



## Shaw Charity Classic

Canyon Meadows Golf & Country Club | Calgary, Alberta | August 30- September 1, 2019

### First-Round Notes

Friday, August 30, 2019

**Course Setup:** Par 70 / 7,031 yards (R1 average: 68.295)

**Weather:** Partly sunny with a high of 65. Winds out of the E -15 mph.

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	Player	To Par	Scores
1.	Michael Bradley	-9	32-39—61
2.	Steve Flesch	-8	33-29—62
3.	Tom Byrum	-7	34-29—63
T4.	Eight Players	-6	64

#### Quick Links:

- [Leaderboard](#)
- Golf Channel coverage: 2:00-4:30 p.m. MT
- [PGATOURmedia.com](#) (transcripts and other resources available for download)

#### Michael Bradley, 32-29—61 (-9)

- Carded 10 total birdies with consecutive birdies on Nos. 10-14 and two on Nos. 17 and 18 to finish at 9-under 61. This 18-hole total ties the course record at Canyon Meadows and is a personal career-low on PGA TOUR Champions (previous best: 62 at 2017 3M Championship). Others who share the course record:
  - Fred Couples, 2014, Rd. 3
  - Miguel Angel Jimenez, 2015, Rd. 2
- Should Bradley go on to win, he would be the third first-time winner this year and secure the lowest first-round score by a winner in tournament history. Other first-time winners this year:
  - Retief Goosen, Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship
  - Doug Barron, DICK'S Sporting Goods Open
- It is the first time Bradley has led after the first round on PGA TOUR Champions. He has led following 36-holes once (2018 DICK'S Sporting Goods Open) and ultimately finished runner-up at the event.
- Bradley is making just his second start at the Shaw Charity Classic (T25/2017; T26/2016).
- The Largo, Florida native spent time on the Canadian Tour where he won the 1989 Ontario Open and 1990 Quebec Open.
- Bradley is searching for his first win on PGA TOUR Champions. In 53 career starts he owns one runner-up finish (2018 DICK'S Sporting Goods Open) and three finishes in the top 10.

#### First-Round Lead Notes

- This year's first-round scoring average of 68.295 is the second-lowest scoring average in tournament history (68.235, Rd. 1, 2016).
- This season, a first-round leader/co-leader has won seven times in 19 tournaments. The last player to do so was **Doug Barron** at the DICK'S Sporting Goods Open.

- The inaugural winner **Rocco Mediate** (2013) is the only player to have led/co-led after the first-round and gone on to win the Shaw Charity Classic.

#### **Steve Flesch, 33-29—62 (-8)**

- Carded a bogey-free 8-under 62 with six birdies and an eagle on the par-5 11th hole. The 18-hole total marks as a career-low on PGA TOUR Champions (previous best: 64, 2017 Pacific Links Championship).
- Flesch leads the field in scrambling around the green (4/4).
- The Cincinnati, Ohio native is making his second start at the Shaw Charity Classic (T48/2018; T12/2017).
- In 18 starts this season, Flesch's best finish came at the Hoag Classic (T5) after rounds of 69-67-69. He holds two top-10 finishes and nine finishes in the top 25.
- Flesch won the 2018 Mitsubishi Electric Classic in a playoff over Bernhard Langer and Scott Parel for his first PGA TOUR Champions title. In three years on Tour, he has seven finishes in the top 10 and 24 in the top 25.

#### **Tom Byrum, 34-29—63 (-7)**

- Carded seven birdies and an eagle on the par-5 18th hole to finish at 7-under 63 for a new 18-hole career-low (previous best: 64, 3x).
- In six starts at the Shaw Charity Classic, Byrum's best finish came in his tournament debut in 2013 when he carded rounds of 66-68-64 to finish runner-up.
- This season, Byrum has made 16 starts with seven finishes in the top 25. His best finish records as fifth-place at the Regions Tradition.
- The South Dakota native is in search of his first victory on PGA TOUR Champions. In 10 seasons, he owns three runner-up finishes, 19 finishes in the top 10 and 59 finishes in the top 25.

#### **Other Notes**

- Making his Shaw Charity Classic debut, **Retief Goosen** carded seven birdies en route to a 6-under 64. He will enter the weekend T4.
- Charles Schwab Cup leader and two-time Shaw Charity Classic defending champion **Scott McCarron** carded seven total birdies with consecutive birdies on Nos. 11-15 to finish at 6-under 64 (T4). Last year, McCarron exited the first round T6 after a 3-under 67. He is looking to become the first player since Bernhard Langer (2014-2016 Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS) to win a PGA TOUR Champions event three consecutive years.
- Open qualifier and Canadian **David Moreland IV** carded eight total birdies with consecutive birdies on Nos. 11-14 to finish at 6-under 64 (T4). It is Moreland's first start at the event. Moreland played on both the Korn Ferry Tour and Canadian Tour. He won the 1999 McDonald's PEI Challenge in Calgary.
- Canadian **Stephen Ames** finished Friday at 3-under 67 (T21). Ames is making his fifth start at the event (best finish: T5, 2015).