



SAS Championship

Prestonwood Country Club | Cary, North Carolina | October 11-13, 2019

First-Round Notes

Friday, October 11, 2019

Course Setup: Par 72 / 7,237 yards (R1 average: 72.397)

Weather: Sunny with a high in the mid 70s. Wind from the N at 6-12 mph.

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	Player	To Par	Scores
1.	Doug Barron	-6	36-30 – 66
2.	Woody Austin	-5	30-37 – 67
T3.	Jerry Kelly	-4	32-36 – 68
T3.	Vijay Singh	-4	34-34 – 68
T5.	Bernhard Langer	-3	35-34 – 69
T5.	9 others	-3	

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- [Leaderboard](#)
- [Second-round tee times](#) (Golf Channel coverage: 1:30-4 p.m. ET)
- [PGATOURmedia.com](#) (transcripts and other resources available for download)

Doug Barron, 36-30 – 66 (-6)

- Barron started on No. 10 and carded seven birdies to make the turn at 7-under 30. It was the fourth nine-hole score of 7-under or better this season on PGA TOUR Champions.
- He missed his first green in regulation on No. 6 and made bogey, and he hit his second shot in the water on the par-5 seventh, which led to another bogey. He closed with a bogey on No. 9 and finished with a 6-under 66.
- In July, he was co-medalist at his qualifier for The Senior Open Championship, and he went on to finish T5 in his PGA TOUR Champions debut at Royal Lytham & St. Annes.
- In August, Barron advanced through pre-qualifying and open qualifying to enter the DICK'S Sporting Goods Open, his second start on PGA TOUR Champions. He carded rounds of 65-68-66 to claim his first victory by two strokes over Fred Couples. Barron became the 13th open qualifier to win on Tour and first since Willie Wood won the 2012 DICK'S Sporting Goods Open.
- In his four starts since his victory, Barron's best finish was T21 at The Ally Challenge. He is currently 38th in the Charles Schwab Cup.

First-Round Lead Notes

- This season, a first-round leader/co-leader has won seven of 23 tournaments. The last player to do so was Doug Barron at the DICK'S Sporting Goods Open.
- First-round leaders/co-leaders have won the SAS Championship eight times, including Bernhard Langer last year.

Woody Austin, 30-37 – 67 (-5)

- Austin bogeyed Nos. 10-12 and dropped to 2-under, but he rebounded with birdies on Nos. 14, 16 and 18 to finish with a first-round 67.
- Austin has carded eight consecutive first-round scores in the 60s. He has top-20 finishes in each of his last seven starts, including four top-10s.
- This was his first under-par first round in six starts at the SAS Championship. He entered the week with a 71.27 average at this event and his best finish was T16 in 2015.
- He has nine top-10s this season and is No. 9 in the Charles Schwab Cup, and he is the defending champion of next week's Dominion Energy Charity Classic.

Other Notes

- **Jerry Kelly** is T3 after carding a 4-under 68. He has two wins this season and has been No. 2 in the Charles Schwab Cup the last five weeks.
- **Vijay Singh** is tied with Kelly at 4-under. He has not posted a top-10 since finishing T7 at the Insperity Invitational, a streak of 10 consecutive starts. Winner of last year's Charles Schwab Cup Championship, he is currently No. 41 in the standings.
- After starting his round with 13 consecutive pars, defending champion **Bernhard Langer** birdied three of this last five holes and shot 69. Should he win the SAS Championship again, Langer would become the tournament's second back-to-back winner (Bruce Lietzke/2001, 2002) and it would be the sixth tournament he has won three times or more.
- Langer and **Chris DiMarco** (T15/-2) were the only players to card bogey-free rounds on Friday.
- Four members of the World Golf Hall of Fame are among the 14 players at 3-under or better: Singh (T3/-4), Langer (T5/-3), **Retief Goosen** (T5/-3) and **Colin Montgomerie** (T5/-3).
- Charles Schwab Cup leader **Scott McCarron** opened with a 1-over 73 and is T39. Regardless of how he finishes this week, McCarron will top the standings when the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs begin next week.
- In his tournament debut, **Davis Love III** is T39 at 1-over 73.

Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs

The fourth-annual Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs begin next week, and Wildcard Weekend at the SAS Championship offers another opportunity for players to earn one of the 72 postseason berths. Should a player post a top-10 finish this week but finish the regular season outside the top-72 on the Charles Schwab Cup money list, he will earn the Wildcard and qualify for the Playoffs.

- In his second start since turning 50 on September 23, **Rod Pampling** is T5 after a first-round 69. He started the week 110th in the standings and needs a top-10 finish to claim the Wildcard and advance to the Playoffs.
- **Sandy Lyle** began the week 72nd in the standings. He is T31 after opening with an even-par 72, and he is projected to finish 72nd in the standings and he would be the last player to qualify for the Playoffs.
- **Joey Sindelar** began the week 73rd in the standings, \$4,688 behind Lyle. After 18 holes, Sindelar is tied with Lyle at even-par.
- In all, this week's field includes 14 players outside the top-72 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings.