



# SAS Championship

## First-Round Notes

Friday, October 14, 2022

Prestonwood Country Club | Cary, North Carolina

24th of 27 PGA TOUR Champions events in the 2022 Season

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- **Course Setup:** Par 72 / 7,268 yards
- **Round 1 Scoring Average:** 71.684
- **Weather:** Mostly sunny with temps in the high-60s/low-70s
- [Leaderboard](#)
- [Second-Round Tee Times](#)
- [PGATOURMedia.com](http://PGATOURMedia.com)

	Player	To Par	Scores
1.	Rocco Mediate	-7	31-34 – 65
2.	Y.E. Yang	-6	31-35 – 66
3.	Tom Gillis	-5	33-34 – 67
T4.	Eight players tied	-4	

### Things to Know

- **Rocco Mediate** eagled the par-5 17th en route to 7-under 65 and a one-stroke lead over **Y.E. Yang** after Friday's opening round.

### Rocco Mediate, 31-34 – 65 (-7)

- This is his sixth time leading/co-leading after the first round on PGA TOUR Champions
  - Is 2-for-5 converting those into victories
- Making his 21st start of the season, he has one top-10 (T8/Hoag Classic)
- 59-year-old seeks his fifth win on PGA TOUR Champions (202nd start)
  - Last win: 2019 Sanford International
- Making his seventh start at the SAS Championship, his best finish is T12 (2019)
  - Today's 65 was his lowest 18-hole score at this event (18th round)

### Y.E. Yang, 31-35 – 66 (-6)

- Matched his second-lowest 18-hole score on PGA TOUR Champions (64th round)
  - Lowest round: 65 (R2/2022 Senior Open Championship presented by Rolex)
- This is his best position on the leaderboard after the first round on PGA TOUR Champions
  - Previous best: T6 (2022 DICK'S Sporting Goods Open)
- Making his 22nd start of the season, he has three top-10s
  - Best finish: 2nd (Ascension Charity Classic)
- 50-year-old seeks his first win on PGA TOUR Champions (22nd start)

### Other Notes

- **Tom Gillis** sits third after opening with 5-under 67 to match his low round of the season. His best finish in 2022 is T10 (Hoag Classic).
- 2019 champion and Charles Schwab No. 4 **Jerry Kelly** is one of eight players T4 at 4-under, along with 2017 champion **Colin Montgomerie**, Charles Schwab No. 8 **Thongchai Jaidee**, Charles Schwab No. 10 **Steve Flesch**, World Golf Hall of Fame member **Fred Couples**, **Scott McCarron**, **Scott Dunlap** and **Robert Karlsson**.
- Defending champion **Lee Janzen** sits T28 at 1-under 71.
- Charles Schwab Cup leader **Steven Alker** carded even-par 72 and sits T40.

- At the end of the first round, no players are projected to earn the [“Wildcard”](#) spot into next week’s Dominion Energy Charity Classic.
  - If a player finishes inside the top 10 at the SAS Championship and doesn’t get inside the top 72 of the Charles Schwab Cup standings as a result, he gets an automatic spot into the first Playoffs event.
  - **John Senden**, who started the week No. 80 in the [Charles Schwab Cup standings](#), is T15 on the leaderboard (and projected to move to 77th).

#### Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs Bubble Watch

Rank Entering the Week	Current Projection
70. Duffy Waldorf	70. Duffy Waldorf
71. Jeff Sluman	71. Jeff Sluman
72. Michael Allen	72. Mark Walker
73. Mark Walker	73. Michael Allen
74. Kent Jones	74. Kent Jones