



# Hoag Classic

Newport Beach Country Club | Newport Beach, California | March 6-8, 2020

## First-Round Notes

Friday, March 6, 2020

**Course Setup:** Par 71 / 6,606 yards (R1: 70.167)

**Weather:** Mostly cloudy with a high of 65. Winds out of the SW 7-14 mph.

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	Player	To Par	Scores
1.	David Morland IV	-10	30-31—61
T2.	Ken Duke	-8	29-34—63
T2.	Scott McCarron	-8	31-32—63
4.	David Toms	-6	31-34—65

### Quick Links:

- [Leaderboard](#)
- [Second-Round Tee Times](#) (10:25 a.m. – 12:25 p.m. off Nos. 1 and 10)
- [PGATOURmedia.com](#) (transcripts and other resources available for download)

### David Morland IV, 30-31—61 (-10)

- Making his tournament debut, Morland carded a bogey-free opening round with 10 birdies for a 10-under 61 finish, his best round in a PGA TOUR-sanctioned event (previously: 63, Rd. 2, 2001 RBC Canadian Open).
- Morland entered the field this week as an open qualifier from Goose Creek Golf Club. He shot 33 on the front-nine holes, before evacuating due to a fire in the surrounding area.
- The 50-year-old owns three starts on PGA TOUR Champions and claimed his best finish at the 2019 Shaw Charity Classic (T36). He competed in the 2019 Champions Tour Qualifying School finishing the final stage T45.
- Morland made 125 starts on the PGA TOUR from 1995-2010, with his best finish coming at the 2001 RBC Canadian Open (T5).
- He currently has full status on the Staysure Tour as he finished T2 at qualifying school in January.
- The Canadian is seeking his first victory on PGA TOUR Champions. Should he go on to win, he would be the first open qualifier to win since Doug Barron at the 2019 DICK'S Sporting Goods Open.

### First-round lead notes

- Through four events this season, two first-round leaders/co-leaders have gone on to win.
- In the 25-year history of the Hoag Classic, nine 18-hole leaders have gone on to win the tournament (most recently: Jay Haas, 2016).

- The largest 18-hole lead in tournament history occurred in 2011 when a first-round 11-under 60 gave Nick Price a five-shot cushion heading into the weekend.

#### **Ken Duke, 29-34—63 (-8)**

- Making his Hoag Classic debut, Duke carded an eagle, seven birdies and a bogey to finish at 8-under 63 and set a new career-low 18-hole total (previously: 64, Rd. 3, 2019 DICK’S Sporting Goods Open).
- Duke has made three starts this season, most recently finishing T9 at the Cologuard Classic.
- The Hope, Arkansas native is seeking his first victory on PGA TOUR Champions. He owns a runner-up finish (2019 Sanford International), five top-10s and 15 top-25 finishes in 24 starts.
- As a PGA TOUR winner (2013 Travelers Championship), Duke made 313 starts on the PGA TOUR and earned \$10,836,211.
- Duke’s current status on PGA TOUR Champions comes from his No. 28 final standing in the 2019 Charles Schwab Cup.

#### **Scott McCarron, 31-32—63 (-8)**

- Making his fifth start at the Hoag Classic, McCarron carded an eagle, seven birdies and a bogey to finish his opening round at 8-under 63, making his lowest round in five starts this season.
- The 2019 Charles Schwab Cup winner has made a slow start this season. He opened with a T9 at the Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai but has failed to finish inside the top 10 in his past three starts.
- In 13 rounds at Newport Beach Country Club, McCarron has only recorded one round over par (72, Rd.2, 2019) and has finished each start inside the top 10. His best finish at Hoag Classic came in 2018 when he finished runner-up to Vijay Singh.
- The UCLA graduate owns 11 wins on PGA TOUR Champions and was named the 2019 Player of the Year after winning the Charles Schwab Cup.

#### **Other Notes**

- **David Toms** carded a bogey-free 6-under 65 with six birdies to exit the opening round in fourth place. Toms is making his third start at the Hoag Classic (T5, 2018; T15, 2019) and finished his first two events of the 2020 season inside the top 25.
- **Billy Mayfair** carded his lowest round of the year opening with a 5-under 66. Mayfair finished T15 at last year’s Hoag Classic.
- World Golf Hall of Fame member **Ernie Els** sits T5 with a 5-under 66 opening round. Els carded three birdies and sunk an 80-foot putt for eagle on the par-5 15th hole in his Hoag Classic debut.
- Charles Schwab Cup leader **Bernhard Langer** opened his 10th start at the Hoag Classic with a 1-under 70. Langer won the event in his first start (2008), owns two runner-up finishes and four finishes in the top 10.
- Defending Champion, **Kirk Triplett** sits T26 after an opening-round 1-under 70.