



Sanford International

Minnehaha Country Club | Sioux Falls, South Dakota | September 20-22, 2019

First-Round Notes

Friday, September 20, 2019

Course Setup: Par 70 / 6,579 yards (R1 average: 72.117)

Weather: Mostly sunny with a high in the low 80s. Wind from the SSE at 15-25 mph, with gusts up to 30 mph.

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	Player	To Par	Scores
1.	Kirk Triplett	-4	32-34 – 66
T2.	Paul Broadhurst	-3	31-36 – 67
T2.	Tom Gillis	-3	33-34 – 67
4.	Woody Austin	-2	31-37 – 68
T5.	8 players	-1	

Quick Links:

- [Leaderboard](#)
- [Second-round tee times](#) (Golf Channel coverage: 3-6 p.m. ET, tape delayed)
- [PGATOURmedia.com](#) (transcripts and other resources available for download)

Kirk Triplett, 32-34 – 66 (-4)

- Triplett birdied Nos. 16 and 17, his fourth and fifth birdies of the day, en route to a 4-under 66.
- This is the fifth time Triplett is a first-round leader/co-leader and the first since the 2018 Shaw Charity Classic. He has not converted one of these leads into a win.
- He finished T6 at last year's Sanford International after rounds of 66-68-69.
- Since finishing fifth at the U.S. Senior Open, Triplett has finished outside the top 25 in his last four starts and had a 71.69 scoring average.
- Triplett posted his seventh career victory in March when he defeated Woody Austin in a playoff at the Hoag Classic. He leads the Tour with four runner-up finishes this season and he is No. 10 in the Charles Schwab Cup.

First-Round Scoring/Lead Notes

- There were no bogey-free rounds Friday. **Kirk Triplett** (-4/1st), **Ken Duke** (-1/T5), **Jesper Parnevik** (-1/T5) and **Wes Short, Jr.** (-1/T5) were the only four players to make just one bogey.
- The first-round scoring average of 72.117/+2.117 is the second highest (in relation to par) first-round average among non-majors this season (Mitsubishi Electric Classic, 74.974/+2.974).
- Last year, Minnehaha Country Club was the third-easiest course on PGA TOUR Champions (68.295/-1.705).
- This season, a first-round leader/co-leader has won seven of 21 tournaments. The last player to do so was Doug Barron at the DICK'S Sporting Goods Open.
- At last year's Sanford International, four players shared the first-round lead after rounds of 7-under 63: Brandt Jobe, David McKenzie, Jerry Smith and eventual champion Steve Stricker.

Paul Broadhurst, 31-36 – 67 (-3)

- After posting an even-par 36 on his first nine, Broadhurst began his second nine with a birdie on No. 1. He also holed a 52-degree wedge for eagle on No. 5, which helped him shoot 3-under 34 on his back nine.
- The Englishman posted rounds of 69-70-72 and finished T45 at this event last year.
- He has five top-10s this season, including a runner-up finish at The Senior Open Championship, and is No. 13 in the Charles Schwab Cup.

Tom Gillis, 33-34 – 67 (-3)

- After bogeys on Nos. 9 and 10, Gillis played his last eight holes in 3-under and is T2 after a first-round 67.
- The 3-under 67 was his 14th consecutive round of par or better.
- He is coming off back-to-back top-10s (4th/Shaw Charity Classic, T7/The Ally Challenge). In this span, he has improved from No. 60 to 44 in the Charles Schwab Cup.

Woody Austin, 31-37 – 68 (-2)

- Austin carded six birdies Friday, tied with Lee Janzen (+1/T28) for most in the field.
- He finished T6 at last year's Sanford International after rounds of 69-64-70.
- His 2-under 68 extended his streak to 13 consecutive rounds of par or better.
- He has tallied eight straight top-20 finishes, including five top-10s and a runner-up at last week's Ally Challenge, and is currently No. 9 in the Charles Schwab Cup.

Other Notes

- **Tom Byrum**, who was born in Onida, South Dakota, opened with an even-par 70 and is T13.
- After parring his first 11 holes, Charles Schwab Cup leader **Scott McCarron** made two birdies and two bogeys coming in and shot an even-par 70.
- McCarron's closest pursuer in the standings is **Jerry Kelly**, who won last week's Ally Challenge. Kelly is T13 with McCarron after a first-round 70.
- **Darren Clarke** earned entry when Olin Browne withdrew Thursday morning. The Northern Irishman carded a 1-under 69 and is T5.
- Making his fourth start of the season, **Davis Love III** hit 17 of 18 greens in regulation but took 40 putts, including five three-putts, and shot 74.
- **Jeff Sluman** is making his 1,000th career start (300 PGA TOUR Champions, 700 PGA TOUR). He opened with an even-par 70 and is T13.
- **Angel Cabrera** (wrist) withdrew during the first round.