in the second group of the day (7:56 a.m. tee time), Bryant needed just 25 putts in his first-round 66.
- Entering this week, his first-round scoring average was 72.00, which ranked T59 on Tour this season. His only sub-70 opening round was a 3-under 69 at the Regions Tradition.
- This is his fifth start at the Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship, and first since 2016 when he finished T7 at Philadelphia Cricket Club.
- In 2018, Bryant's best finish is a T2 at the Insperity Invitational, and he is No. 40 in the Charles Schwab Cup.

Glen Day, 33-33 – 66 (-6)

- Playing in the third group of the day (8:07 a.m. tee time), Day opened with a bogey-free 66.
- Day is in the top-10 after the first round for the third time in his last four starts.
 - Principal Charity Classic – T2 (65); went on to finish T2
 - American Family Insurance Championship – T6 (68); went on to finish T14
- This is Day's third start at the Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship, and his best finish was T25 in 2016 at Philadelphia Cricket Club.
- He has three top-10s this season and is No. 26 in the Charles Schwab Cup.

Jeff Maggert, 33-33 – 66 (-6)

- Maggert hit 17 of 18 greens in regulation en route to his bogey-free 66.
- He has five career victories on PGA TOUR Champions, including four wins and two majors in 2015.
- His best finish this season was a T2 at the Insperity Invitational. In all, he has four top-10s and is No. 22 in the Charles Schwab Cup.

Other Notes

- Defending champion **Scott McCarron** opened with a 5-under 67 and is T6. This is McCarron's fourth start as a tournament's defending champion. His previous three starts:
 - T2, 2017 Principal Charity Classic
 - T8, 2017 Dominion Energy Charity Classic
 - T24, 2018 Boca Raton Championship
- **Brandt Jobe** is T6 after a 5-under 67. This is Jobe's third start at the Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship, and he has been in the top 10 after all nine of his rounds at this tournament.
- **Tom Byrum** is T6 after a 5-under 67, his best first-round score of the season. His best finish of the year was a T8 at the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship, where he made a hole-in-one in the third round.
- **Scott Parel** is T6 after a 5-under 67, his 10th consecutive first round of par or better.
- After bogeying the par-5 first hole, **Wes Short, Jr.** birdied three of the last four holes en route to a 5-under 67.
- Three-time champion **Bernhard Langer** carded a first-round 68 and is T11. He has broken par in 12 of 13 first rounds this season, and he leads the Tour with a first-round scoring average of 68.08.
- **Miguel Angel Jimenez**, winner of the Regions Tradition, overcame three front-nine bogeys and shot 1-under 71. He is the only player with top-five finishes in each of the first three majors this year.
- **Paul Broadhurst**, winner of the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship, is T33 after a first-round 71.
- **David Toms**, winner of the U.S. Senior Open, opened with a 2-over 74 and is T67.
- **Fred Funk** withdrew after the 14th hole (injury).