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Toshiba Classic

Newport Beach Country Club | Newport Beach, California | March 9-11, 2018

First-Round Notes

Friday, March 9, 2018

Course Setup: Par 71 / 6,584 yards (R1 scoring average: 71.346)

Weather: Partly cloudy turning to mostly cloudy in the afternoon. High in the upper 60s and wind SSW at 8-15 mph.

	Player	To Par	Scores
1	Tom Pernice Jr.	-7	32-32 – 64
T2	Scott Parel	-4	31-36 – 67
T2	Joey Sindelar	-4	34-33 – 67
T2	Scott Verplank	-4	34-33 – 67
T2	David Frost	-4	33-34 – 67
T2	Scott McCarron	-4	32-35 – 67
T2	Tommy Tolles	-4	34-33 – 67
T2	Fran Quinn	-4	31-36 – 67

Quick Links:

- [Leaderboard](#)
- [Tee Times](#) – Second-round tee times will run from 10:35 a.m. – 12:35 p.m. off the Nos. 1 and 10 tees
- [PGATOURmedia.com](#) (transcripts and other resources available for download)
- Golf Channel coverage – Saturday, 5:30-8:00 p.m. ET

Tom Pernice Jr., 32-32 – 64 (-7)

- Pernice tallied seven birdies in his 7-under 64, one of only two bogey-free rounds on the day (Vijay Singh, 3-under 68).
- This is the sixth time he has been a first-round leader/co-leader, and first time since the 2015 Boca Raton Championship. The only time he has converted a first-round lead/co-lead was when he won the 2014 Charles Schwab Cup Championship.
- He has two top-10s in six previous starts at the Toshiba Classic, with his best finish being a T8 in 2011.
- The 7-under 64 is his best score in 19 rounds at Newport Beach Country Club. Previously, his best was a second-round 65 in 2011.
- Pernice has five wins on PGA TOUR Champions, with his most recent coming at the 2016 PowerShares QQQ Championship. This season, his best finish was a T10 at the Boca Raton Championship and he is No. 28 in the Charles Schwab Cup.

First-Round Lead Notes

- Pernice's three-shot lead after 18 holes is the largest since Tom Lehman led by three after he shot 64 in the first round of the 2017 Insperity Invitational.
- Three of the last six winners of the Toshiba Classic have been a first-round leader/co-leader. In 2016, Jay Haas was a first-round co-leader, while Nick Price (2011) and David Frost (2013) won wire-to-wire.
- This season, a first-round leader/co-leader has won two of the four tournaments. Most recently, Mark Calcavecchia won the Boca Raton Championship in wire-to-wire fashion.

Scott Parel, 31-36 – 67 (-4)

- After making a double bogey on No. 10, his first hole of the day, Parel made seven birdies coming in and shot a 4-under 67. His round included four straight birdies on Nos. 18, 1, 2 and 3.
- In January, Parel captured an unofficial victory at the Diamond Resorts Invitational. It was his first professional win since winning the 2013 Air Capital Classic in Wichita, Kansas, on the Web.com Tour at age 48.
- In 2016, he Monday qualified eight times and won \$336,392 in 15 total starts. Later that year, he was co-medalist at PGA TOUR Champions Q-School and earned full status for 2017. He earned full status for the 2018 season based on finishing in the top-36 (21st) in the 2017 Charles Schwab Cup.

Joey Sindelar, 34-33 – 67 (-4)

- Sindelar birdied four of his first five holes (Nos. 10, 12, 13, 14), as well as Nos. 1-3, en route to his opening-round 67.
- This is his best position through 18 holes since being T2 after a first-round 67 at the 2016 PowerShares QQQ Championship.
- His best finish of 2017 was a tie for third in his hometown event, the DICK'S Sporting Goods Open, and his best finish in three starts this year was a T36 at the Chubb Classic.

Other Notes

- The season's first four events have been won by players from the United States, marking the first time that trend has occurred since 2012. Through 18 holes, there are 12 U.S. players in the top-14, with **Vijay Singh** (Fiji) and **David Frost** (South Africa) being the international players. Singh is T9 at 3-under, and Frost is T2 at 4-under.
- **Fran Quinn** earned entry when Doug Garwood (flu) withdrew on Tuesday. Quinn carded a 4-under 67 and is part of the seven-way tie for second.
- **Tommy Tolles** was the only player to eagle the par-5 18th Friday, and that capped off a 4-under 67. Last week at the Cologuard Classic, he was the first- and second-round leader before carding a final-round 75 to finish T9. He was runner-up at PGA TOUR Champions Q-School in December, which granted him full status for 2018.
- **Scott Verplank** is T2 at 4-under after carding his 10th straight round under-par this season.
- **Scott McCarron** hit 14 of 18 greens in regulation Friday and is the seventh player tied for second at 4-under.
- One week after finishing T54 at the Cologuard Classic, his worst finish in 213 starts on PGA TOUR Champions, **Bernhard Langer** opened with a 1-under 70 and is T24.
- **David Toms** is T45 after carding a 1-over 72, ending his streak of 24 consecutive rounds of par or better. Toms has three top-five finishes this season and is No. 3 in the Charles Schwab Cup.
- Coming off a runner-up finish at the Cologuard Classic, **Jerry Kelly** opened with a 1-under 70 and is T24. Kelly was the 2017 PGA TOUR Champions Rookie of the Year, and he opened the season with a win at the Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai. He is currently No. 1 in the Charles Schwab Cup and he has led three of the four weeks this season.
- The first-round scoring average was +.346, which is the second-highest single-round average this season. The highest single-round scoring average this season was +.701 in the final round at the Boca Raton Championship.
- The field includes five past champions of the Toshiba Classic:
 - **Jay Haas** (2016, 2007) – T55, 73 (+2)
 - **David Frost** (2013) – T2, 67 (-4)
 - **Bernhard Langer** (2008) – T24, 70 (-1)
 - **Tom Purtzer** (2004) – 78th, 81 (+10)
 - **Duffy Waldorf** (2015) – T45, 72 (+1)