

## Charles Schwab Cup Championship

### First-Round Notes

**Thursday, November 10, 2022**

Phoenix Country Club | Phoenix, Arizona

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

3rd of 3 events in the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs



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- **Course Setup:** Par 71 / 6,792 yards
- **Round 1 Scoring Average:** 68.606
- **Weather:** Sunny with temps in the high-60s and light winds
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	Player	To Par	Scores	Schwab Cup Standings Start	Projected
T1	John Huston	-6	33-32 – 65	36th	10th
T1	Stephen Ames	-6	32-33 – 65	9th	6th
T1	Steven Alker	-6	33-32 – 65	1st	1st
T4	Bernhard Langer	-5	32-34 – 66	5th	4th
T4	Padraig Harrington	-5	34-32 – 66	2nd	2nd

### Things to Know

- Charles Schwab Cup leader **Steven Alker** sits in a three-way tie for the lead, along with **Stephen Ames** and **John Huston**, after the first round of the Charles Schwab Cup Championship.
- Alker entered the week with a 617,980-point lead over No. 2 **Padraig Harrington** (T4). Harrington needs a win, and [help from Alker to capture the Charles Schwab Cup](#).

### Steven Alker, 33-32 – 65 (-6)

*Charles Schwab Cup standings – Start: 1st / Projected: 1st*

- This is his third time leading/co-leading after the first round on PGA TOUR Champions
  - Is 1-for-2 converting those into victories
- Seeks his fifth win of the season (23rd start)
  - Would be the most by any player on PGA TOUR Champions this season
    - His four wins are tied with Steve Stricker for the most by any player this season
  - Would be the most single-season wins by a player on PGA TOUR Champions since Bernhard Langer (7 wins in 2017)
- 51-year-old seeks his sixth win on PGA TOUR Champions (33rd start)
- Making his second start at the Charles Schwab Cup Championship, his position by round at this event is T4-2nd-T3-2nd-T1

### Stephen Ames, 32-33 – 65 (-6)

*Charles Schwab Cup standings – Start: 9th / Projected: 6th*

- This is his sixth time leading/co-leading after the first round on PGA TOUR Champions
  - Is 0-for-5 converting those into victories

- Seeks his first win of the season (25th start)
  - Best finish in 2022: 2nd (KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship)
- 58-year-old seeks his third win on PGA TOUR Champions (174th start)
  - Last win: 2021 Principal Charity Classic
- Making his seventh start at the Charles Schwab Cup Championship, his best finish is T5 (2018)

### **John Huston, 33-32 – 65 (-6)**

*Charles Schwab Cup standings – Start: 36th / Projected: 10th*

- Played his round in two hours and 17 minutes as a single in the first tee time of the day
- This is his sixth time leading/co-leading after the first round on PGA TOUR Champions, and first since 2013
  - Is 1-for-5 converting those into victories
- 61-year-old seeks his second win on PGA TOUR Champions (168th start)
  - Last win: 2011 DICK'S Sporting Goods Open
- Was one of two players who moved into the Top 36 of the Charles Schwab Cup standings after starting last week's TimberTech Championship outside of the number
  - Went from 42nd to 36th after finishing T8

### **Other Notes**

- Charles Schwab No. 2 **Padraig Harrington**, who needs a win to have a chance to claim the Charles Schwab Cup, sits T4 after carding 5-under 66.
- Winner of last week's TimberTech Championship **Bernhard Langer** opened with 5-under 66 and sits T4. He is one win away from tying Hale Irwin (45) for the most wins all-time on PGA TOUR Champions.
- Seeking his second win in the state of Arizona this year, **Miguel Angel Jimenez** is T6 after posting 4-under 67. The other players at T6 are **Brian Gay**, **Lee Janzen**, **Gene Sauers** and **Thongchai Jaidee**.