

Cologuard Classic

Omni Tucson National | Tucson, Arizona | February 22-28, 2021

First-Round Notes

Friday, February 26, 2021

Course Setup: Par 73 / 7,207 yards (R1 average: 72.976)

Weather: Mostly sunny with a high of 71. Winds out of the W 6-12mph.

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	Player	To Par	Scores
1	Mike Weir	-7	34-32—66
2	Scott Verplank	-6	35-32—67
T3	Paul Goydos	-5	34-34—68
T3	Jeff Sluman	-5	33-35—68
T3	Kevin Sutherland	-5	33-35—68

Quick Links:

- [Leaderboard](#)
- [Second-round tee times](#) (Golf Channel coverage: 3-5 p.m. MT / 5-7 p.m. ET)
- [PGATOURmedia.com](#) (transcripts and other resources available for download)

Mike Weir, 34-32—66 (-7)

- Making his Cologuard Classic debut, Weir opened with a 7-under 66 to mark his lowest opening-round score in 12 starts on PGA TOUR Champions.
- Weir is the first-round leader for the first time on PGA TOUR Champions. He was the second-round leader at the Dominion Energy Charity Classic, but ultimately finished runner-up after a final-round 71.
- Weir finished 3-under on the five par 5s and ties for second in the field in putts per GIR (23 on 15).
- His seven birdies were tied for the most in Friday's first round, joining Scott Verplank (2nd), Jeff Sluman (T3) and Fred Couples (T14).
- Weir was one of five players to post a bogey-free scorecard in Friday's opening round, and the only one of those players to post at least six birdies.
- In 11 starts as a rookie in 2020, Weir posted four top-10 finishes, including a runner-up finish to Phil Mickelson at the Dominion Energy Charity Classic.
- This marks Weir's second appearance at the Omni Tucson National. In 1999 Weir played the Touchstone Energy Tucson Open where he posted an 8-under 280 to finish T13.

- During the 2020-21 season, has also made two appearances on the PGA TOUR and five appearances on the Korn Ferry Tour:
 - PGA TOUR: finished T47 at the 2021 Sony Open in Hawaii and T51 at the 2020 Masters Tournament.
 - Korn Ferry Tour: made the cut in two of three events and posted a T17 finish at the 2020 LECOM Suncoast Classic in Lakewood Ranch, Florida.
- Entered the Cologuard Classic ranked 20th in the Charles Schwab Cup Money List (\$565,806).

Scott Verplank, 35-32—67 (-6)

- Verplank holed out from the bunker on No. 9, his final hole, to finish his 6-under 67, leaving him one stroke off the lead.
- Records as his lowest round since the second round of the 2020 SAS Championship.
- Verplank has two top-10s in six starts at the Cologuard Classic. He was the 36-hole leader in 2016 after rounds of 66-66, but he went on to finish T6 after a final-round 74.
- Verplank competed in 13 events in 2020 and recorded his best finish of the year at the Cologuard Classic (T9).

Other Notes

- In his bid to become the first player in TOUR history to win his first three starts, **Phil Mickelson** opened with a 3-under 70 and is T9. He led the field in Driving Distance (average: 324 yards) and Greens in Regulation (17 of 18), but he ranked 43rd in Putting Average (1.765 putts per GIR).
- Defending champion and Charles Schwab Cup standings leader **Bernhard Langer** carded a 2-under 71 to sit T14. He is looking to become the first champion to successfully defend the Cologuard Classic title.
- Cologuard ambassador **Jerry Kelly** carded a 3-under 70 to sit T9.
- Making his sixth start at the Cologuard Classic, **Paul Goydos** opened with a 5-under 68, matching his lowest score at the event (R1, 2016). In 2020, Goydos competed in 11 events, posting two finishes in the top 10 including a third-place finish at the Dominion Energy Charity Classic.
- Competing for the seventh time at Cologuard Classic, **Jeff Sluman** carded a 5-under 68. Sluman finished T6 in his first start in 2015 but has failed to post a finish inside the top 10 at this event since.
- **Kevin Sutherland** posted a 5-under 68, including an eagle on the par-4 third hole. Sutherland made 16 starts in 2020 and claimed a victory at the Charles Schwab Cup Championship after defeating Paul Broadhurst on the 7th extra hole.
- Making his PGA TOUR Champions debut after Monday Qualifying, **Alex Cejka** is T14 after a first-round 71.
- **Tim Petrovic** (T14/-2) made a hole-in-one on the par-3 16th hole with a 6-iron from 188 yards. It marked the seventh hole-in-one in Cologuard Classic history and second on No. 16. Last year, Darren Clarke aced the 16th hole during the final round, the second hole-in-one during the 2020 Cologuard Classic (Woody Austin/R3/No. 4). It was Petrovic's first hole-in-one on PGA TOUR Champions. He recorded two aces on the PGA TOUR (2003 EDS Byron Nelson Championship, 2010 Children's Miracle Network Classic).
- Major League Baseball Hall of Famer **John Smoltz**, making his third start at the Cologuard Classic, posted a 4-over 77 to exit the opening round T73.