



PURE Insurance Championship

Pebble Beach Golf Links & Poppy Hills Golf Course | Pebble Beach, Calif. | September 28-30, 2018

First-Round Notes

Friday, September 28, 2018

Pebble Beach: Par 72 / 6,877 yards (R1 scoring avg: 72.098) | **Poppy Hills:** Par 71 / 6,898 yards (R1 scoring avg: 71.325)

Weather: Early morning clouds were followed by sunny skies in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 50s. Wind from the W 8-15.

	Player	To Par	Scores
1	David Frost	-6	32-34--66
T2	Marco Dawson	-5	33-34--67
T2	Ken Tanigawa	-5	33-34--67
T2	Olin Browne	-5	33-34--67
T2	Hale Irwin	-5	30-37--67

Quick Links:

- [PGA TOUR Champions Leaderboard](#) | [Pro-Junior Leaderboard](#) | [Pro-Amateur Leaderboard](#)
- [R2 Tee Times](#) – 7:15 a.m. – 1:24 p.m. off the No. 1 and 10 tees at Pebble Beach and Poppy Hills
- [PGATOURmedia.com](#) (transcripts and other resources available for download)

David Frost, 32-34--66 (-6) | Pebble Beach

- **David Frost** hit 14 of 14 fairways (T1) and carded five birdies on his back nine en route to a 6-under 66 for a solo-lead after the first round.
- It is the first time Frost has led or shared the lead after 18-holes since the opening round of the 2016 Shaw Charity Classic. He has converted a first round lead into a 54-hole victory once dating back to the 2013 Toshiba Classic.
- Frost is making his eighth start at the PURE Insurance Championship with his best finish being two sixth-place finishes back-to-back years (2015, 2016).
- In 21 starts this season, Frost has finished inside the top 10 three times including a T5 finish at the Insuperity Invitational. He is No. 20 in the Charles Schwab Cup.

Marco Dawson, 33-34--67 (-5) | Pebble Beach

- Making his fifth start at the PURE Insurance Championship, **Marco Dawson** carded a bogey-free opening round of 5-under-par 67. It is his lowest score at the event.
- Dawson is making his 20th start on Tour this season. His best finish (T3) came at the DICK'S Sporting Goods Open where he opened with a 7-under 65, his lowest round of the year.
- He owns a pair of PGA TOUR Champions titles from 2015 at the Cologuard Classic and the Senior Open Championship. He is No. 23 in the Charles Schwab Cup.

Ken Tanigawa, 33-34--67 (-5) | Pebble Beach

- Making his PURE Insurance Championship debut, **Ken Tanigawa** carded four birdies with an eagle on No. 2 (his 11th hole) en route to a 5-under 67 in the opening round.

- At T2, this is just the highest placing Tanigawa has exited the opening round of an event.
- Tanigawa was a medalist at PGA TOUR Champions Q-School in December 2017 and earned fully-exempt status for this season.
- He is making his 18th start on PGA TOUR Champions this season. His highest finish came at the Boeing Classic (T3). He is No. 33 in the Charles Schwab Cup.

Olin Browne, 33-34--67 (-5) | Pebble Beach

- **Olin Browne** carded a bogey-free round with three birdies and an eagle on No. 2 (his 11th hole) en route to a 5-under 67 in his 10th appearance at the PURE Insurance Championship.
- He owns four top-10s in 10 starts at this event. His best came last year when he finished T4.
- Browne is making his 22nd start of the season. Last week he finished T9 at the Sanford International, one of his two top-10 finishes this year. He is No. 41 in the Charles Schwab Cup.

Hale Irwin, 30-37--67 (-5) | Pebble Beach

- World Golf Hall of Famer, **Hale Irwin** carded an eagle on No. 2 (his 11th hole) and birdies on Nos. 4,5, and 6 en route to besting his age with a 5-under 67.
- At 73-years, 3 months and 25 days old, this is the 39th time he has bested his age on Tour.
- It is his lowest round since besting his age at the 2014 3M Championship (6-under 66).
- Irwin is the all-time PGA TOUR Champions leader in career victories with 45. His last came in 2007 at the Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai.
- He has seven starts this year on Tour, with his best finish coming at Bass Pro Legends of Golf at Big Cedar Lodge with Wes Short Jr (T23).

Other Notes

- Leading the Pro-Junior division (gross best ball) after the first round is the team of **Hale Irwin** and 17-year-old Kendall Wallace (The First Tee of Columbia) after carding a 9-under-par 63 at Pebble Beach. Reigning Charles Schwab Cup champion **Kevin Sutherland** and his nephew 17-year-old Matthew Sutherland (The First Tee of Sacramento) trail by one after finishing with a 8-under-par 63 at Poppy Hills.
- Playing a net best ball with their juniors and pros, two amateur teams are tied at -14 after the first round: Sammy MacFarlane-Sam Reeves (Poppy Hills) and Jeff Harmening-Don Mulligan (Pebble Beach).
- Defending champion **Bernhard Langer** finished with a 4-under 67 at Poppy Hills and is T6 after 18 holes.
- Hole No. 12 was the most difficult on Friday at Pebble Beach with an average score of 3.488 (+.488). It yielded just four birdies. Hole No. 2 was the easiest with an average score of 4.488 (-.512) yielding three eagles and 16 birdies. At Poppy Hills, No. 6 was the most difficult with an average score of 3.325 (+.325) and just two birdies, while No. 18 was the easiest at 4.550 (-.450).
- After 36 holes, the low 50 (and ties) professionals, top 23 pro-junior teams and top-10 amateur teams will advance to the final round at Pebble Beach.