



Invesco QQQ Championship

Sherwood Country Club | Thousand Oaks, California | October 23-29, 2018

Tournament 2 of 3 in the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs

First-Round Notes

Friday, October 26, 2018

Course Setup: Par 72 / 6,961 yards (R1 Scoring average: 71.38)

Weather: Sunny skies with a high of 87. Winds 6-12 mph out of the SW.

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	Player	To Par	Scores
1	Tom Byrum	-6	35-31—66
2	Scott Parel	-5	35-32—67
T3	David McKenzie	-4	36-32—68
T3	Michael Bradley	-4	36-32—68
T3	Jesper Parnevik	-4	35-33—68
T3	Bernhard Langer	-4	35-33—68
T3	Miguel Angel Jimenez	-4	33-35—68

Quick Links:

- [Leaderboard](#)
- [Second-Round Tee Times](#) (9:20 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. off No. 1)
- [PGATOURMedia.com](#) (transcripts and other resources available for download)



Tom Byrum, 35-31—66 (-6)

Charles Schwab Cup Standings – Start: 46th/ Projected: 16th

- Byrum opened with a birdie on the first hole and five on the back nine to card a 6-under 66 to tie his best round of the season. He carded a 6-under 66 in the second round of The Ally Challenge en route to a T17 finish.
- In 21 starts this season, Byrum has opened each tournament par or better with the exception of the Colougard Classic (3-over 75).
- This is the third time on PGA TOUR Champions Byrum has led/co-lead after the first round. The last time was at the 2016 Dominion Energy Charity Classic when he opened with a 7-under 65.
- This year Byrum has nine finishes in the top 25 with his best coming at the Senior PGA Championship where he finished T8.
- This is the third year he has qualified for the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs. At the end of the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs in 2016 he finished No. 14. Last year, Byrum did not move past the Invesco QQQ Championship as he ranked No. 52.

First-Round Lead Notes

- Seven 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 (Insperty Invitational, SAS Championship), Miguel Angel Jimenez (Regions Tradition), Scott Parel (Boeing Classic) and Steve Stricker (Sanford International).
- The last two years the eventual winner has come from outside the top five after the opening round. Last year, Bernhard Langer exited the opening round T6 and went on to win. In 2016, Tom Pernice Jr. exited the opening round T13 and went on to win.
- The top-21 players are mathematically capable of winning the Charles Schwab Cup Championship.

Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs Implications

After Sunday's final round, the top-36 players in the standings will qualify for the Charles Schwab Cup Championship. Last year, Wes Short Jr. was the only player to move into the top-36 and advance to the final weekend of the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs.

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1	Tom Byrum	-6	33-31—66	46th	16th
T3	Jesper Parnevik	-4	35-33—68	36th	29th
T8	Bob Estes	-3	34-35—69	38th	33rd

Other Notes

- **Scott Parel** sits in second place after carding seven birdies en route to 5-under 67 opening round. It is his third appearance at the Invesco QQQ Championship. Last year, Parel finished the Charles Schwab Cup ranked No. 21. In 2016 he played in the second playoff event but failed to qualify for the Charles Schwab Cup Championship. He is projected to move on to the Charles Schwab Cup Championship and at No. 6 in the rankings is projected to finish No. 3.
- **David McKenzie** carded six birdies en route to a 4-under 68. This is his second appearance at the Invesco QQQ Championship. Last year he finished T29 but ranked No. 54 failing to qualify in the Charles Schwab Cup Championship. This year McKenzie would need to finish in the top two to earn a spot in the Charles Schwab Cup Championship.



- Making his first start in the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs, **Michael Bradley** opened with a birdie on the first hole followed by four on the back nine to open with a 4-under 68. Bradley's best finish on Tour this season came when he became the seventh alternate and earned entry into the DICK'S Sporting Goods Open to finish runner-up. He entered the week No. 48 and is projected to finish No. 40.
- **Jesper Parnevik** opened with a 4-under 68 with five birdies to sit in a five-way tie for third entering the weekend. It is his third appearance at the Invesco QQQ Championship. Last year he failed to move onto the Charles Schwab Cup Championship finishing the second Playoffs event No. 37. In 2016 Parnevik finished the Charles Schwab Cup No. 16.
- Defending Champion **Bernhard Langer** carded an eagle on No. 11 to open with a 4-under 68 in a five-way tie for third place. The four-time Charles Schwab Cup champion enters this week No. 1 in the Charles Schwab Cup as he owns two victories (Insperity Invitational, SAS Championship) and six runner-up finishes this season. Should Langer go on to win he would eliminate all but three players from the Charles Schwab Cup contention (Miguel Angel Jimenez, Jerry Kelly, Scott McCarron).
- At No. 2 in the Charles Schwab Cup **Miguel Angel Jimenez** opened his third appearance at the Invesco QQQ Championship at 4-under 68 (T3). Last year at the event, Jimenez finished runner-up to Langer in a playoff. Jimenez went on to place T34 in the Charles Schwab Cup Championship which left him ranked No. 6 in the standings.
- **Kevin Sutherland**, the reigning Charles Schwab Cup champion, is T13 after a first-round 2-under 70.
- **Woody Austin**, who won the first Playoff event at the Dominion Energy Charity Classic, exited the first round T27 after carded an even round score.