



The Ally Challenge

Warwick Hills Golf and Country Club | Grand Blanc, Michigan | August 27-29, 2021

PARTIAL First-Round Notes

Friday, August 27, 2021

Course Setup: Par 72 / 7,001 yards

Weather: Rainy and cloudy with highs in the low-80s and winds SE at 5-10 mph.

Note: The first round began at 3 p.m. (ET), four hours and 45 minutes later than scheduled due to severe weather. Play was suspended at 8:34 p.m. EST due to darkness. The first round will resume on Saturday at 7:30 a.m. EST with 36 players left to complete their round. Second-round tee times are estimated to begin at 10 a.m. EST with players going off holes 1 and 10.

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	Player	To Par	Scores
T1	Marco Dawson	-8	33-31 – 64
T1	Bernhard Langer	-8	34-30 – 64
T3	Jim Furyk	-7	31-34 – 65
T3	Joe Durant	-7	31-34 – 65
T3	K.J. Choi	-7	33-32 – 65

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- [Leaderboard](#)
- PGATOURmedia.com (transcripts and other resources available for download)

Bernhard Langer, 34-30 – 64 (-8)

- On his 64th birthday, Langer shot his age for the first time in his career.
- After playing the first 10 holes in 2-under, Langer birdied six of his last eight holes en route 6-under 30 on the back nine.
- Langer's 64 is the lowest first-round score in Ally Challenge history. It is one stroke higher than The Ally Challenge 18-hole record (63, Scott McCarron, R2, 2018).
- Langer's 64 matches his lowest round of the season (R1/2020 Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai, R2/2020 Charles Schwab Cup Series at Bass Pro Shops, R3/2020 Charles Schwab Cup Championship).

- This is the third time Langer has led/co-led after the first round during the 2020-21 season.
 - Was T1 at the 2020 Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai (finished T6)
 - Led at the 2020 Dominion Energy Charity Classic (finished T4)
- Making his fourth start at The Ally Challenge, Langer has finished in the top 10 in each of his first three appearances. He has finished T8 (2018), T7 (2019) and T7 (2020).
- This is Langer's lowest round at The Ally Challenge. He has broken par in all 13 rounds at this event.
- Seeking his 42nd win on PGA TOUR Champions, Langer's most recent victory was at the 2020 Cologuard Classic. He has 18 top-10s in 30 starts this season and sits No. 3 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings.

Marco Dawson, 31-33 – 64 (-8)

- Today's bogey-free 8-under 64 was Dawson's lowest dating back to the first round of the 2017 Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai.
- This marks the sixth time Dawson is a first-round leader/co-leader and the first time since the 2019 Rapiscan Systems Classic. He is 1-for-6 in converting those leads into victory (2015 Senior Open Championship).
- Making his fourth start at the event, Dawson's best finish was T13 in 2018 after carding rounds of 70-69-68.
- Dawson has three top-10s this year, the most recent a T10 at the 2020 PURE Insurance Championship, and he's No. 42 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).

Jim Furyk, 31-34 – 65 (-7)

- Furyk opened with a bogey-free 7-under 65, which included a hole-out for eagle on Hole No. 1 and five birdies.
- The defending champion at The Ally Challenge, Furyk's position after each round he's played has been T6-T2-1st-T3. He has shot 68 or lower in all four rounds at this event.
- Furyk won the 2003 Buick Open at Warwick Hills. In 15 starts at the PGA TOUR stop, he compiled eight top-10s and two runner-up finishes.
- A rookie on PGA TOUR Champions this season, Furyk is the only player on Tour with three wins in 2020-21 (2020 The Ally Challenge, 2020 PURE Insurance Championship, 2021 U.S. Senior Open). He has 11 top-10s in 18 starts on PGA TOUR Champions.

Other Notes

- **Joe Durant** eagled the par-4 No. 4 and carded seven birdies en route to finishing the day with a 7-under 65.
- In his second Ally Challenge start, **K.J. Choi** carded eight birdies and finished the first round with a 7-under 65.
- The field includes 10 players who won the Buick Open when it was played at Warwick Hills.
 - **Woody Austin** – T6 (-6)
 - **Dan Forsman** – T79 (+4)
 - **Jim Furyk** – T3 (-7)
 - **Tom Pernice Jr.** – T47 (-1)
 - **Kenny Perry** – T47 (-1)
 - **Billy Mayfair** – T9 (-5 thru 14)
 - **Rocco Mediate** – T38 (-2)
 - **Larry Mize** – T38 (-2)
 - **Vijay Singh** – T21 (-3)
 - **Scott Verplank** – T70 (+1 thru 14*)