



## Charles Schwab Cup Championship

Phoenix Country Club | Phoenix, Arizona | November 11-14, 2021

*Tournament 3 of 3 in the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs*

### First-Round Notes

Thursday, November 11, 2021

**Course Setup:** Par 71 / 6,863 yards (R1: 68.143)

**Weather:** Sunny with highs in the mid-80s and winds N/NW at 3-6 mph

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	Player	To Par	Scores	Schwab Cup Standings	
				Start	Projected
T1.	Kirk Triplett	-6	33-32 – 65	32nd	16th
T1.	Phil Mickelson	-6	34-31 – 65	29th	11th
T1.	Jim Furyk	-6	32-33 – 65	2nd	1st
T4.	Brandt Jobe	-5	33-33 – 66	25th	25th
T4.	Steven Alker	-5	34-32 – 66	22nd	24th
T4.	Fred Couples	-5	34-32 – 66	20th	21st
T4.	K.J. Choi	-5	32-34 – 66	21st	22nd
T4.	David Toms	-5	34-32 – 66	19th	18th

**Charles Schwab Cup:** With the winner of the Charles Schwab Cup Championship receiving 880,000 points, four players are mathematically capable of winning the Charles Schwab Cup – Bernhard Langer, Jim Furyk, Miguel Angel Jimenez and Ernie Els.

#### Quick Links:

- [Leaderboard](#)
- [Second-Round Tee Times](#) (Golf Channel: 2:00-4:30 p.m. MT)
- Charles Schwab Cup: [Standings](#) | [Scenarios](#)
- [PGATOURmedia.com](http://PGATOURmedia.com) (transcripts and other resources available for download)

**Jim Furyk, 32-33 – 65 (-6)***Charles Schwab Cup standings – Start: 2nd / Projected: 1st*

- After playing the first four holes in even-par, Furyk birdied four of his next five holes and added birdies on Nos. 14 and 18 to shoot 6-under 65.
- Furyk, who entered the week No. 2 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings, would win the Charles Schwab Cup with a victory this week. He can also win the Charles Schwab Cup with a high finish if he gets help from Charles Schwab Cup points leader Bernhard Langer, who sits T15 on the leaderboard after the first round.
- This is the fourth time Furyk has led/co-led after the first round on PGA TOUR Champions. Furyk, who attended the University of Arizona, is 1-for-3 converting those into victories (2020 PURE Insurance Championship).
- Making his second start at the Charles Schwab Cup Championship, Furyk finished T13 in his debut in 2020, carding rounds of 68-68-70.
- Making his 25th start this season, Furyk has three wins (2020 The Ally Challenge, 2020 PURE Insurance Championship, 2021 U.S. Senior Open) among 17 top-10s. He entered the week with four consecutive top-10s, including a T2 finish at last week's TimberTech Championship.

**Phil Mickelson, 34-31 – 65 (-6)***Charles Schwab Cup standings – Start: 29th / Projected: 11th*

- Making his debut at this event, Mickelson made seven birdies, including two of his last three holes, en route to 6-under 65. Mickelson, who attended Arizona State University, played the par-5s in 3-under, birdying all three of them.
- Mickelson leads the field in driving distance (310.0) despite ranking T25 in fairways (7-of-14).
- This matches Mickelson's second-lowest 18-hole score on PGA TOUR Champions (61/2020 Charles Schwab Series at Ozarks National).
- This is the third time Mickelson has led/co-led after the first round on PGA TOUR Champions. He is 2-for-2 converting those into victories (2020 Charles Schwab Series at Ozarks National, 2021 Constellation FURYK & FRIENDS).
  - Mickelson has led/co-led after eight of his 16 rounds on PGA TOUR Champions.
- Mickelson has broken par in 14 of his 16 rounds on PGA TOUR Champions and has 10 rounds in the 60s. His scoring average is 67.93.
- With a win this week, Mickelson would become the second player in PGA TOUR Champions history to win four of his first six starts (Jack Nicklaus, 1991).
  - A rookie on PGA TOUR Champions, Mickelson won each of his first two starts (2020 Charles Schwab Series at Ozarks National, 2020 Dominion Energy Charity Classic).
  - After finishing T20 in his third start (2021 Cologuard Classic), Mickelson won the 2021 Constellation FURYK & FRIENDS, becoming the second player in PGA TOUR Champions history to win three of his first four starts (Fred Couples, 2010).
  - In his most recent start on PGA TOUR Champions, Mickelson finished T47 at the 2021 Dominion Energy Charity Classic in October.

**Kirk Triplett, 33-32 – 65 (-6)***Charles Schwab Cup standings – Start: 32nd / Projected: 16th*

- Triplett birdied Nos. 1, 2, 7, 12, 15 and 17 en route to a bogey-free 6-under 65.
- Making his 10th start at the Charles Schwab Cup Championship, this is Triplett's lowest 18-hole score at the event. (Note: Phoenix Country Club has been the host site since 2017)
  - Triplett has one top-10 finish at the Charles Schwab Cup Championship (T6/2015).
  - His best finish in four previous appearances at Phoenix Country Club is T24 (2018).
- This is the sixth time Triplett has led/co-led after the first round on PGA TOUR Champions. He is 0-for-5 converting those into victories.

- Making his 35th start of the season, Triplett has five top-10s, including a runner-up finish at the 2021 Mitsubishi Electric Classic. In the first two Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs events, he finished T16-T6.
- A Scottsdale resident, Triplett owns eight victories on PGA TOUR Champions since joining the Tour in 2012. His last win was the 2019 PURE Insurance Championship.

#### Other Notes

- **Steven Alker**, winner of last week's TimberTech Championship, carded 5-under 66 and sits T4. Alker, who has been inside the top 5 after each of his last seven rounds (1st-T2-T4-T5-3rd-1st-T4), has eight top-10s in nine starts during his rookie season on PGA TOUR Champions. A native of New Zealand, Alker currently resides in the Phoenix area.
- **Fred Couples, Brandt Jobe, K.J. Choi** and **David Toms** are also T4 after each shooting 5-under 66.
- **Ernie Els**, who entered the week No. 4 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings, is T15 after carding 3-under 68.
- Charles Schwab Cup leader **Bernhard Langer**, who struggled with back spasms during the round, shot 3-under 68 and sits T15.
- **Miguel Angel Jimenez**, who entered the week No. 3 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings, posted 1-under 70 and sits T27.