



## Charles Schwab Cup Championship

Phoenix Country Club | Phoenix, Arizona | November 4-10, 2019

*Tournament 3 of 3 in the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs*

### First-Round Notes

Thursday, November 7, 2019

**Course Setup:** Par 71 / 6,741 yards (R1 scoring average: 68.147)

**Weather:** Sunny with a high of 85 degrees. Wind from the WSW at 5 mph.

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	Player	To Par	Score	Schwab Cup Standings	
				Start	Projected
1	Jeff Maggert	-8	32-31 – 63	31st	10th
2	Bernhard Langer	-7	32-32 – 64	3rd	3rd
T3	Paul Goydos	-6	32-33 – 65	22nd	17th
T3	Steve Flesch	-6	32-33 – 65	16th	14th
T3	Miguel Ángel Jiménez	-6	34-31 – 65	9th	6th

**Charles Schwab Cup:** With the winner of the Charles Schwab Cup Championship receiving 880,000 points, five players are mathematically capable of winning the Charles Schwab Cup. Scott McCarron and Jerry Kelly are the only players that can win the Charles Schwab Cup without winning the tournament. [Click here](#) for an in-depth view of the different scenarios these five players have in front of them.

#### Quick Links:

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#### Jeff Maggert, 32-31—63 (-8)

- Maggert recorded nine birdies and a bogey at the par-3 eighth on his way to a first-round 63 at host Phoenix Country Club. The 63 ties his career-low mark on PGA TOUR Champions, recorded earlier this year in round two of the Hoag Classic. He has three other rounds of 63, all on par-70 courses.
- Maggert entered the week in Phoenix with five top-10 finishes this year, including a season-best T3 at the Hoag Classic in March. Following that effort, he reached No. 13 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings, which marked his highest standing in 2019.



- The former Texas A&M golfer won four times on PGA TOUR Champions in 2015 – including major titles at the Regions Tradition and U.S. Senior Open – but has not won since claiming the DICK’S Sporting Goods Open title that same year. It has been 4 years, 2 months and 8 days (or 96 starts) since that victory.
- In four career starts at the Charles Schwab Cup Championship, Maggert has collected two top-25 finishes, including a career-best T11 in his tournament debut in 2011.
- This marks the third 18-hole lead/co-lead of Maggert’s Champions Tour career. He led the 2015 Regions Tradition wire-to-wire and held a share of the opening-round lead at the 2017 Invesco QQQ Championship before finishing T8.
- In his first of 18 career starts in the PGA TOUR’s Waste Management Phoenix Open, Maggert held a share of the first-round lead in 1993 before finishing the week T11.

#### **Bernhard Langer, 32-32—64 (-7)**

- World Golf Hall of Fame member Bernhard Langer played bogey-free golf on Thursday with seven birdies for a 7-under 64 to sit one back of 18-hole leader Jeff Maggert.
- This is only the third time in his Champions Tour career in which Langer has been in solo-second place after 18 holes of an event. In each of those two instances (2017 PURE Insurance Championship, 2019 Boca Raton Championship), he went on to win.
- Langer, who lost to Colin Montgomerie in a playoff at last week’s Invesco QQQ Championship, entered the week in Phoenix with 2019 wins at the Boca Raton Championship and The Senior Open Championship presented by Rolex. The Senior Open win extended his streak to eight straight seasons (2012-2019) with multiple victories. Hale Irwin’s streak of 11 years (1995-2005) is the longest in Tour history.
- Langer is the Tour’s all-time money leader (current total: \$28,515,313) and has won the money title 10 of the last 11 years. The five-time winner of the Charles Schwab Cup has 11 top-10s this season, marking his eighth straight year with 11 or more on Tour.
- Of his 40 career wins on PGA TOUR Champions, Langer has famously never won the Charles Schwab Cup Championship. In 11 prior starts at the event, he has recorded three runner-up finishes and an overall total of seven top-10s.
- In order for Langer to win his sixth Charles Schwab Cup, he must win the tournament. Additionally, Scott McCarron must finish T5 (two-way) or worse and Jerry Kelly must finish T2 (two-way) or worse.

#### **Paul Goydos, 32-33—65 (-6)**

- Goydos, who held a share of the opening-round lead with Vijay Singh in the 2018 Charles Schwab Cup Championship, birdied four of his first seven holes on Thursday en route to an opening-round 65.
- The 65 brings his first-round scoring average in this event to 65.3, thanks to opening rounds of 63, 64 and 62 over the last three years.
- The five-time Champions Tour winner entered the week with seven top-10 finishes in 2019, including a T2 at the Regions Tradition in May, where he reached a season-high ninth in the Schwab Cup standings.
- The 6-under 65 is his lowest first-round score on Tour this year.

#### **Steve Flesch, 32-33—65 (-6)**

- After posting just two top-10s in his first 18 starts of the year, Flesch entered the week in Phoenix with five top-10s in his last seven starts, including back-to-back third-place efforts at the Shaw Charity Classic and The Ally Challenge.
- Flesch is one of six players making their tournament debuts this week. Retief Goosen, Ken Duke, Bob Estes, David McKenzie and Doug Barron are the other five.
- In his lone PGA TOUR Champions win at the 2018 Mitsubishi Electric Classic, Flesch posted 11-under 205 at TPC Sugarloaf near Atlanta before defeating Langer and Scott Parel in a playoff.
- With that victory, Flesch became one of 15 players in history to win on the Korn Ferry Tour, PGA TOUR and PGA TOUR Champions. His victory at the 1997 Korn Ferry Tour Championship enabled him to secure his TOUR card for the following season. With that win, he was the second lefty ever to win on the Korn Ferry Tour, and he is the only left-hander in the field this week.

### **Miguel Ángel Jiménez, 34-31—65 (-6)**

- Jiménez overcame a bogey at the par-5 first hole with four birdies over his final four holes on Friday to finish with a 6-under 65. He joined Kirk Triplett as the only other player in the field to bogey the first, which ranked as the second-easiest hole in round one with a scoring average of 4.529.
- Through all of his success on the Champions Tour, Jiménez has struggled in three prior starts at the Charles Schwab Cup Championship, with just one top-20 finish (T13, 2016).
- Jiménez, who entered the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs at No. 22 in the standings, has climbed to No. 9 thanks to a win at the Dominion Energy Charity Classic and a T5 at the Invesco QQQ Championship.
- All told, through seven rounds in the Playoffs, he's a collective 35-under par.

### **Past Champions**

- There are four former Charles Schwab Cup Championship winners in the field:
  - Kevin Sutherland: 67, T10
  - Paul Goydos: 65, T3
  - Billy Andrade: 67, T10
  - Tom Lehman: 73, 32nd
- There are four players in the field who have won the Charles Schwab Cup:
  - Kevin Sutherland: 67, T10
  - Bernhard Langer: 64, 2nd
  - Tom Lehman: 73, 32nd
  - Jay Haas: 72, T30

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

- This season, a first-round leader/co-leader has won seven of 26 tournaments. The last player to do so was Doug Barron at the DICK'S Sporting Goods Open.
- A first-round leader/co-leader has gone on to win this tournament 10 times. There have been three wire-to-wire victors: Jim Colbert (1995), Jim Thorpe (2003) and Paul Goydos (2016).

### **Other Notes**

- Scott McCarron, who has led the Charles Schwab Cup each week since winning the Mitsubishi Electric Classic in April, posted a 2-under 69 thanks to a bogey-free 33 on the back nine. He is currently still projected to win the Cup based on his 18-hole standing.
- Three Phoenix/Scottsdale-based players are featured in this week's field including Kirk Triplett, Tom Lehman and Ken Tanigawa. Of the three, Tanigawa posted the lowest round on Thursday with a 1-under 70.
- Phoenix Country Club yielded zero eagles on Thursday and zero scores worse than double bogey. The short par-4 fifth played as the easiest hole with a scoring average of 3.471, while the 460-yard par-4 10<sup>th</sup> was the most difficult with an average of 4.118.