



# **Boeing Classic**

The Club at Snoqualmie Ridge | Snoqualmie, WA | August 23-25, 2019

# **First-Round Notes**

Friday, August 23, 2019

**Course Setup:** Par 72 / 7,217 yards (R1 average: 70.423)

Weather: Mostly cloudy with a high of 75. Winds out of the NW 5-10 mph.

Note: Due to a weather delay at the TOUR Championship, broadcast has been pushed back with Boeing Classic coverage

beginning at 6:20 p.m. PST on Golf Channel.

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|     | Player          | To Par | Scores   |
|-----|-----------------|--------|----------|
| 1.  | Fred Funk       | -8     | 33-31—64 |
| 2.  | Fred Couples    | -7     | 33-32—65 |
| Т3. | Doug Garwood    | -6     | 31-35—66 |
| Т3. | Jeff Maggert    | -6     | 34-32—66 |
| Т3. | Bernhard Langer | -6     | 35-31—66 |
| Т3. | Paul Broadhurst | -6     | 33-33—66 |
| Т3. | Stephen Leaney  | -6     | 32-34—66 |

## **Quick Links:**

- Leaderboard
- Second-round tee times (11:35 a.m.-1:47 p.m. off No. 1 & No. 10)
- Golf Channel coverage: 9:20-11:20 p.m. EST
- <u>PGATOURmedia.com</u> (transcripts and other resources available for download)

## Fred Funk, 33-31—64 (-8)

- Making his 10th start at the Boeing Classic, Funk carded an opening round 8-under 64 with nine birdies for his best round at the event and lowest round since shooting 64 at the 2016 Pacific Links Bear Mountain Championship.
- Funk missed a birdie putt on his final hole (No. 9) to miss shooting his age by one stroke for the first time in his career
- In nine starts at the event, Funk has posted three finishes in the top 10 with his best coming in 2016 (T6).
- It is the ninth time on PGA TOUR Champions Funk has led/co-led after the first round. He has converted that first-round lead/co-lead into a victory twice.
- Should Funk go on to win, it would be the lowest opening round by a winner in tournament history.

- At 63 years, 2 months and 11 days (on Sunday), Funk would become the oldest individual player to win on PGA TOUR Champions.
- Funk returned from back surgery in April and has made 10 starts since with his best personal finish coming at the Mastercard Japan Championship (T27).

#### **First-Round Lead Notes**

- This year's opening round scoring average of 70.423 is the lowest opening round scoring average in tournament history.
- This season, a first-round leader/co-leader has won seven times in 18 tournaments. The last player to do so was **Doug Barron** at last week's DICK'S Sporting Goods Open.
- Scott Parel (2018) and Jerry Kelly (2017) are the only players to have shared the first-round lead and went on to win the Boeing Classic. No player has held a solo lead after the first round and won.
- The largest 18-hole lead in tournament history is three in 2012 by Mark Calcavecchia.

#### Fred Couples, 33-32—65 (-7)

- Couples played the par-5s 3-under to carded a bogey-free 7-under 65 with seven birdies, his lowest opening round of the year and best first round since shooting 65 at the Shaw Charity Classic.
- Couples sat T2 after shooting a 3-under 69 in the first round of the 2015 Boeing Classic. This year, he sits one-stroke off the leader, the best position he's been following the opening round at this event.
- The Seattle native is making his ninth start at the event, Couples has finished in third place three times (2010, 2013, 2015). Last year he finished T15.
- Should Couples go on to win, his opening round 7-under 65 would match the lowest opening round by a winner (Jerry Kelly, 2017; Scott Parel, 2018).
- He enters the week off a runner-up finish at the DICK'S Sporting Goods Open where he carded rounds of 70-68-63. It was his best finish since winning the 2017 American Family Insurance Championship.
- This season, Couples finished four of his eight starts in the top 10 and ranks No. 28 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings.

#### Doug Garwood, 31-35—66 (-6)

- Carded a 6-under 66 (T3) with seven birdies to exit the opening round third in his sixth start at the Boeing Classic.
- Garwood's best finish at the event came in 2014 (T5) where he carded rounds of 67-66-71.
- The California native, has made 13 starts this season on PGA TOUR Champions, with his best finish coming at the Hong Classic (T8).
- In seven years on PGA TOUR Champions, Garwood owns one victory (2016 SAS Championship), three runner-up finishes and 26 finishes in the top 10.

#### **Jeff Maggert, 34-32—66 (-6)**

- Maggert began his opening round on No. 10 and carded an eagle on No. 18 at the turn to finish with a bogey-free 6-under 66.
- Maggert lead the field in the opening round in putts per GIR (29 on 17).
- The start is Maggert's fifth at the event. His best finish came in 2017 when he finished T6.
- This season, Maggert has made five finishes in the top 10 in 15 starts on PGA TOUR Champions. His best finish came at the Hong where he finished T3. He ranks No. 20 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings.

#### Other Notes

- **Stephen Leaney** opened with a 6-under 66 (T3). In eight starts this season the PGA TOUR Champions rookie has two top-10 finishes (T10, Mitsubishi Electric Classic; T8, American Family Insurance Championship).
- In his 17th PGA TOUR Champions start of the season, **Paul Broadhurst** carded a bogey-free 6-under 66 with six birdies. Broadhurst owns five top-10 finishes this season with two runner-up finishes (Bass Pro Shops Legends of Golf at Big Cedar Lodge; Senior Open Championship presented by Rolex).
- Looking to become the first player to successfully defend at The Club at Snoqualmie Ridge, **Scott Parel** opened with a 3-under 69, tied for 18.
- Davis Love III opened with a 1-under 71 in his Boeing Classic debut. This week represents Love's 15th start on PGA TOUR Champions. Others making their Boeing Classic debut included World Golf Hall of Fame member Retief Goosen (T8) and Shaun Micheel (T60).
- The field included seven World Golf Hall of Fame members:
  - **Fred Couples** (2nd, -7, 65)
  - o Bernhard Langer (T3, -6, 66)

- **Retief Goosen** (T8, -5, 67)
- Colin Montgomerie (T18, -3, 69) 0
- Mark O'Meara (T8, -5, 67)
- **Davis Love III** (T36, -1, 71)
- **Vijay Singh** (T55, E, 72)
- The field includes five past champions of the Boeing Classic:
  - **Bernhard Langer** (2010, 2016) T3, 66 (-6)
  - **Jerry Kelly** (2017) T8, 67 (-5) **Scott Parel** (2018) T18, 69 (-3)

  - o **Billy Andrade** (2015) T46, 71 (-1)
  - Mark Calcavecchia (2011) T46, 71 (-1)