

DICK'S Sporting Goods Open

First-Round Notes
Friday, June 23, 2023



En-Joie Club | Endicott, New York
14th of 28 PGA TOUR Champions events in the 2023 Season

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- **Course Setup:** Par 72 / 6,994 yards
- **Round 1 Scoring Average:** 71.364
- **Weather:** cloudy, with a high of 74. Wind SE 5-10 mph
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Pos.	Player	To Par	Score
1	Joe Durant	-8	32-32—64
T2	Jason Schultz	-5	34-33—67
T2	Ernie Els	-5	33-34—67
T4	10 players	-4	--

Things to Know

- Highlighted by birdies on three of his last four holes, **Joe Durant** opens his eighth consecutive DICK'S Sporting Goods Open with a three-shot lead at 8-under 64 in his bid for a third top-10 finish in the event
- Angling for a second win this season (Hoag Classic) and fourth on PGA TOUR Champions, World Golf Hall of Fame Member **Ernie Els** opens his third DICK'S Sporting Goods Open with a bogey-free 5-under 67; finished solo-second in his first start at the event in 2021
- In just his third PGA TOUR Champions start since turning 50 in March, **Jason Schultz** cards a 5-under 67 in his bid for a second top-10 finish (T9/2023 Principal Charity Classic)
- Defending champion **Pdraig Harrington** sits T14 at 3-under 69
- In his bid for a PGA TOUR Champions record 46th title, World Golf Hall of Fame member & 2014 DICK'S Sporting Goods Open champion **Bernhard Langer** signs for a 2-under 70; Langer tied Hale Irwin's record of 45 wins with his Chubb Classic victory earlier this season

Joe Durant – 32-32—64 (-8)

- Making his eighth straight start in the DICK'S Sporting Goods Open, following four consecutive birdies on Nos. 7-10 with birdies on three of his last four holes (Nos. 15, 16 and 18) to open in 8-under 64
- The 64 marks his lowest score on PGA TOUR Champions since posting a 9-under 63 in round two of the 2022 Boeing Classic (7th)
- His 8-under 64 in round one marks his 19th round of par-or-better in 22 total rounds in the event
- Seeks a fifth career PGA TOUR Champions title and first since The Ally Challenge in 2021
- Durant is vying for a third top-10 finish in the event: T4/2016, T8/2018
- Durant is 0-for-9 when attempting to convert an 18-hole lead/co-lead into victory on PGA TOUR Champions
- The last 18-hole leader/co-leader to win on PGA TOUR Champions was Stephen Ames at the Mitsubishi Electric Classic in early May

Additional Notes

- Defending champion **Pdraig Harrington** sits T14 at 3-under 69; after an opening-round 6-under 66 last year, Harrington was one shot off Vijay Singh's lead

- **Kevin Sutherland**, who became the first – and remains the only – player to break 60 on PGA TOUR Champions by shooting 13-under 59 in round two of the 2014 DICK’S Sporting Goods Open was 7-under through 12 holes before taking bogeys on four of his last five holes en route to a 3-under 69
- Past DICK’S Sporting Goods Open champions in the field: **Padraig Harrington/2022** (T14/-3), **Scott McCarron/2017** (T60/+2), **Paul Goydos/2016** (T22/-2), **Jeff Maggert/2015** (T43/E), **Bernhard Langer/2014** (T22/-2), **Willie Wood/2012** (T60/+2), **John Huston/2011** (T14/-3)
- **Stuart Appleby** withdrew prior to round one and was replaced in the field by **Len Mattiace** (T54/+1); **Cameron Beckman** withdrew during round one after 15 holes with a back injury