

Principal Charity Classic

Wakonda Club | Des Moines, Iowa | May 31 – June 2, 2019

First-Round Notes

Friday, May 31, 2019

Course Setup: Par 72 / 6,773 yards (R1 scoring average: 71.141)

Weather: Partly sunny, hazy skies with highs in the mid-80s. Wind WSW at 8-15, gusts up to 20.

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Note: Lift, clean and place was in effect.

	Player	To Par	Scores
1	Scott Parel	-9	31-32 – 63
2	Chris DiMarco	-7	34-31 – 65
3	Billy Andrade	-6	34-32 – 66

Quick Links:

- [Leaderboard](#)
- [Tee Times](#) – Second-round tee times will run from 10:55–12:55 p.m. CT off the Nos. 1 and 10 tees
- [PGATOURmedia.com](#) (transcripts and other resources available for download)
- Golf Channel coverage – Saturday, 2:00-4:30 p.m. CT

Scott Parel, 31-32 – 63 (-9)

- With a bogey-free 9-under 63, Parel tied the course record (Billy Andrade, 2016). The tournament record is 62, set by Kirk Triplett in 2012 at Glen Oaks.
- It was his lowest round since his career-low of 62 at the 2018 Shaw Charity Classic.
- Parel hit 13 of 14 fairways and needed just 23 putts, besting the field by three.
- Making his fourth start at the Principal Charity Classic, Parel's best finish came last year when he finished in a four-way tie for second.
- This is the fifth time and second consecutive event he has been a first-round leader/co-leader. At last week's KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship in Rochester N.Y., Parel held the solo 18-hole lead for the first time in a major championship, and he went on to finish sixth. He has converted one first-round lead/co-lead into a victory (2018 Boeing Classic).
- This season, Parel has two runner-up finishes and is No. 6 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.

First-Round Lead Notes

- The last first-round leader that has gone on to win the Principal Charity Classic was Jay Haas in 2007. Overall, first-round leaders have won just three times in the tournament's first 18 years.

- At last year's Principal Charity Classic, Bernhard Langer held the 18-hole lead with an 8-under 64. Eventual champion Tom Lehman was T4 after opening with a 6-under 66.
- The highest first-round score by a Principal Charity Classic winner is 71 (Russ Cochran, 2013).
- This season, a first-round leader/co-leader has won four out of 11 tournaments, with Current Schwab Cup leader Scott McCarron leading the pack with two (Mitsubishi Electric Classic, Insperity Invitational).

Chris DiMarco, 34-31 – 65 (-7)

- Highlighted by a 60-foot putt on the par-13 No. 17, DiMarco birdied six of his last seven holes to finish with a 7-under par 65 in his debut at the Principal Charity Classic.
- The 65 is his best round since joining PGA TOUR Champions in August of 2018. His previous best was 68, most recently at the Hoag Classic in March.
- Making his 16th start this week, DiMarco's best finish so far on PGA TOUR Champions has been T30 (2019 Oasis Championship).
- The Orlando, Fla., resident won three times during his PGA TOUR career and was a two-time Ryder Cup and Presidents Cup member.
- DiMarco's most consistent success came between 2002 to 2006, when he was ranked in the top 10 of the world rankings for 61 weeks, going as high as No. 6 in the world in 2005 and finishing runner-up in three major championships.

Billy Andrade, 34-32 – 66 (-6)

- Andrade birdied five of his last six holes en route to finishing the day with a 6-under par 66.
- In 2016's second round, Andrade broke the tournament course record at Wakonda with a 9-under par 63. He went on to finish the week T2, his best performance in five previous starts,
- Last week at the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship, he closed with a 4-under 66, the lowest round of the day, to finish the week T8 at Oak Hill CC.
- So far this season, Andrade has two top-3 finishes, four top-10s and is currently ranked No. 13 in Charles Schwab Cup standings.
- Andrade owns a total of three titles, five runner-up finishes, and 38 finishes in the top 10 on PGA TOUR Champions.

Other Notes

- **Darren Clarke** opened with a 5-under 67, tied for his best first-round score on PGA TOUR Champions. At last week's KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship, he was T5 after a first-round 68 before closing with rounds of 74-74-75 and finishing T35.
- **David Toms** opened with a 5-under 67 and is a seven-way tie for fourth. He is making his first start on PGA TOUR Champions since finishing T2 at the Regions Tradition, and overall he has four top-10s and is No. 5 in the Charles Schwab Cup. As a past champion at Colonial, Toms played last week's Charles Schwab Challenge and finished T31 (71-68-70-72).
- **Jerry Kelly** has top-10s in his two previous starts in Des Moines (T6/2018, T10/2017), and he's T4 after a first-round 67. He finished fifth at last week's KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship, his fourth top-10 of the season, and he's No. 11 in the Charles Schwab Cup.
- Also in a tie for fourth at 5-under are **Duffy Waldorf, Woody Austin, Gene Sauers** and **Tom Gillis**.
- **Scott McCarron**, winner of the 2016 Principal Charity Classic and current Charles Schwab Cup leader, carded seven birdies and five bogeys in his first-round 70 (T26).
- One week after winning the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship, **Ken Tanigawa** is T46 after a first-round 72.
- The field includes seven past champions of the Principal Charity Classic:
 - **Tom Lehman** (2018) – T31, 71 (-1)
 - **Brandt Jobe** (2017) – T46, 72 (E)
 - **Scott McCarron** (2016) – T25, 70 (-2)
 - **Mark Calcavecchia** (2015) – T46, 72 (E)
 - **Tom Pernice, Jr.** (2014) – T67, 75 (+3)
 - **Russ Cochran** (2013) – T56, 73 (+1)
 - **Jay Haas** (2007, 2008, 2012) – T31, 71 (-1)