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## Mitsubishi Electric Classic

TPC Sugarloaf | Duluth, Georgia | April 13-15, 2018

### First-Round Notes

Friday, April 13, 2018

**Course Setup:** Par 72 / 7,179 yards (R1 scoring average: 73.167)

**Weather:** Mostly sunny with a high near 80. Wind from the S at 10-20 mph.

**Schedule Change:** Due to inclement weather forecasted for Sunday, both the second and final round will be played on Saturday, April 14. The second round will begin at 7:15 a.m. and the final round will begin at 12:45 p.m., and the threesomes will be the same for both rounds. Saturday's television broadcast will begin on Golf Channel at 3 p.m. and will continue through the completion of play.

	Player	To Par	Scores
1.	Jay Haas	-7	32-33 – 65
2.	Steve Flesch	-6	33-33 – 66
3.	Bernhard Langer	-5	36-31 – 67
T4.	Scott Parel	-4	35-33 – 68
T4.	Gene Sauers	-4	33-35 – 68

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- [Leaderboard](#)
- [Tee Times](#)
- [PGATOURmedia.com](http://PGATOURmedia.com) (transcripts and other resources available for download)

#### Jay Haas, 32-33 – 65 (-7)

- Haas was bogey-free in his 7-under 65, his best score in 15 rounds at the Mitsubishi Electric Classic. Last year, he closed with rounds of 69-67 to rebound from a first-round 75 and finish T22. His best finish at this tournament was third in 2014.
- At the age of 64 years, 4 months and 11 days, Haas is the fourth-oldest player in the field, behind Larry Nelson, Tom Watson and Tom Kite.
- His first-round 65 was just the third time he has broken par in 12 rounds this season. It was his best round since he shot 8-under 63 in the second round of the 2016 Toshiba Classic. His best score last season was a 6-under 66 in the first round of the 3M Championship.
- This marks the 19th time Haas has led/co-led after the first round, and the first time since the 2016 Toshiba Classic. He is 7-for-18 in converting those leads into victories.
- Haas played three times in the PGA TOUR event at TPC Sugarloaf, and his best finish was T9 in 1997.
- Winner of the Charles Schwab Cup in 2006 and 2008, Haas is T14 on the Tour's all-time wins list with 18.
- Haas is one of five players to win multiple tournaments at age 60 or older. He won the 2014 Greater Hickory Kia Classic at Rock Barn (60 years, 10 months, 17 days), and he became the second-oldest winner in Tour history

when he won the 2016 Toshiba Classic (62 years, 10 months, 7 days). In all, 26 tournaments have been won by 19 different players age 60 or older, with Bernhard Langer and Hale Irwin leading with three wins each.

### First-Round Lead Notes

- The field includes 10 members of the World Golf Hall of Fame, and three are among the top-10 players after 18 holes: Bernhard Langer (-5, 3rd), Jose Maria Olazabal (-3, T6) and Sandy Lyle (-3, T6).
- This season, a first-round leader/co-leader has won two of the six tournaments. Most recently, Mark Calcavecchia won the Boca Raton Championship in wire-to-wire fashion.
- Miguel Angel Jimenez is the only first-round leader/co-leader to go on to win the Mitsubishi Electric Classic. He led wire-to-wire when he won in 2014.
- Last year, eventual champion Stephen Ames entered the weekend tied for third after shooting a first-round 67.

### Steve Flesch, 33-33 – 66 (-6)

- Flesch hit 17 of 18 greens in regulation and carded a bogey-free 66, his best score since he shot a 66 in the second round of the 2017 Dominion Energy Charity Classic. In six starts this season, it is the fifth time he has opened with an under-par score, but he only has five rounds under-par in the second or final round.
- Flesch had four top-10s in 10 starts at the PGA TOUR event at TPC Sugarloaf, with his best finish being a tie for third in 1998.
- He has three career top-10s in 21 starts since turning 50 on May 23, 2017. His best finish of the 2018 season was a tie for 19th at the Boca Raton Championship, and he is currently 55th in the Charles Schwab Cup.

### Bernhard Langer, 36-31 – 67 (-5)

- Langer's first-round 67 was his 12th round in the 60s in 15 tries at the Mitsubishi Electric Classic.
- In five starts at the Mitsubishi Electric Classic, he has three runner-up finishes (2014, 2015, 2017) and one victory (2013). His worst finish was in 2016 when he opened with a 75 and finished T11.
- Langer's T9 finish at the Rapiscan Systems Classic was the 151st of his career, which moves him into a tie for seventh in PGA TOUR Champions history. On the season, the four-time Charles Schwab Cup champion has two top-10s and is 12th in the standings.
- Should Langer go on to win, it would be his 12th straight season with a victory, setting a PGA TOUR Champions record. His current streak of 11 consecutive years is tied with Hale Irwin for most all-time.
- This year, Langer was not the leader of the Charles Schwab Cup entering the Masters for the first time since 2011.
- Last week, he made the cut at the Masters for the 25th time and finished T38.

### Other notes

- Savannah, Georgia native **Gene Sauers** is T4 after carding a first-round 68. He's coming off a T3 finish at the Rapiscan Systems Classic, his fourth top-10 of the season, and he is currently No. 6 in the Charles Schwab Cup.
- Augusta, Georgia native **Scott Parel** shot 4-under 68 and is tied for fourth with Sauers. Parel is coming off a T3 finish at the Rapiscan Systems Classic, his second-best finish on PGA TOUR Champions, and is currently No. 25 in the Charles Schwab Cup.
- All five of the tournament's past champions are in the field: **Stephen Ames** (-1, T19), **Woody Austin** (+3, T53), **Olin Browne** (E, T31), **Bernhard Langer** (-5, 3rd) and **Miguel Angel Jimenez** (E, T31).
- Coming off his 19th made cut at the Masters, **Vijay Singh** is T31 after a first-round 72.
- **Jerry Kelly** (No. 2) and **David Toms** (No. 3) are the top players in the Charles Schwab Cup playing this week. Kelly opened with a 1-under 71 and is T19, while Toms is T53 after a 3-over 75.
- In 2017, the 310-yard, par-4 13th hole was the second-easiest par 4 on Tour (3.587 average). On Friday, it played to a 3.615 average, yielding 2 eagles, 31 birdies and just 5 bogeys.
- **John Huston** withdrew after completing the first round.