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## KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship

Oak Hill Country Club | Rochester, New York | May 23-26, 2019

### First-Round Notes

Thursday, May 23, 2019

**Course Setup:** Par 70 / 6,896 yards (R1 scoring average: 74.423)

**Weather:** Mostly sunny in the morning with increasing cloudiness and midday storms. In the afternoon, mostly cloudy with a high of 70. Wind from the W at 15-25 mph and gusts up to 40 mph.

**Note:** Play was suspended from 11:29 a.m. – 1:45 p.m. due to dangerous weather conditions.

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	Player	To Par	Scores
1.	Scott Parel	-4	34-32 – 66
T2.	Retief Goosen	-3	33-34 – 67
T2.	Marco Dawson	-3	32-35 – 67
T2.	Ken Tanigawa	-3	32-35 – 67

#### Quick Links:

- [Leaderboard](#)
- [Second-round tee times](#) (TV coverage: 1-4 p.m. ET, Golf Channel)
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#### Scott Parel, 34-32 – 66 (-4)

- Parel birdied Nos. 17 and 18, the seventh- and fifth-toughest holes on Thursday, to post a 4-under 66. Only 15 birdies were made on No. 17 and nine birdies were made on No. 18, and Parel was one of two players (Shaun Micheel) to play those holes 2-under.
- Parel's eagle on the par-5 fourth hole was the only eagle on Thursday.
- His 66 is a career-low first-round score in a major.
- He has three top-10s in 13 senior majors (best: T2/2017 Regions Tradition) and his best finish in three starts at the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship was a tie for seventh in 2016.
- This is the fourth time he has been a first-round leader/co-leader, and the first time in a major.
- This is the second time he has led/co-led after a round in a major. He opened with rounds of 67-66 and led by one after 36 holes at the 2018 Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship; he went on to finish T6.
- This season, Parel has two runner-up finishes and is No. 8 in the Charles Schwab Cup.
- In 2016, Parel Monday qualified eight times and finished 46th in the Charles Schwab Cup. At PGA TOUR Champions Q-School in December 2016, he was co-medalist and became fully exempt for the 2017 season. He tallied six top-10s and finished 21st in the final Charles Schwab Cup standings in 2017, and last year he won twice en route to a third-place finish in the final standings.

## Scoring Notes

- Three players in the afternoon wave (75.793 average) carded under-par rounds: **Marco Dawson** (T2/-3), **Corey Pavin** (T8/-1) and **Gibby Gilbert III** (T8/-1). The 12 other under-par rounds came from the morning wave (73.051).
- Of the 476 rounds at the 2008 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship, there were only 12 rounds under par and 26 rounds of par or better. Jay Haas was the first-round leader after shooting a 1-under 69, his only under-par round of the week.

## Retief Goosen, 33-34 – 67 (-3)

- After birdies on Nos. 2-4, Goosen was even-par over his last 14 holes and posted a 3-under 67.
- In Goosen's only other start at Oak Hill, he carded rounds of 77-74 and missed the cut at the 2003 PGA Championship.
- Goosen is making his eighth start on PGA TOUR Champions since turning 50 on February 3.
- After a T6 finish in his second start on Tour at the Chubb Classic, Goosen broke his right ring finger during the second round of the Cologuard Classic and was forced to withdraw. He missed the next seven weeks, and since returning he has three top-25 finishes in four starts. He is currently No. 40 in the Charles Schwab Cup.

## Marco Dawson, 32-35 – 67 (-3)

- Dawson recorded the day's only bogey-free round, a 3-under 67, and one of just three under-par scores in the afternoon wave. He closed with 11 straight pars after birdies on Nos. 2, 4 and 7.
- He hit 16 of 18 GIR, tied with Ken Tanigawa for best in the field. On the season, Dawson is No. 13 in that category (71.78%).
- Dawson won the 2015 Senior Open Championship at Sunningdale, defeating Bernhard Langer by one with a 16-under total. That victory was his second and most recent win on PGA TOUR Champions.
- He has four top-10s this season (best: 2nd/Oasis Championship) and is 10th in the Charles Schwab Cup.

## Ken Tanigawa, 32-35 – 67 (-3)

- Tanigawa was bogey free and 5-under through 13 holes. His first bogey was a three-putt on No. 14, and on the par-3 15th he made bogey after missing the green. He finished with three pars to post a 3-under 67.
- He hit 16 of 18 GIR, tied with Marco Dawson for best in the field. On the season, Tanigawa is No. 8 in that category (72.82%).
- Tanigawa's best finish in four senior majors is a T20 at the 2018 Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship.
- He has two top-10s this season (best: T7/Insperity Invitational) and is No. 22 in the Charles Schwab Cup.
- Tanigawa won the Arizona Amateur in 2015 and 2017, and he was runner-up in 2016. He competed in the 2017 PGA TOUR Champions Q-School as an amateur and he finished T4 to earn his card for the 2018 season. He won the 2018 PURE Insurance Championship at Pebble Beach to retain his card for 2019, and he was named 2018 PGA TOUR Champions Rookie of the Year.

## Other Notes

- Defending champion **Paul Broadhurst** is T16 after an even-par 70. He's looking to become the seventh player to win back-to-back titles and first since Colin Montgomerie won in 2014-2015.
- Playing in his first KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship since his win in 2017, **Bernhard Langer** opened with a 2-over 72. He is T42 alongside Charles Schwab Cup leader **Scott McCarron**.
- Coming off his first major victory at the Regions Tradition, **Steve Stricker** is T95 after a 76. It is his third major in three weeks, as the 2020 U.S. Ryder Cup Captain shot 73-72 and missed the cut at last week's PGA Championship.
- Rochester native **Jeff Sluman** carded a 4-over 74 and is T70.
- **Shaun Micheel**, winner of the 2003 PGA Championship at Oak Hill, carded a first-round 74 and is T70.
- **Jay Haas**, winner of the 2008 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship at Oak Hill, shot 74 and is T70.
- This week's winner will receive a lifetime exemption into the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship and exemptions into the 2020 PGA Championship, 2019 Senior Open Championship and 2019 U.S. Senior Open.