



SAS Championship

Prestonwood Country Club | Cary, North Carolina | October 15-17, 2021

First-Round Notes

Friday, October 15, 2021

Course Setup: Par 72 / 7,237 yards (R1: 71.171)

Weather: Mostly sunny with highs in the mid-80s with winds SSE at 3-6 mph.

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	Player	To Par	Scores
1.	Scott Parel	-7	32-33 – 65 (-7)
T2.	Thongchai Jaidee	-6	30-36 – 66 (-6)
T2.	Robert Karlsson	-6	32-34 – 66 (-6)
T4.	Lee Janzen	-5	31-36 – 67 (-5)
T4.	Miguel Angel Jimenez	-5	32-35 – 67 (-5)

Quick Links:

- [Leaderboard](#)
- [Second-Round Tee Times](#) (Golf Channel coverage: 2:30 p.m.– 5:00 p.m. ET)
- [PGATOURmedia.com](#) (transcripts and other resources available for download)

Scott Parel, 32-33 – 65 (-7)

- Carded three birdies on the front nine and added four on the back to record a bogey-free 7-under 65 and the lead following the first round.
- His 7-under 65 is his lowest first-round score in his sixth appearance at the SAS Championship. His previous first-round low was 68 in 2018.
- This is the third time in Parel's PGA TOUR Champions career (2016) he has held the sole lead entering the second round of play; the last time was at the 2019 Principal Charity Classic. He has been tied for first following the first round five times.
- Parel leads the field in putts per round (23.0).
- His 7-under 65 is his lowest round score in 63 rounds; his previous low was the first round of the 2021 Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai.
- During the 2020-21 wraparound season, Parel has one win (2020 Chubb Classic), one runner-up and seven top-10 finishes in 35 starts. He is currently No. 13 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings.

- Parel joined PGA TOUR Champions in 2016 and has since posted three wins (2018 Diamond Resorts Invitational, 2018 Boeing Classic, 2020 Chubb Classic), two runner-up and 37 top-10 finishes.

Thongchai Jaidee, 30-36 – 66 (-6)

- After Monday qualifying, Jaidee recorded five birdies on the front nine and one birdie on the back for a bogey-free 6-under 66 and a share of second place in his first appearance at the SAS Championship.
- Jaidee's 6-under 66 is his second lowest first-round score on PGA TOUR Champions. His lowest came at the 2021 Principal Charity Classic when he recorded 7-under 65.
- Thongchai tied his most consecutive birdies on PGA TOUR Champions by birdying his final four holes, Nos. 6-9.
- With a win this week, Jaidee would become the first player from Thailand to win on PGA TOUR Champions.
- During the 2020-21 wraparound season, Jaidee has made 11 starts and recorded three top-25 finishes. He currently ranks No. 82 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings.
- Jaidee made 70 starts on the PGA TOUR and earned three top-10s. He has seven wins on the European Tour, most recently at the 2016 Open de France. He owns 10 wins on the Asian Tour, most recently at the 2010 Johnnie Walker Cambodian Open.

Robert Karlsson, 32-34 – 66 (-6)

- Starting on Hole No. 10, Karlsson birdied his opening hole before bogeying No. 11. He finished the round with nine birdies and three bogeys to turn in 6-under 66 and a share of second place.
- With nine birdies, Karlsson recorded a personal best and the most birdies in the field during round one.
- The native of Sweden has started round two in second place one additional time: 2020 Cologuard Classic. He finished that tournament in 8th place.
- At the 2020 SAS Championship, Karlsson finished T4 after recording the tournament 9-under 207.
- Since joining PGA TOUR Champions in 2020, Karlsson has two runner-up and 11 top-10 finishes in 27 starts. He is currently No. 16 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings.
- During Karlsson's PGA TOUR career, he played in 132 events and recorded 12 top-10 finishes. He has 11 victories on the European Tour, most recently the 2010 Dubai World Championship.

Other Notes:

- **Lee Janzen** and **Miguel Angel Jimenez** sit T4 after each carding 5-under 67. This is Janzen's lowest round since the 2019 Charles Schwab Cup Championship (R1, 5-under 66). Jimenez recorded 7-under 65 during last week's Constellation FURYK & FRIENDS's first round and finished the tournament in second place.
- 2020 SAS Championship Champion **Ernie Els** is T33 after carding 1-under 71 during round one.
- Charles Schwab Cup leader and two-time SAS Champion (2012, 2018) **Bernhard Langer** is T23 after carding 2-under 70.
- This week's field includes 20 players who need to play their way into the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs starting next week by either finishing the tournament in the top 10 or finishing in the top-72 players of the Charles Schwab Cup standings. Players in this category who are currently in the top 10 after today's first round include:
 - **Thongchai Jaidee** (T2)
 - **Stuart Appleby** (T6)
 - **Harrison Frazar** (T6)
- **David Frost** withdrew during the first round of the SAS Championship.