



U.S. Senior Open Championship

The Broadmoor East Course | Colorado Springs, Colorado | June 28-July 1, 2018

First-Round Notes

Thursday, June 28, 2018

Course Setup: Par 70 / 7,265 yards (R1 Scoring average: 75.781)

Weather: High of 97 with 5-15 mph winds out of the SE and SW.

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	Player	To Par	Scores
1	Jerry Kelly	-4	32-34—66
T2	Deane Pappas	-2	33-35—68
T2	Kevin Sutherland	-2	33-35—68
T2	Rocco Mediate	-2	34-34—68
T2	Miguel Angel Jimenez	-2	34-34—68

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- [PGATOURMEDIA.com](#) (transcripts and other resources available for download)

Jerry Kelly, 32-34—66 (-4)

- Charles Schwab Cup leader, **Jerry Kelly** opened the U.S. Senior Open with back-to-back birdies on Nos. 1 and 2 and Nos. 4 and 5. He was bogey-free up until the final hole, finishing with a 4-under-par 66.
- Kelly holds the leading/co-leading position after the first round for the second time this year, and just the third time on PGA TOUR Champions. Last time Kelly led/co-led after the first round he went on to win (2018 Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai).

- Thursday was Kelly's 15th consecutive round under par, a streak that spans the last four tournaments. He has top-10 finishes in each of his last four tournaments.
- In 12 starts this season, Kelly holds a 68.17 opening-round scoring average. He has not carded an opening round over par since the 2017 Dominion Energy Classic (77, WD).
- Following the first round, Kelly ranks third in putting averaging with 1.39 putts per hole for 25 total putts.
- This season, Kelly opened with a victory at the Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai and has recorded eight top-10s. He is coming off a runner-up finish at the American Family Insurance Championship, where he fell to **Scott McCarron** by one stroke. Kelly has not yet won a major on PGA TOUR Champions.

First-Round Lead Notes

- Four first-round leaders/co-leaders have gone on to win this year on PGA TOUR Champions: **Jerry Kelly** (Mitsubishi Electric Championship), **Mark Calcavecchia** (Boca Raton Championship), **Bernhard Langer** (Insperity Invitational) and **Miguel Angel Jimenez** (Regions Tradition).
- Since 2000, five players who led or shared the first-round lead went on to win the U.S. Senior Open: **Colin Montgomerie** (2014), **Olin Browne** (2011), **Peter Jacobsen** (2004) and **Bruce Fleisher** (2001) all led, while **Kenny Perry** (2013) shared the lead.
- **Scott McCarron** (2-under 70) is the only player on PGA TOUR Champions this year to win a tournament after shooting in the 70s in the opening round.
- At the 2008 U.S. Senior Open hosted at The Broadmoor **Fred Funk** led the opening round with a 6-under-par 65, he went on to finish runner-up.

Deane Pappas, 33-35—68 (-2)

- Playing in his first U.S. Senior Open, **Deane Pappas** carded six birdies en route to a 2-under-par 68 to finish the first round T2.
- Pappas qualified for the 2018 U.S. Senior Open when he shot 66 at Blue Hills Country Club in Kansas City, Missouri, earning one of two spots.
- He turned professional in 1992 and captured two wins on the Sunshine Tour (2001, South African PGA Championship and 2009, Dimension Data Pro-Am) and two on the Nationwide Tour (2000 Buy.com Cleveland Open, 2001 Buy.com Monterrey Open).
- Pappas played on the PGA TOUR in 1999 and 2002-04. He and his brother became the first set of brothers to graduate simultaneously on the PGA TOUR in 2001. On TOUR he recorded two top-10s with his best finish recording as a runner-up at the 2002 Southern Farm Bureau Classic.
- Should Pappas go on to win, he would be the ninth player to win the U.S. Senior Open title in his first appearance.

Kevin Sutherland, 35-33—68 (-2)

- 2017 Charles Schwab Cup winner, **Kevin Sutherland** carded back-to-back birdies on Nos. 2 and 3 to open the first round of the U.S. Senior Open Championship. His 2-under-par 68 landed him in a four-way tie for second.
- The last time Sutherland exited the first round of a major in the top-two, he went on to finish runner-up (2015, Regions Tradition).
- Sutherland co-lead the field in driving accuracy with **Scott Dunlap** hitting 17-of-18 greens in regulation.
- His best finish at the U.S. Senior Open was in 2016 at Scioto Country Club in Columbus, Ohio where he finished 1-over-par for T6.
- Sutherland has four top-10s in 12 starts this season and finished 12th in the first major of the year, the Regions Tradition. He is No. 16 in the Charles Schwab Cup.

Other Notes

- The first-round scoring average of 75.781 is the highest of the 2018 PGA TOUR Champions season, eclipsing the previous high of 74.026, recorded at the Rapiscan Systems Classic in March.
- A total of 24 amateurs are in this year's field and at least one amateur has made the cut in the previous 13 U.S. Senior Opens. The low amateur through 18 holes of play is **Tim Hogarth** with an even-par 70 (T10).
- **Rocco Mediate**, carded a 2-under-par 68 to exit the first round T2. The three-time Champions Tour winner has five top-10s and one major win (2016 Senior PGA Championship).

- **Miguel Angel Jimenez** carded a 2-under-par 68 to sit in a four-way tie for second. Jimenez began the 2016 U.S. Open Championship T2, eventually finishing runner-up to **Gene Sauers**. This season, he has six top-10s in 11 starts on PGA TOUR Champions.
- 45 PGA TOUR Champions winner, Colorado native and oldest player in the field at 73-years-old, **Hale Irwin** carded a 9-over-par 79 to place T112 after the first round.
- MLB Hall of Famer, **John Smoltz** carded 15-over-par 85 for a T150 opening round placing.
- There was one ace in the field today by **Stan Souza** on the fourth hole. He exited the first round in second to last place (154th).
- The field includes nine past U.S. Senior Open Champions:
 - Colin Montgomerie (2014): 36-35—71 (+1), T15
 - Kenny Perry (2013, 2017): 36-35—71 (+1), T15
 - Bernhard Langer (2010): 36-36—72 (+2), T26
 - Gene Sauers (2016): 36-37—73 (+3), T41
 - Jeff Maggert (2015): 37-37—74 (+4), T58
 - Olin Browne (2011): 37-37—74 (+4), T58
 - Brad Bryant (2007): 36-40—76 (+6), T81
 - Hale Irwin (1998, 2000): 38-41—79 (+9), T112
 - Fred Funk (2009): 39-39—78 (+8), T107
- Tommy Armour III withdrew following nine holes in the first round due to altitude-related illness.