

Principal Charity Classic

Wakonda Club | Des Moines, Iowa | June 8-10, 2018

First-Round Notes

Friday, June 8, 2018

Course Setup: Par 72 / 6,813 yards (R1 scoring average: 70.519)

- The field scoring average of 70.519 is the lowest single-round average since the tournament moved to Wakonda Club in 2013. The previous low was 70.568 (second round, 2014).

Weather: Mostly sunny with increasing cloudiness in the afternoon. High in the upper 80s with a SE wind at 8-15 mph.

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	Player	To Par	Scores
1	Bernhard Langer	-8	32-32 – 64
T2	Glen Day	-7	32-33 – 65
T2	Woody Austin	-7	34-31 – 65
T4	Brandt Jobe	-6	33-33 – 66
T4	Jerry Kelly	-6	32-34 – 66
T4	Tom Lehman	-6	33-33 – 66
T4	Doug Garwood	-6	33-33 – 66

Quick Links:

- [Leaderboard](#)
- [Second-round tee times](#) (9:45 – 11:45 a.m. CT off Nos. 1 and 10 tees)
- [PGATOURmedia.com](#) (transcripts and other resources available for download)
- Golf Channel coverage: 6-8 p.m. CT (tape delayed)

Bernhard Langer, 32-32 – 64 (-8)

- Langer's first-round 64 is his best score in 11 rounds at Wakonda Club. His previous best was a 6-under 66 in last year's first round.
 - First eight rounds at Wakonda Club: 0 bogey-free rounds, 9-under-par, 70.88 average
 - Last two rounds at Wakonda Club: 2 bogey-free rounds, 13-under-par, 65.50 average
- Last year, Langer was one of three co-leaders after opening with a 66. He closed with rounds of 71-67 and finished fourth, his best in five starts in Des Moines.
- The Principal Charity Classic is one of just eight tournaments on this year's 27-event schedule that Langer has not won. Of those eight tournaments, he has not played in two of them, as the Ally Challenge and The Sanford International are new events.
- This is the 32nd time Langer has been a first-round leader/co-leader. He is 15-for-31 in converting those leads into victories, including his win at the Inseperity Invitational in May.
- He has led the Charles Schwab Cup two weeks this season, and he is one of five players to lead in 2018. He is currently No. 2 in the standings, and he and Jerry Kelly are the only two players that can move to No. 1 with a win this week.

- Since 2008, Langer's first full season on PGA TOUR Champions, Langer has topped the standings 123 of 267 weeks (46.07%). The four-time Charles Schwab Cup champion has 37 career victories, second to Hale Irwin's total of 45 wins, and he has at least one win in 12 consecutive seasons, a PGA TOUR Champions record.

First-Round Lead Notes

- The last first-round leader that has gone on to win the Principal Charity Classic was Jay Haas in 2007. Overall, first-round leaders have won just three times in the tournament's first 17 years.
- At last year's Principal Charity Classic, three players shared the first-round lead at 6-under: Bernhard Langer, Kevin Sutherland and Glen Day. Eventual champion Brandt Jobe was T4 after opening with a 5-under 67.
- The highest first-round score by a Principal Charity Classic winner is 71 (Russ Cochran, 2013).
- This season, a first-round leader/co-leader has won four out of 11 tournaments. Most recently, Miguel Angel Jimenez converted his first-round lead into victory at the Regions Tradition.

Glen Day, 32-33 – 65 (-7)

- Day's 7-under 65 matches his career-best first-round score. It is the fourth time he has opened with a 65, with the most recent coming at the 2017 Charles Schwab Cup Championship. His career-best score is 64 (second round, 2017 3M Championship).
- The round of 65 matches his best score of the season. At the Rapiscan Systems Classic, he closed with a 65 en route to a T9 finish at the Rapiscan Systems Classic. He has now carded 13 consecutive rounds under par, and his scoring average in this span is 69.08.
- At last year's Principal Charity Classic, Day shared the lead after the first round (6-under 66) and second round (11-under 133). Playing in Sunday's final group for the third time in his career, Day carded a final-round 76 and finished T13.
- This season, Day has two top-10s and is No. 43 in the Charles Schwab Cup.

Woody Austin, 34-31 – 65 (-7)

- Austin's first-round 65 is his best score in 10 rounds at the Principal Charity Classic, and it's just his fourth round in the 60s.
- The round of 65 matches his career-best first-round score. It is the fourth time he has opened with a 65, and first time since the 2016 Pacific Links Bear Mountain Championship.
- Making his fourth start at the Principal Charity Classic, Austin's best finish was a T17 in 2017.
- This season, Austin has two top-10s and is No. 41 in the Charles Schwab Cup.

Other Notes

- **Jerry Kelly** had made three straight birdies twice – Nos. 7-9 and 11-13 – en route to a 6-under 66. Kelly has led the Charles Schwab Cup four weeks, and he's one of five leaders this season. He is currently No. 3 in the standings, and he and Bernhard Langer are the only players that can move to No. 1 with a win this week.
- **Brandt Jobe** is T4 after a 6-under 66, which is tied for his career-best first round in relation to par. Should Jobe successfully defend his title, he would join Jay Haas (2007, 2008) as the only players to win back-to-back years at the Principal Charity Classic.
- **Tom Lehman** is part of the four-way tie for fourth at 6-under-par. This is his seventh start at the Principal Charity Classic, and all 19 of his rounds have been under par. He has six top-10s and he has a 68.69 scoring average since the tournament moved to Wakonda Club in 2013.
- **Doug Garwood** birdied all four par 5s en route to a first-round 66. This is Garwood's fifth appearance in Des Moines, and his best finish was runner-up when he lost in a playoff to Tom Pernice Jr. in 2014.
- **Jay Haas**, a three-time winner of the Principal Charity Classic, opened with a 68 and is tied for 11th.
- There were 14 bogey-free rounds Friday, including **Willie Wood's** even-par 72.
- **Mark Calcavecchia** withdrew after completing the second hole (family-related issue).