



American Family Insurance Championship

University Ridge Golf Course | Madison, Wisconsin | June 21-23, 2019

First-Round Notes

Friday, June 21, 2019

Course Setup: Par 72 / 7,056 yards (R1 average: 70.974)

Weather: Partly sunny with increasing cloudiness. High in the low 70s and wind from the ESE at 8-15 mph.

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| | Player | To Par | Scores |
|-----|----------------|--------|------------|
| 1. | Jerry Kelly | -7 | 34-31 – 65 |
| 2. | David Frost | -6 | 34-32 – 66 |
| T3. | Steve Stricker | -5 | 34-33 – 67 |
| T3. | Kirk Triplett | -5 | 34-33 – 67 |
| T3. | David Toms | -5 | 35-32 – 67 |
| T3. | Duffy Waldorf | -5 | 34-33 – 67 |
| T3. | Corey Pavin | -5 | 35-32 – 67 |
| T3. | Tom Gillis | -5 | 36-31 – 67 |

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Jerry Kelly, 34-31 – 65 (-7)

- Kelly carded a bogey-free 65, the fourth time he has opened with a score of 65 or better. The three times he shot 65 or better in the first round, he went on to win.
- Kelly has played the last 51 holes at this tournament bogey-free. His last bogey came on the third hole in last year's second round. In all, he made just eight bogeys in seven rounds at this tournament.
- Kelly has carded under-par scores in all seven rounds at University Ridge (67.86 average). Last year, he closed with a 7-under 65 to finish second at 14-under, one shot behind Scott McCarron.
- This is the fourth time Kelly is a first-round leader/co-leader, and first since the 2018 U. S. Senior Open (finished T2). He won the two other occasions (2017 Boeing Classic, 2018 Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai).
- His last win was at the 2018 Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai, and he has 16 top-10s in 33 starts since that victory.
- Kelly entered this week having finished in the top-10 in his last three starts and in five of his last six, and he's currently No. 9 in the Charles Schwab Cup.

First-Round Lead Notes

- This season, a first-round leader/co-leader has won four out of 13 tournaments, with Current Schwab Cup leader Scott McCarron leading the pack with two (Mitsubishi Electric Classic, Insuperity Invitational).

- A first-round leader/co-leader has not won this tournament. Last year, Steve Stricker led after a first-round 64 and went on to finish T3. Eventual winner Scott McCarron was T31 after a first-round 70.

David Frost, 34-32 – 66 (-6)

- Frost opened with a birdie on the first hole and followed with six more to finish at 6-under 66, matching his best round of the year (Insperity Invitational, final round).
- Frost is making his fourth start at the event. His best finish was T13 in 2017 after closing with a 6-under 66 in the final round.
- This season, Frost has two finishes in the top 10, with his best being sixth place in his last start at the Mastercard Japan Championship. He is No. 29 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings.
- Frost's last victory on Tour came at the 2015 Rapisan Systems Classic. He owns six victories, eight runner-up finishes and 72 finishes in the top 10 in 11 years on Tour.

Steve Stricker, 34-33 – 67 (-5)

- Tournament host Stricker carded a bogey-free 5-under 67 to exit the first round T3. He has been in the top three after the first round in all three of his starts. The 67 is his 15th under-par round in 21 rounds this season.
- He was 4-under on the par 5s Friday, tied with Billy Mayfair for best in the field.
- Stricker claimed his first major championship title earlier this year at the Regions Tradition. On PGA TOUR Champions, he owns four victories, three runner-up finishes and 15 finishes in the top 10 in just 19 events played. He is currently 12th in the Charles Schwab Cup.

David Toms, 35-32 – 67 (-5)

- Toms carded five birdies en route to a 5-under 67, extending his Tour-best streak to 11 straight rounds of par or better. Two of his four rounds at this tournament have been bogey-free (2018, second-round 66).
- On the season, he ranks in the top three of six statistical categories. He leads the Tour in GIR (73.21%) and on Friday he hit 16 of 18. This season, Toms has five top-10s and two runner-up finishes and he is No. 7 in the Charles Schwab Cup.
- Toms carded rounds of 72-74 last week at the U.S. Open and he also finished T31 at the Charles Schwab Challenge in May. Next week, he will travel to South Bend, Indiana, and attempt to defend his title at the U.S. Senior Open.

Kirk Triplett, 34-33 – 67 (-5)

- Triplett carded seven birdies, including three in a row on Nos. 14-16, to finish at 5-under 67. His T3 position is his best through 18 holes this season.
- He won the American Family Insurance Championship in 2016 with a 17-under 199 by two strokes over Bart Bryant. This is Triplett's third start at the event.
- This season, Triplett won the Hoag Classic with an 18-foot eagle putt on the second playoff hole to beat Woody Austin at Newport Beach Country Club.
- Triplett owns seven victories and 11 runner-up finishes on Tour, including his last start at the Mastercard Japan Championship. He is currently No. 2 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings.

Other Notes

- **Tom Gillis** was 4-under on the par 3s and he was 5-under on Nos. 14-17 (birdie-birdie-eagle-birdie). He bogeyed No. 18 en route to a 5-under 67, just his third under-par first round this season.
- **Duffy Waldorf** opened with a 5-under 67, tied for his best first-round score of the season. His best finish this season was a T8 at the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship and he's No. 35 in the Charles Schwab Cup.
- **Corey Pavin** is part of the six-way tie for fourth after making four back-nine birdies. Winner of the 1986 and 2006 Greater Milwaukee Open, Pavin has three top-10s this season and is 26th in the standings.
- Defending champion and Charles Schwab Cup leader **Scott McCarron** is T37 after a first-round 71.
- Playing on his third and final sponsor exemption of the season, Hall of Fame pitcher **John Smoltz** carded a first-round 76 and is T74.
- **Esteban Toledo** was added to the field Friday morning after Bob Tway (back) withdrew. Toledo shot 3-under 69 and is tied for 16th.