



Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai

Hualalai Golf Course | Ka'upulehu-Kona, Hawai'i | January 15-20, 2018

Final-Round Notes

Saturday, January 20, 2018

Course Setup: Par 72 / 7,107 yards

Weather: Pleasant weather conditions were forecast today with partly cloudy skies and an afternoon high in the lower 80s. Hazy conditions developed this afternoon as the vog wrapped around the west side of the island.

Southwest winds projected at 8-16mph.

Purse: \$1,800,000 (Winner: \$305,000)

	Player	To Par	Scores	Prize Money
1.	Jerry Kelly	-18	64-68-68 – 198	\$305,000
2.	Colin Montgomerie	-17	65-65-69 – 199	\$172,000
3.	David Toms	-16	67-66-67 – 200	\$127,000
4.	Miguel Angel Jiménez	-15	70-65-66 – 201	\$102,000
5.	Kirk Triplett	-14	66-70-66 – 202	\$90,000
T6.	Fred Couples	-13	66-71-66 – 203	\$70,000
T6.	Scott McCarron	-13	70-66-67 – 203	\$70,000
T6.	Doug Garwood	-13	67-67-69 – 203	\$70,000

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Jerry Kelly, 64-68-66 – 198 (-18)

- Just four days after being presented as the 2017 Rookie of the Year, Jerry Kelly notched his third victory on PGA TOUR Champions, winning the season-opening Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai. He was the only rookie to win in 2017, capturing victories at the Boeing Classic and the Pacific Links Bear Mountain Championship.
- Kelly is the 10th player to have claimed this championship in his first appearance. Others include, Miguel Angel Jiménez (2015), Duffy Waldorf (2016), Loren Roberts (2006), John Jacobs (1999), John Bland (1996), George Archer (1990), Dave Hill (1988), Peter Thomson (1985) and Orville Moody (1984).
- Carded one bogey in each round this week at Hualalai (R1: 9; R2: 9; R3: 16).
- The Wisconsin native has a long history in Hawaii, stemming back to his years on the PGA TOUR. His debut was in 1996 at the United Airlines Hawaiian Open (now the Sony Open in Hawaii). Since then, Kelly has played at the Sony Open in Hawaii for 20 consecutive years, finishing 2017 at T12.

Colin Montgomerie, 65-65-69 – 199 (-17)

- Montgomerie started the final round in first place, leading by two-strokes at 14-under-par. Starting the round steady, he posted par-par-par-birdie, but followed up on hole 5 with a double bogey, hitting his tee shot in the water.
- The World Golf Hall of Famer was tied with Jerry Kelly at 18-under-par when they approached the 18th hole. He put his first shot in the bunker, his second onto the fringe, and chipped out landing 10ft from the hole. He missed the putt left, cementing his final score at 69, landing him in second place.
- His last runner-up finish was in 2016 at the Senior PGA Championship at Harbor Shores.
- Montgomerie declined to comment for media following his second-place finish.

David Toms, 67-66-67 – 200 (-16)

- For a second straight year, David Toms notched a top-five finish at the Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai, posting 16-under 200 to finish in solo-third place. Toms, making his PGA TOUR Champions debut one year ago, finished T4 at Hualalai after strong winds cancelled the final round.
- Dating back to the end of the 2017 season, Toms' solo-third-place finish marks his third consecutive top-five effort on PGA TOUR Champions following a third-place finish at the PowerShares QQQ Championship and a T4 at the Charles Schwab Cup Championship. The last time Toms notched three straight top-fives in PGA TOUR-sanctioned events was in 2005: WGC-Dell Match Play (Won), Ford Championship at Doral (5th), The Honda Classic (5th).

Miguel Angel Jiménez, 70-65-66 – 201 (-15)

- In his fourth career start at Hualalai, 2015 champion Miguel Angel Jimenez posted the best finish by a past winner with rounds of 70-65-66—201 (-15) and a solo-fourth-place effort. Jimenez won in his tournament debut in 2015, but followed that up with T11 and T23 finishes, respectively, in 2016 and 2017.
- The finish marked his 18th top-five in 41 career starts on PGA TOUR Champions, where he has notched four titles in each of the last four seasons. Jimenez and Bernhard Langer are the only players to post at least one victory in 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017.

Other Notes:

- **Kirk Triplett** backed up his career-best third-place finish at Hualalai in 2017 with another top-five in 2018, finishing solo-fifth at 14-under 202. Triplett, a five-time winner on PGA TOUR Champions, collected four titles in his first 42 stars on Tour, but only one in his 87 starts since (2016 American Family Insurance Championship).
- One year after finishing runner-up in Hualalai, World Golf Hall of Fame member **Fred Couples** posted a T6 finish at 13-under 203. The finish marked his 62nd top-10 on PGA TOUR Champions in 91 career starts, and his seventh in nine starts at the Mitsubishi Electric Championship.
- **Couples** posted a final-round 66 on Saturday. Including his second-round 65 in 2017 prior to the final-round cancellation, his final-round scoring average at Hualalai is now 66.44
- Defending champion **Bernhard Langer** finished with a 2-under 70 to wind up T16 on the week. In 210 career starts on PGA TOUR Champions, he has only finished outside the top 15 a total of 42 times.
- This marks the 18th year that the winner of this event has carded three rounds in the 60s (with the exception of 2017 when only two rounds were played) and the only player to post a round over par and win the event was Hale Irwin in 1997 when he shot a 1-over-par 73 in the opening round. However, winds were clocked at 35-40 mph in that first round.