



Cologuard Classic

Omni Tucson National | Tucson, Arizona | March 1-3, 2019

First-Round Notes

Friday, March 1, 2019

Course Setup: Par 73 / 7,255 yards (R1: 71.859)

Weather: Partly cloudy with a high of 76. Wind from the W at 6-12 mph.

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	Player	To Par	Scores
1.	Kenny Perry	-8	33-32—65
T2.	Willie Wood	-7	33-33—66
T2.	Jeff Maggert	-7	33-33—66
T2.	Mark O'Meara	-7	28-38—66
T2.	Miguel Angel Jimenez	-7	34-32—66
T2.	Steve Stricker	-7	33-33—66

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- PGATOURmedia.com (transcripts and other resources available for download)

Kenny Perry, 33-32—65

- Perry carded a bogey-free opening round with six birdies and an eagle on No. 17 after making a 25-foot putt from the fringe.
- Perry became the sixth player to tie the first-round scoring record at the Cologuard Classic with an 8-under 65. Other include: Jerry Smith (2015), Woody Austin (2016), Fred Couples (2017), Scott Dunlap (2018) and Tommy Tolles (2018).
- It is the eighth time he has been a first-round leader/co-leader on PGA TOUR Champions. Perry has converted one of those leads into a victory (2013 U.S. Senior Open Championship).
- Perry is using his Top-50 All-Time Career Money status to play on the PGA TOUR this year. He has played in four events but has not made a cut.
- Last year on PGA TOUR Champions, Perry missed the first half of the season due to shoulder surgery but returned to win the 3M Championship for the third time in his career and post five finishes in the top 10.
- Over his last eight years on PGA TOUR Champions, Perry has recorded 10 victories, nine runner-up finishes and 61 finishes in the top 10.

First-Round Lead Notes

- The highest opening-round score by a Cologuard Classic champion came in 2015, when Marco Dawson posted a 67 on Friday en route to 13-under total and a two-shot win over Bart Bryant.
- The largest 18-hole lead in tournament history occurred in 2015 when a first-round 65 gave Jerry Smith a two-shot cushion heading into the weekend.
- In the four-year history of the Cologuard Classic, Woody Austin is the only 18-hole leader to go on and win the tournament. Austin opened with a 7-under 65 on his way to earning the title in 2016.
- Through three events, no first-round leader/co-leader has won in 2019. In 2018, six first-round leaders/co-leaders won: Jerry Kelly (Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai), Mark Calcavecchia (Boca Raton Championship), Bernhard Langer (Insperity Invitational), Miguel Angel Jimenez (Regions Tradition), Scott Parel (Boeing Classic), Steve Stricker (Sanford International) and Bernhard Langer (SAS Championship).
- With Tom Lehman (United States), Bernhard Langer (Germany) and Miguel Angel Jimenez (Spain) winning the first three events of 2019, three different countries have been represented with each winner. The last time the first four events of a season were won by players from four different countries was in 1991:
 - Bruce Crampton – Australia (Infiniti Senior Tournament of Champions)
 - Gary Player – South Africa (Royal Caribbean Classic)
 - Bob Charles – New Zealand (GTE Suncoast Classic)
 - Lee Trevino – United States (Aetna Challenge)

Willie Wood, 33-33—66

- Carded a bogey-free round with seven birdies, including two to finish his round on Nos. 17 and 18 for a 7-under 66.
- It is the third time on PGA TOUR Champions he has been in second place or tied for second place following the opening round. He has never led after the first round.
- In four starts at the Cologuard Classic, Wood's best finish was T23 in 2017.
- Wood owns two victories on PGA TOUR Champions (2012 DICK'S Sporting Goods Open, 2012 Pacific Links Hawaii Championship), and 10 finishes in the top 10.

Jeff Maggert, 33-33—66

- Maggert opened with a bogey on his first hole but followed with seven birdies and an eagle on his 11th hole (No. 2) for a 7-under 66 and in a five-way tie for second place.
- In four starts at the Cologuard Classic, Maggert has finished T9 three times (2015, 2017, 2018) and T11 in 2016.
- Maggert finished T1 for the day in driving accuracy, hitting 13 of 14 fairways.
- Maggert claimed five victories in his first two years on PGA TOUR Champions. He has finished runner-up three times and owns 36 finishes in the top 10 in his Champions Tour career.

Mark O'Meara, 28-38—66

- O'Meara carded eight consecutive birdies on Nos. 2-9 for an 8-under 28 on his first nine holes. He led/co-led until he bogeyed the final hole.
- O'Meara is the fifth player in PGA TOUR Champions history to card a record eight consecutive birdies (Previously Joe Ozaki, 2006 Ford Senior Players Championship). Prior to his round today, the most consecutive birdies he has had on PGA TOUR Champions was four (2010 3M Championship).
- In four starts at the Cologuard Classic, O'Meara's best finish was third place in 2015.
- O'Meara owns two victories on PGA TOUR Champions, 15 runner-up finishes, and 61 finishes in the top 10.
- At 62 years old, O'Meara is the second oldest player in the field (Tom Kite, 69).

Miguel Angel Jimenez, 34-32—66

- In his first appearance at the Cologuard Classic, Jimenez carded eight birdies en route to a 7-under 66 to enter the weekend in a five-way tie for second place.
- Jimenez entered the Cologuard Classic after winning in a playoff at his last appearance, the Chubb Classic. He has finished all three of his starts this season in the top 25.

- On PGA TOUR Champions, Jimenez owns seven victories, eight runner-up finishes and 38 finishes in the top 10.

Steve Stricker, 33-33—66

- Defending champion, Stricker opened with back-to-back birdies on Nos. 1 and 2 followed by five more for a bogey-free 7-under 66 (T2).
- In two starts at the Cologuard Classic, Stricker finished runner-up in 2017 and won by two strokes in 2018.
- This year, he tied for 29th at the Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai, his worst finish in 14 starts on PGA TOUR Champions but went on to finish T11 at the Chubb Classic.
- In 2018, he won three times and posted top-five finishes in all seven starts.
- Since joining the Tour in 2017, Stricker has a 67.81 scoring average and 40 of his 42 rounds have been under par.

Other Notes

- Making his first of three start of the season, MLB Hall of Fame member **John Smoltz** carded an even-par 73 to sit T46 entering the weekend.
- The field included four past champions of the Cologuard Classic:
 - Steve Stricker (2018): 7-under 66 (T2)
 - Tom Lehman (2017): 3-under 70 (T14)
 - Woody Austin (2016): 3-under 70 (T14)
 - Marco Dawson (2015): 3-under 70 (T14)
- The field includes six winners of the former PGA TOUR event, the Tucson Open:
 - Kirk Triplett (2006): 5-under 68 (T8)
 - Jeff Sluman (1997): 2-under 71 (T23)
 - Larry Mize (1993): 1-over 74 (T60)
 - Lee Janzen (1992): even-par 73 (T46)
 - Robert Gamez (1990): even-par (T46)
 - David Frost (1988): 1-under 72 (T34)
- In 2018, the 469-yard, par-4 18th was the hardest closing hole on Tour (4.452 average) and it was the sixth-toughest hole overall. The first round it played to a 4.115 average.