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DICK'S Sporting Goods Open

En-Joie Golf Club | Endicott, New York | August 17-19, 2018

First-Round Notes

Friday, August 17, 2018

Course Setup: Par 72 / 6,994 yards (R1 average: 71.171)

Weather: Mostly cloudy skies with a high near 80. Windy from the SW at 8-15 mph.

Note: Lift, clean and place was in effect.

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	Player	To Par	Scores
1.	Doug Garwood	-8	31-33 – 64
T2.	Michael Bradley	-7	31-34 – 65
T2.	Marco Dawson	-7	32-33 – 65
T4.	Clark Dennis	-6	35-31 – 66
T4.	Woody Austin	-6	33-33 – 66

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- PGATOURmedia.com (transcripts and other resources available for download)

Doug Garwood, 31-33 – 64 (-8)

- Garwood tallied nine birdies en route to an 8-under 64, tying the best first-round score of his career. This was his ninth first round in the 60s this season. Entering the week, he ranked 10th on Tour in first-round scoring (69.31).
- This is the third time Garwood is a first-round leader/co-leader. He is 1-for-2 in converting these leads into victories, as he won the 2016 SAS Championship after opening with a 7-under 65.
- It was his best score in 10 rounds at the DICK'S Sporting Goods Open. His previous best was a first-round 67 in 2014, and he went on to tie for 27th, his best finish at this event.
- Since he posted his second top-10 of the season at the Cologuard Classic (T5), Garwood has just two top-20s in his last nine starts. Entering the week, he is No. 36 in the Charles Schwab Cup.

First-Round Lead Notes

- Only one first-round leader/co-leader has gone on to win the DICK'S Sporting Goods Open. In 2011, John Huston opened with a 65 and shared the lead after 18 holes, and he went on to win by three with a 16-under total.
- 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).

Marco Dawson, 32-33 – 65 (-7)

- Dawson is T2 after opening with a 7-under 65, his best first-round score since an 8-under 64 at the 2017 Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai.

- This is his fourth start at the DICK'S Sporting Goods Open, and his best finish was T4 in 2014.
- This week is his 99th start on PGA TOUR Champions, and he has two career victories, including the 2015 Senior Open Championship.
- His best finish of the season was a T6 at The Senior Open Championship, and he is currently No. 34 in the Charles Schwab Cup.

Michael Bradley, 31-34 – 65 (-7)

- Bradley carded five straight birdies (Nos. 2-6) on his second nine en route to a 7-under 65. It is the second-lowest round of his career, with his only better score being an 8-under 64 at the 2017 3M Championship.
- He is tied for second, which is his best position after any round on PGA TOUR Champions. Previously, his best was T4 through two rounds at the 2017 Principal Charity Classic.
- He was an alternate and earned entry when Bill Glasson withdrew.
- In eight starts at En-Joie Golf Club for the B.C. Open, his best finish was T16 in 2003.
- He has four top-25 finishes in 12 starts this season, with his best being a T11 at the Rapiscan Systems Classic, and he is currently No. 62 in the Charles Schwab Cup.

Clark Dennis, 35-31 – 66 (-6)

- Dennis opened with a 6-under 66, tying for his best score on PGA TOUR Champions. He also shot 66 at this year's Principal Charity Classic (R2) and Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship (R3).
- In his most recent start, he opened with an 8-under 64 at the Staysure PGA Seniors Championship in Ash, Kent, United Kingdom (Aug. 2-5). He followed with rounds of 73-72-67 and finished T12.
- Dennis' first start of 2018 on PGA TOUR Champions came at the Mitsubishi Electric Classic, where he Monday qualified and went on to finish seventh. Because of that top-10 finish, he earned entry into the Principal Charity Classic, where he finished eighth and earned entry into the American Family Insurance Championship (T70).
- This week, Dennis is playing as a sponsor's exemption. John Daly is the last sponsor's exemption to win on PGA TOUR Champions (2017 Insuperity Invitational).
- He has two top-10s in eight starts this season and he's currently No. 53 in the Charles Schwab Cup.
- Last year on the Staysure Tour, Dennis won twice and topped the Order of Merit as the Tour's leading money winner (€222,055). This year he successfully defended his title at the Senior Italian Open and he's currently No. 9 on the Staysure Tour's Order of Merit.

Other Notes

- **Woody Austin** hit 17 of 18 greens and is T4 after a first-round 66. In four starts at the DICK'S Sporting Goods Open, Austin has two top-three finishes (T3/2017, T2/2014).
- Making his second career start on PGA TOUR Champions, **Tom Gillis** opened with a 67 and is T6. He finished T3 (67-67-67 – 201) in his Tour debut at the 3M Championship, and that top-10 finish secured his spot in this week's field. He has shot 67 in each of his first four rounds on PGA TOUR Champions.
- **Bob Estes** is T6 after a first-round 67. This is his 18th start on PGA TOUR Champions, and this is his best position through 18 holes since turning 50 on February 2, 2016.
- Defending champion **Scott McCarron** is T44 after an even-par 72. Last year, his weekend total of 61-64 – 125 was the second-lowest 36-hole total in Tour history, and it helped him recover from a first-round 71 (T35).
- **Gibby Gilbert**, 77, and his son **Gibby Gilbert III**, 52, became the first father and son to play the same tournament in PGA TOUR Champions history. Gilbert III shot 74, while his father shot 78.
- Brothers **Jay Haas** and **Jerry Haas** are competing in the same PGA TOUR Champions event for the first time. Jay, winner of the 1981 B.C. Open, opened with a 4-under 68 and is T8. Jerry, the men's golf coach at Wake Forest, was one of four Monday qualifiers, and he is T17 after carding a 3-under 69.
- Brothers **Bart Bryant** and **Brad Bryant** are the third family duo in the field. Bart, winner of the 2013 DICK'S Sporting Goods Open, is T8 at 4-under, while Brad is T51 at 1-over.
- Making his PGA TOUR Champions debut, **Dudley Hart** shot 3-over 75 and is T68. Hart turned 50 on August 4, and he grew up in Rochester, New York, three hours from Endicott.
- **Fred Funk** (back/hip) withdrew during the first round.