



Regions Tradition

Greystone Golf & Country Club (Founders Course)| Birmingham, AL | May 3-9, 2021

First-Round Notes

Thursday, May 6, 2021

Course Setup: Par 72 / 7,108 yards (R1: 73.163)

Weather: Mostly sunny skies with highs in the lower-70s. Winds out of the NW 5-10 mph.

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	Player	To Par	Scores
1	Darren Clarke	-6	35-31 – 66 (-6)
T2	Stephen Ames	-5	33-34 – 67 (-5)
T2	Jerry Kelly	-5	32-35 – 67 (-5)
T4	Alex Cejka	-4	34-34 – 68 (-4)
T4	Steve Stricker	-4	33-35 – 68 (-4)
T4	Mike Weir	-4	33-35 – 68 (-4)

Quick Links:

- [Leaderboard](#)
- [Second-Round Tee Times](#) (Golf Channel coverage: 10:00 a.m -1:00 p.m. CT)
- [PGATOURmedia.com](#) (transcripts and other resources available for download)

Note: *Lift, clean and place was in effect.*

Darren Clarke, 35-31 – 66 (-6)

- Starting the day on No. 10 , Clarke carded five birdies en route to posting a 5-under par 31 on his first nine holes before finishing the day with a 6-under 66.
- This is the first time Clarke has been a first-round leader/co-leader at a PGA TOUR Champions event.
- Clarke won in back-to-back starts at the 2020 TimberTech Championship and 2021 Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai and currently sits at No. 11 in Charles Schwab Cup standings.
- He finished T27 in his first appearance at the Regions Tradition in 2019.
- The Northern Ireland native's three PGA TOUR victories include the 2011 Open Championship at Royal St. George's Golf Club in Sandwich, England, site of this year's championship.

Stephen Ames, 33-34 – 67 (-5)

- Making his fifth Regions Tradition start, Ames carded six birdies to finish with a 5-under 67 on Thursday.

- He's had two top-10s so far in the 2020-21 wraparound season: runner-up at the 2020 Morocco Champions and T9 at the 2020 Chubb Classic.
- Born in Trinidad and Tobago, Ames has one title (2017 Mitsubishi Electric Classic) and 28 top-10s since his 2014 debut.
- He won four times on the PGA TOUR. including THE PLAYERS Championship in 2006.

Jerry Kelly, 32-35 – 67 (-5)

- After posting an opening round 5-under par 67, Kelly extended his streak of sub-par rounds at Greystone Country Club's Founders course to nine.
- He finished T8 (2018) and T12 (2019) in his first two appearances at the Regions Tradition.
- So far in the 2021 calendar year, Kelly has finished inside the top 10 in three of last four starts (3rd at the Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai; T6 at the Cologuard Classic; T5 at the Insuperity Invitational).
- The Wisconsin native is seeking his second consecutive major championship victory on PGA TOUR Champions, after winning the 2020 Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship.
- This week marks Kelly's 16th major championship since joining the Tour in 2017. In his first 15 starts he has placed in the top-5 six times.
- Kelly owns a total of seven titles on PGA TOUR Champions and is currently ranked No. 5 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings.

Other Notes

- After entering the tournament as first alternate, **Alex Cejka** carded a bogey-free 4-under 68 and is currently T4 in his third start on PGA TOUR Champions.
- Defending champion **Steve Stricker** extended his streak of sub-par rounds at the Regions Tradition to 13 after posting a 4-under par 68 on Thursday.
- Last week's Insuperity Invitational winner **Mike Weir** posted a 4-under 68 in his first appearance at the Regions Tradition. His coach of three years, Mark Blackburn, is Director of Instruction at Greystone Golf and Country Club's Legacy course.
- Playing on a sponsor exemption, Tuscaloosa, Alabama native and Univ. of Alabama grad **Dicky Pride** posted four birdies to finish with a 4-under 69 (T7) in his first start at the event.
- Current Charles Schwab Cup leader and two-time Regions Tradition champion **Bernhard Langer** is T14 at 2-under after carding a first-round 70.
- **Ian Woosnam** withdrew after the ninth hole due to a hip injury.
- **Kevin Sutherland** withdrew prior to the start of the first round with an injured back. **Cameron Beckman** took his place in the field.
- **Loren Roberts** withdrew prior to the start of the first round with an injury. **Carlos Franco** took his place in the field.