

The Ally Challenge

First-Round Notes

Friday, August 26, 2022

Warwick Hills Golf & Country Club | Grand Blanc, Michigan

19th of 27 PGA TOUR Champions events in the 2022 Season



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- **Course Setup:** Par 72 / 7,094 yards
- **Round 1 Scoring Average:** 70.641
- **Weather:** Partly cloudy with temps in the mid-70s
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	Player	To Par	Scores
1	Fred Funk	-7	33-32 – 65
T2	Woody Austin	-6	33-33 – 66
T2	Brett Quigley	-6	34-32 – 66
T2	Stephen Ames	-6	34-32 – 66
5	Scott Parel	-5	33-34 – 67

Things to Know

- 66-year-old **Fred Funk** opened with bogey-free 65 to better his age by one and take a one-stroke lead over **Woody Austin, Brett Quigley** and **Stephen Ames** after the first round.

Fred Funk, 33-32 – 65 (-7)

- 66-year-old shot his age or better for the first time on PGA TOUR Champions
 - This is the sixth time a player has shot his age or better this season on the Champions Tour: Jay Haas (4), Bernhard Langer (1)
 - This is the second consecutive year a player shot their age or better in the first round of The Ally Challenge (Bernhard Langer shot 64 on his 64th birthday in 2021)
- This is his lowest round on PGA TOUR Champions since the 2020 Chubb Classic (65/R1)
- This is his 12th time leading/co-leading after the first round on PGA TOUR Champions
 - Is 3-for-11 converting those into victories
- With a win on Sunday, he would become the oldest winner in PGA TOUR Champions history
 - At 66 years, 2 months, 24 days, he would better Bernhard Langer's record (64 years, 5 months, 24 days), set at the 2022 Chubb Classic
- Making his 13th start of the season, his best finish is T32 (Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai)
- Making his second start at The Ally Challenge, he finished T14 in his debut in 2020
- Made 18 starts in the Buick Open, played at Warwick Hills Golf & Country Club, and earned six top-10s
 - Best finish: T2 (2002)
- Seeks his 10th win on PGA TOUR Champions (302nd start)
 - Last victory: 2014 Bass Pro Shops Legends of Golf at Big Cedar Lodge
 - Last top-10 finish: 2018 TimberTech Championship (3rd)

Woody Austin, 33-33 – 66 (-6)

- Matched his low 18-hole score of the season (48th round)
 - Three previous instances: R3/Cologuard Classic, R3/American Family Insurance Championship, R2/Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship
- 58-year-old seeks his fifth win on PGA TOUR Champions (180th start)

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- Last victory: 2018 Dominion Energy Charity Classic
- Making his 17th start of the season, he has two top-10s
 - Best finish of 2022: T2 (Cologuard Classic)
- Making his fifth start at The Ally Challenge, he has three top-10s
 - Best finish: 2nd (2019)
- Won the 1995 Buick Open, held at Warwick Hills Golf & Country Club

Brett Quigley, 34-32 – 66 (-6)

- 53-year-old seeks his second win on PGA TOUR Champions (54th start)
 - Won the 2020 Morocco Champions
- Making his 17th start of the season, he has three top-10s
 - Best finish of 2022: 5th (Principal Charity Classic)
- Making his third start at The Ally Challenge, his best finish is T2 (2020)

Stephen Ames, 34-32 – 66 (-6)

- 58-year-old seeks his third win on PGA TOUR Champions (166th start)
 - Last victory: 2021 Principal Charity Classic
- Making his 17th start of the season, he has seven top-10s and sits No. 6 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings
 - Best finish: 2nd (KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship)
- Making his fourth start at The Ally Challenge, his best finish is T17 (2019)
 - This is his lowest 18-hole score at The Ally Challenge (10th round)

Other Notes

- **Scott Parel**, winner of the ClubCorp Classic earlier this season, sits in fifth after carding 5-under 67.
- Thirteen players are T6 at 4-under 68, including Charles Schwab Cup leader **Steven Alker**, Charles Schwab No. 2 **Padraig Harrington** and World Golf Hall of Fame member **Ernie Els**.
- Past champions **Joe Durant** (2021), **Jim Furyk** (2020) and **Paul Broadhurst** (2018) each opened with 3-under 69 and sit T19.
- Charles Schwab No. 3 and 2019 Ally Challenge champion **Jerry Kelly** shot 2-under 70 and sits T34.
- Making his debut at The Ally Challenge, Charles Schwab No. 5 **Steve Stricker** opened with 2-under 70 and sits T34.