



CHAMPIONS

Hoag Classic

Newport Beach Country Club | Newport Beach, California | March 8-10, 2019

First-Round Notes

Friday, March 8, 2019

Course Setup: Par 71 / 6,551 yards (R1: 71.529)

Weather: Partly cloudy with a high of 61. Winds out of the W at 10-20 mph.

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	Player	To Par	Scores
T1.	Scott McCarron	-7	30-34--64
T1.	Fran Quinn	-7	34-30--64
3.	Doug Garwood	-5	31-35--66
T4.	Corey Pavin	-4	33-34--67
T4.	Billy Andrade	-4	34-33--67
T4.	David Toms	-4	35-32--67

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

Scott McCarron, 30-34--64 (-7)

- McCarron carded eight birdies en route to a 7-under 64 opening round. It is the sixth time since June 2018 McCarron has recorded a round 7-under-par or lower.
- It is the sixth time McCarron has led/co-lead following the opening round. He has never converted this lead into a victory.
- In three starts at the Hoag Classic, McCarron has not finished outside the top 10. Last year he finished runner-up.
- McCarron has never recorded a round over par at Newport Beach Country Club. This season, McCarron has recorded 13 consecutive rounds under par, his longest-streak since joining the Tour in 2015.
- This year McCarron has finished his first four events inside the top 25. He entered this week at the Hoag Classic off a runner-up finish at the Cologuard Classic.
- McCarron owns eight victories, seven runner-up finishes and 40 finishes in the top 10 on PGA TOUR Champions.

Fran Quinn, 34-30--64 (-7)

- Quinn carded a 7-under 64 with eight birdies in the opening round to match a career-best (previous best: 7-under 64 at the 2016 and 2017 American Family Insurance Championship). Quinn had a one-shot lead until he bogeyed the final hole.

- Quinn's 6-under 30 on the back nine is a career-best nine hole score.
- It is the second time he has led/co-lead after the first round on PGA TOUR Champions (2018 Dominion Energy Charity Classic).
- Quinn is playing as a sponsor exemption. The last sponsor exemption to go on to win was John Daly at the 2017 Insuperity Invitational.
- The Massachusetts native is making his second start at the Hoag Classic. Last year, after gaining entry as an alternate when **Doug Garwood** withdrew due to the flu, Quinn exited the opening round T2, ultimately finishing T6 after rounds of 67-70-69--206 (-7).
- This year, Quinn's best finish through three events is T25 at the Chubb Classic.
- Quinn owns two third-place finishes, six top-10 finishes and 19 top-25 finishes on PGA TOUR Champions.

First-Round Lead Notes

- The highest opening-round score by a Hoag Classic champion came in 1998, when Hale Irwin posted a 1-under-par 70 on Friday en route to a 13-under-par 200 for a one-shot victory.
- The largest 18-hole lead in tournament history occurred in 2011 when a first-round 11-under-par 60 gave Nick Price a five-shot cushion heading into the weekend.
- In the 24-year history of the Hoag Classic, nine 18-hole leaders to go on and win the tournament (most recently: Jay Haas, 2016).
- Through four 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** (Insuperity Invitational), **Miguel Angel Jimenez** (Regions Tradition), **Scott Parel** (Boeing Classic), **Steve Stricker** (Sanford International) and **Bernhard Langer** (SAS Championship).

Doug Garwood, 31-35--66 (-5)

- Garwood carded birdies on Nos. 2, 3, and 4 followed by three more, including one on his final hole to finish at 5-under 66 in third place after the opening round.
- Garwood, who resides in Chatsworth, Calif., got in the field as an alternate for Retief Goosen. He is making his third start at the Hoag Classic (T9,2015; T15, 2016).
- In 2018, Garwood posted three finishes in the top 10. His best was a T5 finish at the Cologuard Classic.
- Garwood owns one victory on PGA TOUR Champions (2016 SAS Championship), three runner-up finishes and 23 finishes in the top 10.

Corey Pavin, 33-34--67 (-4)

- Pavin carded a bogey-free 4-under 67 in a three-way tie for fourth place.
- This is Pavin's eighth start at the Hoag Classic. His best finish was T7 in his first appearance in 2010. Last year he finished T18 after carding a 6-under 65 in the final round.
- Pavin, who hails from Los Angeles and graduated from UCLA, finished T10 at the Oasis Championship, his best finish in four starts this year.
- In 2018, Pavin posted two finishes in the top 10 and seven finishes in the top 25. His best was a T6 finish at the Principal Charity Classic.
- Pavin owns one victory on PGA TOUR Champions (2012 Oasis Championship), eight runner-up finishes and 49 finishes in the top 10.

Billy Andrade, 34-33--67 (-4)

- Andrade opened with three birdies on his first four holes, followed by three more en route to a 4-under 67 in the opening round.
- This is Andrade's fifth start at the Hoag Classic. His best finish was T3 in 2016.
- Andrade's best finish this year was a T25 finish at the Chubb Classic.
- In 2018, Andrade finished runner-up at the Rapiscan Systems Classic and posted eight finishes in the top 10. He finished No. 27 on the Charles Schwab Cup money list.

- Andrade owns three victories on PGA TOUR Champions (2015 Bass Pro Shops Legends of Golf at Big Cedar Lodge, Boeing Classic, Charles Schwab Cup Championship), five runner-up finishes, and 34 finishes in the top 10.

David Toms, 35-32--67 (-4)

- Toms carded an eagle on No. 15 followed by birdies on Nos. 17 and 18 to close his opening round at 4-under 67.
- After the first round, Toms ranks T2 in the field in putting (25 on 15).
- He is making his second start at the Hoag Classic. Last year he finished in fifth place.
- Toms has recorded every round under par this season (13), his longest streak since joining the Tour in 2017.
- Toms opened the season with a runner-up finish at the Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai followed by a fourth-place finish at the Oasis Championship. Last week, Toms finished T6 at the Cologuard Classic.
- Toms owns one victory (2018 U.S. Senior Open), two runner-up finishes and 21 top-10 finishes on PGA TOUR Champions.

Other Notes

- The field includes six members of the World Golf Hall of Fame:
 - **Fred Couples:** 3-under 68 (T7)
 - **Mark O'Meara:** even-par 71 (T33)
 - **Tom Kite:** 7-over 78 (73rd)
 - **Sandy Lyle:** 5-over 76 (T66)
 - **Jose Maria Olazabal:** 2-over 73 (T51)
 - **Colin Montgomerie:** 9-over 80 (WD)
- The field includes five past champions of the Hoag Classic:
 - **Jay Haas** (2007, 2016): WD after 15th hole
 - **Duffy Waldorf** (2015): 1-under 70 (T20)
 - **Fred Couples** (2010, 2014): 3-under 68 (T7)
 - **David Frost** (2013): 3-over 74 (T58)
 - **Loren Roberts** (2012): 1-over 72 (T47)
- **John Daly** withdrew prior to the start of the first round due a knee injury and was replaced in the field by **Steve Pate**.
- **Hal Sutton** withdrew after his 15th hole due to an ankle injury. He was 5-over par when he withdrew.
- **Jay Haas** withdrew after his 15th hole due to an injured back. He was 1-over-par when he withdrew.
- **Colin Montgomerie** withdrew following the opening round due to an ankle injury. He shot a 9-over 80.