

# Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship



## First-Round Notes

Thursday, July 7, 2022

Firestone Country Club (South Course) | Akron, Ohio

14th of 27 PGA TOUR Champions events in the 2022 Season

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- **Course Setup:** Par 70 / 7,041 yards
- **Round 1 Scoring Average:** 71.400
- **Weather:** Mostly sunny with temps in the mid-80s
- [Leaderboard](#)
- [Second-Round Tee Times](#)
- [PGATOURMedia.com](http://PGATOURMedia.com)

	Player	To Par	Scores
1	Alex Cejka	-6	33-31 – 64
2	David Toms	-4	34-32 – 66
T3	Jerry Kelly	-3	31-36 – 67
T3	Ernie Els	-3	34-33 – 67
T5	Eight players tied	-2	

### Things to Know

- Two-time senior major champion **Alex Cejka** shot a bogey-free 6-under 64 to take a two-stroke lead over **David Toms** after the first round. Cejka was the only player in the field without a bogey on Thursday.

### Alex Cejka, 33-31 – 64 (-6)

- Matched his low round on PGA TOUR Champions (99th round)
  - Last time: R2/2021 Sanford International
- This marks his first time with the solo lead after the first round on PGA TOUR Champions
  - Has co-led twice after the first round (2021 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship, 2021 PURE Insurance Championship)
    - Is 1-for-2 converting those into victories
- 51-year-old seeks his third win on PGA TOUR Champions
  - Each of his first two wins were senior majors (2021 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship, 2021 Regions Tradition)
  - Making his 14th start of the season, his best finish is T2 (2022 Rapiscan Systems Classic)
- In three previous appearances at Firestone Country Club, he recorded two top-10s
  - Best finish: T6 (1996 NEC World Series of Golf)
  - Today's 64 is his low 18-hole score at Firestone Country Club

### Other Notes

- **David Toms** sits in second place after carding 4-under 66. Toms, who has six top-10s in 11 starts this season, finished T3 at last year's Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS.
- 2020 champion **Jerry Kelly** and World Golf Hall of Fame member **Ernie Els** sit T3 after each posting 3-under 67.
- Charles Schwab No. 1 **Steven Aiker** and No. 2 **Miguel Angel Jimenez** are among the eight players T5 after carding 2-under 68.
- Defending champion **Steve Stricker** posted even-par 70 and sits T19.
- Making his PGA TOUR Champions debut, **Justin Leonard** carded 3-over 73 sits T54.
- **Roger Rowland** withdrew after the first round.