

Ascension Charity Classic presented by Emerson

Norwood Hills Country Club (West Course) | St. Louis, Missouri | September 10-12, 2021

First-Round Notes

Friday, September 10, 2021

Course Setup: Par 71 / 6,946 yards (R1: 71.346)

Weather: Partly cloudy with highs in the mid-80s and winds SSE at 6-12 mph.

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	Player	To Par	Scores
T1	Paul Goydos	-5	33-33 – 66 (-5)
T1	Doug Barron	-5	32-34 – 66 (-5)
T1	Marco Dawson	-5	32-34 – 66 (-5)
T4	Five players	-4	

Quick Links:

- [Leaderboard](#)
- [Second-Round Tee Times](#) (Golf Channel coverage: 3:30 – 6:00 p.m. ET)
- [PGATOURmedia.com](#) (transcripts and other resources available for download)

Paul Goydos, 33-33 – 66 (-5)

- Goydos carded six birdies and one bogey en route to posting a 5-under par 66 in the first round.
- The Long Beach, California native hit 16 of 18 greens in regulation on Friday (T1 with Jim Furyk and Bernhard Langer).
- Goydos has been an 18-hole leader/co-leader six times during his PGA TOUR Champions career and has successfully converted it to a victory twice (2015 TimberTech Championship, 2016 Charles Schwab Cup Championship).
- Making his 26th start of the season, Goydos has notched five top-10s including a T2 finish at the Mitsubishi Electric Championship at TPC Sugarloaf (Duluth, Georgia) in May.
- The 57-year-old owns five victories on PGA TOUR Champions but is seeking his first win since the 2017 3M Championship (85 starts).
- He's a two-time winner on the PGA TOUR (1996 Arnold Palmer Invitational, 2007 Sony Open in Hawaii).
- A native of Long Beach, California, Goydos is currently ranked No. 28 in Charles Schwab Cup standings.

Doug Barron, 32-34– 66 (-5)

- After making four birdies on the front nine, Barron birdied No. 17 to post the only bogey-free round of the day with a 5-under 66.
- Barron has been an 18-hole leader/co-leader three times during his PGA TOUR Champions career and is 1-for-3 converting it to a win (2019 DICKS' Sporting Goods Open).
- The 52-year-old from Memphis, Tennessee is a two-time winner on PGA TOUR Champions, with his most recent victory coming last month at the Shaw Charity Classic in Calgary.
- Making his 31st start of the 2020-21 season, Barron has a total of six top-10s and is currently ranked No. 17 in Charles Schwab Cup standings.

Marco Dawson, 32-34 – 66 (-5)

- Dawson birdied Nos. 1 and 2 before posting a bogey on No. 3 en route to completing the round with seven birdies and two bogeys for 5-under 66 and a share of the lead.
- This marks the seventh time Dawson is a first-round leader/co-leader and most recently was T1 entering round two last week at The Ally Challenge. He is 1-for-6 in converting those leads into a victory (2015 Senior Open).
- His seven birdies are the most made during round one at the 2021 Ascension Charity Classic.
- Dawson has three top-10s this year, the most recent a T10 at the 2020 PURE Insurance Championship, and he sits No. 29 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings.
- The 57-year-old from Merritt Island, Florida is a two-time winner on PGA TOUR Champions (2015 Cologuard Classic, 2015 Senior Open Championship).

Other Notes

- **Jim Furyk** led the field in fairways hit (13 of 14) and finished with a 4-under par 67 in the opening round.
- **Wes Short, Jr** carded eagles at the par-4 No. 3 and par-5 No.8 en route to posting a 30 on the front, the lowest nine of the day and finished the day at 4-under 67 (T4).
- Two-time Charles Schwab Cup champion **Jay Haas**, who was born in St. Louis and is making his 334 PGA TOUR Champions start this week, finished with a 3-under 68 (T9).
- **John Daly**, who moved to Missouri in 10th grade and attended Helias High School in the state capital of Jefferson City, posted an opening round 3-under 68 and is currently T9.
- St. Louis native **Jay Delsing**, who caddied at Norwood Hills Country Club as a teenager and is playing on a sponsor exemption, carded a 32 on the back-nine and finished at even-par 71 (T28) on Friday.
- **Jay Williamson**, who attended Johns Burroughs High School in St. Louis and is making his sixth PGA TOUR Champions start this week on a sponsor exemption, carded a 1-under 70 in the opening round and is T23.