



CHAMPIONSHIP
at Hualalai

Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai

Hualalai Golf Course | Ka'upulehu-Kona, Hawaii | January 13-18, 2020

First-Round Notes

Thursday, January 16, 2020

Course Setup: Par 72 / 7,107 yards

Weather: Sunny with a high near 80. Wind from the SE at 6-12 mph.

Purse: \$1,800,000 (Winner: \$310,000)

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Rank	Player	To Par	Scores
T1.	Bernhard Langer	-8	32-32 – 64
T1	Miguel Angel Jiménez	-8	33-31 – 64
T3.	Woody Austin	-7	32-33 – 65
T4.	Kenny Perry	-6	34-32 – 66
T4.	Joe Durant	-6	33-33 – 66

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Bernhard Langer, 64 (-8)

- Bernhard Langer, a three-time winner of the Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai, utilized nine birdies against a lone bogey on en route to his opening-round 64.
- This is the sixth time he has shot 64 at Hualalai.
- The last time Langer lead or co-lead a tournament after the first round was in 2018 at the SAS Championship, where he went on the win.
- Langer has won at least twice every season since 2012. In his 12 starts at the Mitsubishi Electric Championship, he has captured three wins and finished outside the top-10 just three times. He finished T3 in 2019.
- A victory at Hualalai in 2020 would be the 41st of his PGA TOUR Champions career, moving the Boca Raton, Florida, resident closer to breaking the all-time victories mark on Tour, held by Hale Irwin (45).
- Langer competed in the PGA TOUR's Sony Open in Hawaii six times in his career, missing the cut just once and posting two top-5 finishes – including a career-best T3 in 1986.

Miguel Angel Jiménez, 64 (-8)

- Miguel Angel Jiménez posted a bogey-free 64 highlighted by eight birdies in Thursday's opening round.

- Jiménez is a past champion of the Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai, winning in his tournament debut in 2015. He has qualified for the limited-field event six consecutive years
- Jiménez has been a leader or co-leader after 18 holes nine times in his PGA TOUR Champions career and has converted two of those leads into victories.
- The 56-year-old won twice on PGA TOUR Champions in 2019, collecting titles at the Chubb Classic and the Dominion Energy Charity Classic – the first of three events in the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs.
- Those wins marked his sixth-straight year with a victory - the second-longest active streak on Tour, trailing only Bernhard Langer's all-time record of 12 straight seasons with a win.

Woody Austin, 65 (-7)

- Woody Austin, who won the 2018 Dominion Energy Charity Classic to earn his spot in the Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai, posted a 65 on Thursday to sit solo-third through 18 holes of play.
- Austin made his debut at Hualalai in 2017 and has played each year since. His best finish was a T12 in 2018.
- In addition to four birdies, Austin recorded two eagles in his opening round on Nos. 7 and 10.
- In 2019, Austin made 27 starts, posting two runner-up finishes and an additional 12 top-10s. He went on to finish the season ranked No. 5 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings.
- The Tampa, Florida, resident competed in the PGA TOUR's Sony Open in Hawaii 11 times in his career, where he made the cut just four times.

Tournament Notes:

- Langer and Jiménez birdied each of the four par-5 holes in the opening round at Hualalai Golf Course.
- On opening day there were only 17 rounds in the 60s and three players who posted bogey-free rounds (Jimenez, Fred Couples and Scott Parel).
- The toughest hole in the first round was the par-3 fifth, where the scoring average was 3.289.
- Defending champion **Tom Lehman** opened the day with bogeys on Nos. 5, 16 and 17 en route to a first-round 71 and is T25.
- World Golf Hall of Fame member **Ernie Els**, who is making his PGA TOUR Champions debut this week, posted a first-round 72. He sits at even par and is T30.
- 70-year-old **Tom Watson** beat his age in Thursday's round, posting a 34-35 – 69 and is T14. 2020 marks his 20th start at the Mitsubishi Electric Championship and his record includes a win (2010) and an additional 10 top-10 finishes.
- 2019 Player of the Year and reigning Charles Schwab Cup champion **Scott McCarron** posted an opening-round 67 and is T6.
- 2019 Rookie of the Year **Retief Goosen** opened the first round of his season with a 67 and is T6.