



PURE Insurance Championship

Pebble Beach Golf Links | Monterey Peninsula, Calif. | September 18-20, 2020

First Round Notes

Friday, September 18, 2020

Course Setup: Par 72 / 6,905 yards (R1: 71.825)

Weather: Partly sunny with a high of 70. Winds out of the W/NW 10-15 mph.

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	Player	To Par	Scores
1	Jim Furyk	-8	32-32-64
T2	Cameron Beckman	-7	32-33-65
T2	Ernie Els	-7	34-31-65
T2	Stephen Leaney	-7	32-33-65
T5	Dicky Pride	-6	32-34-66
T5	Doug Barron	-6	32-34-66

Quick Links:

- [Leaderboard](#)
- [Second-Round Tee Times](#) (Golf Channel coverage: 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. ET)
- [PGATOURmedia.com](#) (transcripts and other resources available for download)

Jim Furyk, 32-32 – 64 (-8)

- Playing in his second PGA TOUR Champions event, Furyk birdied three of his last four holes (Nos. 6-8) en route to carding an 8-under par 64 in the opening round of the PURE Insurance Championship.
- Furyk is 4-for-22 with the 18-hole lead/co-lead on the PGA TOUR. The last time he converted an 18-hole lead to a victory was the 2006 RBC Canadian Open.
- In his PGA TOUR Champions debut, Furyk won The Ally Challenge presented by McLaren, carding a bogey-free 68 Sunday to win by two over **Retief Goosen** and **Brett Quigley**.
- With the victory, Furyk became the 19th player to win in his PGA TOUR Champions Tour debut, breaking a winless streak of 5 years, 3 months, 14 days.
- With a win this week, Furyk would become just the third player to win his first two starts on PGA TOUR Champions, joining **Bruce Fleisher** (1999) and **Arnold Palmer** (1980).
- In 22 starts at the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, Furyk finished inside the top 10 a total of five times.

Cameron Beckman, 32-33 – 65 (-7)

- Making his third start on PGA TOUR Champions, Beckman carded seven birdies en route to a 7-under par 65 in the opening round.
- Beckman is a three-time winner on the PGA TOUR (2001 Sanderson Farms Championship, 2008 Safeway Open, 2010 Mayakoba Golf Classic).
- The San Antonio, Texas resident turned 50 on February 15 and has now successfully open qualified for the last three eligible events (The Ally Challenge, T45; Sanford International, T35).
- Beckman made six starts at the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am with a best finish of T56 in 2006.

Ernie Els, 34-31 – 65 (-7)

- Els aced the 205-yard 12th hole with a 6-iron en route to carding a bogey-free 7-under par 65 in the opening round of the PURE Insurance Championship.
- It was the South African native's third ace of the year (Rd. 3, Charles Schwab Series at Bass Pro Shops Big Cedar Lodge; Rd. 1, Ally Challenge).
- Els has played 113 par-3s this season and made three holes-in-one (2.65%)
- Els becomes the fourth player in PGA TOUR Champions history to record three aces in one season:
 - **Jim O'Hern**: 1991 Security Pacific Senior Classic, GTE Northwest Classic, Newport Cup
 - **Ed Sneed**: 1996 Las Vegas Senior Classic, Regions Tradition. FHP Health Care Classic
 - **Dan Forsman**: 2015 PURE Insurance Championship, Insperity Invitational, Bass Pro Shops Legends of Golf at Big Cedar Lodge
- The World Golf Hall of Fame member won the Hoag Classic in his third PGA TOUR Champions start in March and has finished inside the top 10 in six of his eight starts.

Stephen Leaney, 32-33—65 (-7)

- Leaney carded a bogey-free 7-under 65 to match the best round of his PGA TOUR Champions career (three times, most recently Sanford International, Rd. 2).
- In nine starts this season, the Australian native has recorded three top-10 finishes (T10, Morocco Champions; T5, The Chubb Classic; T9 Cologuard Classic).
- Leaney is making his second start at the PURE Insurance Championship after finishing T20 in 2019.
- He had one start at the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am in 2005 and finished T65.

First-Round Lead Notes

- First-round leaders/co-leaders have now won the last four PGA TOUR Champions events. Through nine events, a total of six first-round leaders/co-leaders have gone on to win in 2020:
 - Miguel Angel Jimenez, Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai
 - Scott Parel, Chubb Classic
 - Jerry Kelly, Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship
 - Shane Bertsch, Charles Schwab Series at Bass Pro Shops Big Cedar Lodge
 - Phil Mickelson, Charles Schwab Series at Ozarks National
 - Miguel Angel Jimenez, Sanford International

Other Notes

- **Robin Byrd** (T7/-4) made a hole-in-one on the 112-yard 7th with a 56-degree sand wedge. Making his 21st start, it was the first ace of his PGA TOUR Champions career for the 60-year-old journeyman.
- Winner of last week's Sanford International, **Miguel Angel Jimenez** recorded a 3-under 69 (T14 in his first appearance at the PURE Insurance Championship.
- The field includes six past champions of the PURE Insurance Championship, here is where they stand after the first round:
 - **Kirk Triplett** (2012, 2013, 2019): T64 (+3)
 - **Jeff Sluman** (2011, 2009, 2008): T26 (-1)
 - **Ken Tanigawa** (2018): T76 (+5)
 - **Bernhard Langer** (2017): T7 (-4)
 - **Paul Broadhurst** (2016): T26 (-1)
 - **Esteban Toledo** (2015): T55 (+2)
- **Tom Gillis** and **Tom Lehman** withdrew prior to the start of the first round due to injury. **Dudley Hart** and **Frank Lickliter II** took their respective places in the field.