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The Classics at Lely Resort | Naples, Florida | February 15-17, 2019

First-Round Notes

Friday, February 15, 2019

Course Setup: Par 71 / 6,843 yards (R1 average: 69.429)

Weather: Sunny with a high in the mid-70s. Wind from the NE at 8-15 mph.

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	Player	To Par	Scores
T1.	Stephen Ames	-8	31-32 – 63
T1.	Sandy Lyle	-8	30-33 – 63
3.	Jay Haas	-7	32-32 – 64
T4.	Glen Day	-6	32-33 – 65
T4.	Dudley Hart	-6	31-34 – 65
T4.	Ken Tanigawa	-6	33-32 – 65
T4.	Dan Olsen	-6	34-31 – 65
T4.	Kent Jones	-6	33-32 – 65

Leaderboard notes:

- **Stephen Ames** and **Sandy Lyle** tied the course record (63).
- Two players shot/bettered their age: **Jay Haas** (age 65; 64/3rd) and **Hale Irwin** (age: 73; 70/T49). The last time two players shot/bettered their age in the same round was in the second round of the 2017 Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai (Hale Irwin and Larry Nelson).

Quick Links:

- [Leaderboard](#)
- [Second-round tee times](#) (Golf Channel coverage: 3-5:30 p.m. ET)
- [PGATOURmedia.com](#) (transcripts and other resources available for download)

Stephen Ames, 31-32 – 63 (-8)

- Ames aced the 141-yard 12th hole with a 9-iron. It was his third hole-in-one on PGA TOUR Champions, and it was the first this season on Tour.
- This is the first time he has been a first-round leader/co-leader on PGA TOUR Champions, and his 8-under 63 is his best first-round score.
- He has one win (2017 Mitsubishi Electric Classic) and is one of 15 players who have won on the PGA TOUR, PGA TOUR Champions and Web.com Tour.

- He played in Sunday's final pairing at all three Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs events in 2018. He posted finishes of T15-T3-T5 and was 21st in the final Charles Schwab Cup standings.
- He has three top-20 finishes in four previous starts at the Chubb Classic, and his best was T15 last year.

Sandy Lyle, 30-33 – 63 (-8)

- Lyle, 61, is making his 155th start, and this is the first time he has led/co-led after any round on PGA TOUR Champions.
- His 8-under 63 is his best score in 442 rounds on PGA TOUR Champions. His previous best was a 7-under 64 in the final round of the 2012 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship.
- He has seven career top-10s, three of which were in team competition. Of his four individual top-10s, his best was a T4 at the 2012 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship.

Jay Haas, 32-32 – 64 (-7)

- Haas, 65, opened with a 7-under 64 and bettered his age for the first time on PGA TOUR Champions. It is his best first-round score since the 2016 Hoag Classic.
- He has 18 career victories, tied for 15th on the Tour's all-time list. When he won the 2016 Hoag Classic, he became the Tour's second-oldest victor (62 years, 10 months, 7 days).
- He has two top-10s in 11 previous starts at the Chubb Classic (Best: 5th/2014).
- Haas closed his 2018 season with two top-10s in the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs, including a tie for third at the Dominion Energy Charity Classic. He finished 31st in the Charles Schwab Cup standings.

Other Notes

- Playing on a sponsor exemption, Naples resident **Dudley Hart** is T4 after a first-round 65. The 50-year-old is making his season debut, and in seven starts last year his best finish was T19 at the Boeing Classic.
- **Ken Tanigawa**, the 2018 Rookie of the Year, opened with a 65 for the second straight week. He went on to finish T8 at last week's Oasis Championship, his fourth career top-10.
- **Glen Day** is 6-under after 18 holes for the second straight year at the Chubb Classic. His 65 matches his best first-round score on PGA TOUR Champions.
- **Dan Olsen** earned one of four open qualifying spots when he shot 69 at The Forest Country Club's Bear Course. In Friday's first round, he shot 6-under 65 and is part of the five-way tie for fourth.
- **Kent Jones** opened with a 65, matching his career-best first-round score. He was one of two rookies to advance to last year's Charles Schwab Cup Championship and he finished 26th in the final Charles Schwab Cup standings.
- **Woody Austin** is T11 after shooting 4-under 67. It was his 34th consecutive round of par or better, the longest active streak on Tour. Jay Haas and Colin Montgomerie share the Tour record (38).
- **Hale Irwin**, 73, opened with a 1-under 70, the 40th time he has shot/bettered his age. A two-time champion of the Chubb Classic (1997, 2002), Irwin shot/bettered his age five times last year and he leads the Tour in that category since 2000.
- The 78-player field includes seven past champions:
 - Bernhard Langer (2011, 2013, 2016) – T24, 68 (-3)
 - Kirk Triplett (2014) – T24, 68 (-3)
 - Hale Irwin (1997, 2002) – T49, 70 (-1)
 - Loren Roberts (2006, 2009) – T58, 72 (+1)
 - Scott Hoch (2008) – T58, 72 (+1)
 - Lee Janzen (2015) – 73rd, 76 (+5)
 - Joe Durant (2018) – T74, 77 (+6)
- **John Daly** withdrew after the fourth hole.