

Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai



First-Round Notes

Thursday, January 20, 2022

Hualalai Golf Course | Ka'upulehu-Kona, Hawaii

1st of 28 PGA TOUR Champions events in the 2022 Season

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- **Course Setup:** Par 72 / 7,092 yards
- **Round 1 Scoring Average:** 69.619
- **Weather:** Partly cloudy with a high of 80 and winds WSW at 10-15 mph
- [Leaderboard](#)
- [Second-Round Tee Times](#)
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	Player	To Par	Scores
1.	Ernie Els	-8	32-32 – 64
2.	Vijay Singh	-7	32-33 – 65
T3.	Stephen Ames	-6	33-33 – 66
T3.	Steven Alker	-6	32-34 – 66
T3.	Retief Goosen	-6	34-32 – 66
T3.	Darren Clarke	-6	34-32 – 66
T3.	Bernhard Langer	-6	33-33 – 66

Things to Know

- Ernie Els holds a one-shot lead over Vijay Singh after opening with a bogey-free 8-under 64.
- Four of the six World Golf Hall of Fame members in the field (Els, Singh, Retief Goosen, Bernhard Langer) are T3 or better on the leaderboard after the first round.
- Ten of the 42 players in the field didn't record a bogey or worse in the first round.

Ernie Els, 32-32 – 64 (-8)

- Matches his second-lowest round on PGA TOUR Champions (115 rounds)
 - Lowest round was 63 (2021 Dominion Energy Charity Classic, Round 3)
- Holds the solo first-round lead for the first time on PGA TOUR Champions (37th start)
 - Was T1 after the first round of the 2021 Boeing Classic
- Seeking his third win on PGA TOUR Champions
 - Won the 2020 Hoag Classic and 2020 SAS Championship
- Finished T2 at the 2020 Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai in his debut at this event
 - This is his third start at Hualalai Golf Course, finishing T11 last year

Vijay Singh, 32-33 – 65 (-7)

- Is in second place or better after the first round for the sixth time on PGA TOUR Champions, and first time since 2018 The Ally Challenge
- Shot his second-lowest round at Hualalai Golf Course (16 rounds)
 - Lowest round was 64 (2016, Round 2)
 - His best finish in five previous starts at this event is T8 (2016)
- Owns four wins on PGA TOUR Champions, including three in the 2018 season

Other Notes

- Five players are T3 at 6-under, including three-time tournament champion **Bernhard Langer**, defending champion **Darren Clarke**, 2021 runner-up **Retief Goosen**, **Steven Alker** and **Stephen Ames**.

- This is the 22nd time in 32 rounds on PGA TOUR Champions that Alker has been inside the top 10 on the leaderboard
- Reigning PGA TOUR Champions Rookie of the Year **Jim Furyk** and two-time tournament champion **Miguel Angel Jimenez** are T8 after posting 5-under 67.
- Making his debut on PGA TOUR Champions, **David Duval** shot 2-over 74 and sits T39.
- Making his 22nd start at Hualalai Golf Course, 2010 champion **Tom Watson** carded 6-over 78 and sits 41st.
- Making his first start since suffering a season-ending ankle injury in July, **Scott McCarron** is T37 after posting 1-over 73.
- The par-5 10th played as the easiest hole on Thursday (-0.786 average) despite being the lone par 5 to not yield an eagle.