

Invesco QQQ Championship

Sherwood Country Club | Thousand Oaks, CA | November 1-3, 2019

Tournament 2 of 3 in the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs

First-Round Notes

Friday, November 1, 2019

Course Setup: Par 72 / 6,983 yards (R1 average: 70.824)

Weather: Sunny skies with a high of 78. Winds out of the NE 8-12 mph.

Note: The first round was delayed 30 minutes due to frost moving the first tee time back to 9:30 a.m. PST. **Media Contacts:** <u>Laura Vescovi</u> (904-465-5924); <u>Jackie Servais</u> (303-249-6439)

	Player	To Par	Scores	Schwab Cup Standings	
				Start	Projected
T1.	Billy Mayfair	-6	34-32—66	46	16
T1.	Miguel Angel Jimenez	-6	32-34—66	10	4
T1.	Woody Austin	-6	36-30—66	5	3
T4.	Gene Sauers	-5	37-30-67	41	28
T4.	Tom Gillis	-5	34-33—67	38	24

Quick Links:

- Leaderboard
- <u>Second-round tee times</u> (9:15 a.m. 1:20 p.m. off No. 1)
- Second-round Golf Channel coverage: 1:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m. PST
- <u>PGATOURmedia.com</u> (transcripts and other resources available for download)

Billy Mayfair, 34-32-66 (-6)

Charles Schwab Cup standings – Start: 46th / Projected: 16th

- Carded a season-best 6-under 66 with seven birdies, including consecutive birdies on Nos. 14-17.
- This is Mayfair's second first-round lead/co-lead on PGA TOUR Champions. At the 2016 Toshiba Classic, he carded a 7-under 64 to share the lead after the first round, but ultimately finished T45.
- He has not recorded a round over par in his last 10 rounds prior to Friday (70.30 average).
- The round is Mayfair's best in three appearances at Sherwood Country Club. His best finish at the event was a T16 in 2017.
- Last year, Mayfair finished 48th at the Invesco QQQ Championship to enter the Charles Schwab Cup Championship the final man at No. 36. He ultimately finished the 2018 season No. 34 in the standings.
- This year, Mayfair owns two finishes in the top 10 with his best finish coming at the PURE Insurance Championship (T5).

Miguel Angel Jimenez, 32-34-66 (-6)

Charles Schwab Cup standings – Start: 10th / Projected: 4th

- Opened with back-to-back birdies and closed with back-to-back birdies with four along the way to finish the opening round 6-under 66 to tie for the lead.
- This is Jimenez's ninth first-round lead/co-lead on PGA TOUR Champions. The last time he led/co-led after the first round was the 2019 DICK'S Sporting Goods Open, but ultimately finished T6.
- Making his 19th individual start of the season, Jimenez owns a first-round scoring average of 68.26 as he has carded 15 rounds par or better to begin an event.
- Jimenez entered the week off his first Playoffs victory of his career at the Dominion Energy Charity Classic after finishing with a final-round 63.
- Jimenez is making his fourth start at the event. His best finish came in 2017 when he fell to Bernhard Langer in a playoff.
- This season, Jimenez owns two victories and six finishes in the top 10.

Woody Austin, 36-30-66 (-6)

Charles Schwab Cup standings – Start: 5th / Projected: 3rd

- Carded a lone birdie on the front nine but went bogey-free on the back with six birdies to finish the opening round 6-under 66.
- The round is Austin's best in 10 rounds at Sherwood Country Club. Last year he finished T10, his best finish at the event, after a final-round 67.
- This year, Austin claimed two runner-up finishes, two third-place finishes and 11 finishes in the top 10.
- This year has been Austin's most successful in six years on PGA TOUR Champions. He finished T4 at the Dominion Energy Charity Classic, the first Playoffs event, to bring his season earnings to a career high (\$1,491,850).

First-Round Lead Notes

- This season, a first-round leader/co-leader has won seven of 25 tournaments. The last player to do so was Doug Barron at the DICK'S Sporting Goods Open.
- A first-round leader has never gone on to win in tournament history at the Invesco QQQ Championship.

Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs Implications

After Sunday's final round, the top-36 players in the standings will qualify for the Charles Schwab Cup Championship. Last year, Stephen Ames was the only player to start outside the top-36 and move into the top-36 and advance to the final event.

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T6	Tommy Tolles	-4	34-34—68	37 th	30 th

Other Notes

- Charles Schwab Cup leader **Scott McCarron** (No. 1) and defending champion **Scott Parel** (No. 8) carded a 2under 70 in the opening round to sit T15. Both are on pace to hold their place in the Charles Schwab Cup standings.
- **Bernhard Langer**, the reigning Charles Schwab Cup champion, carded a 2-under 70 to sit T15 after the opening round. Langer ranks No. 4 in the Charles Schwab Cup and is projected to move to No. 6.
- Five players are playing the second Playoffs event for the first time:
 - **Retief Goosen**: 4-under 68 (T6)
 - **Ken Duke**: 3-under 69 (T10)
 - **Doug Barron**: 1-over 73 (T39)
 - Darren Clarke: 5-over 77 (50th)
 - Chris DiMarco: 4-under 68 (T6)