

# Sanford International

## First-Round Notes Friday, September 16, 2022



Minnehaha Country Club | Sioux Falls, South Dakota  
21st of 27 PGA TOUR Champions events in the 2022 Season

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- **Course Setup:** Par 70 / 6,729 yards
- **Weather:** Cloudy early morning before sunny afternoon. Cooler morning temperatures dissipated and afternoon highs in the upper 70s. Wind W 6-12 mph
- [Leaderboard](#)
- [PGATOURMedia.com](http://PGATOURMedia.com)

Pos.	Player	To Par	Score
1	Robert Karlsson	-8	31-31 - 62
T2	Darren Clarke	-7	32-31 - 63
T2	Kevin Sutherland	-7	33-30 - 65
T4	Six tied	-6	

### Things to Know

- **Robert Karlsson** recorded a bogey-free opening round 62, his lowest career round on PGA Tour Champions.
- Karlsson holds a one-shot lead over defending champion **Darren Clarke** and six-time PGA Tour Champions winner **Kevin Sutherland**.

### Robert Karlsson – 31-31 – 62 (-8)

- Swedish native recorded a 62 (-8) in the opening round, his lowest career round on PGA Tour Champions.
  - Previous low round: 64, three times, most recently Round 1 of 2021 Sanford International.
- Seeking his first career PGA TOUR Champions title.
- Karlsson looks to join Darren Clarke (2021), Miguel Angel Jimenez (2020) and Steve Stricker (2018) as 18-hole leaders/co-leaders of the Sanford International to convert for the win.
- Birdied the final three holes of his round, matching his longest birdie streak on PGA Tour Champions this season (also three consecutive in Round 1 of Ally Challenge).
- Has never held an 18-hole lead or co-lead on PGA Tour Champions.

### Kevin Sutherland – 33-30 – 63 (-7)

- Registered a back-nine 30 to end Round 1 with a 63 (-7), his lowest round on PGA Tour Champions this season and lowest since 2020 (63 in Round 3 of Charles Schwab Cup Series at Ozarks National).
- The six-time PGA Tour Champions winner is seeking his first victory this season and first since 2021 Cologuard Classic.
- Best 18-hole position since T1 after Round 1 of 2019 Rapiscan Charity Classic.

### Darren Clarke – 32-31 – 63 (-7)

- The defending Sanford International Champion tallied a bogey-free 63 (-7) in Round 1, his lowest round on PGA Tour Champions this season, tied for his third-lowest career round and lowest round since Round 1 of the 2021 Sanford International (63).
- Seeks his fifth career PGA TOUR Champions title and second this season (The Senior Open Championship presented by Rolex).

**Other Notes**

- **Bernhard Langer** recorded a Round 1 64 at age 65, the second time in his career he has broken his age (notched a 63 in Round 3 of the 2021 Charles Schwab Cup Championship at age 64). Langer stands at T4 at the conclusion of Round 1.
- **Clark Dennis** recorded a hole-in-one with a six iron on the sixth hole Dennis – who earned his way into Sanford International field after a T5 finish at the Ascension Classic last week – finished the day with a 64 (-6) and sits at T4.
- Charles Schwab Cup leader **Steven Alker** recorded a 68 (-2) on the day.