

2023 Insperity Invitational



First-Round Notes

Friday, April 28, 2023

The Woodlands Country Club | The Woodlands, Texas
8th of 28 PGA TOUR Champions events in the 2023 Season

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- **Course Setup:** Par 72 / 7,002 yards
- **Round 1 Scoring Average:** 71.423
- **Weather:** Sunny, with a high of 83. Wind SE 10-20 mph
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	Player	To Par	Scores
T1	Justin Leonard	-6	66
T1	Steven Alker	-6	66
T1	Colin Montgomerie	-6	66
T4	Matt Gogel	-5	67
T4	David Toms	-5	67

Things to Know

- In his bid to become the second player to successfully defend an Insperity Invitational title (Bernhard Langer/2007-08), **Steven Alker** opens with a 6-under 66
- With a win, **Alker** would also share with Langer the distinction of having won the Insperity Invitational in each of his first two starts
- Coming off a solo-10th at last week's Invited Celebrity Classic, Dallas native **Justin Leonard** signs for a 6-under 66 in his Insperity Invitational debut.
- World Golf Hall of Fame Member **Colin Montgomerie** opens with a 6-under 66 in his bid for an eighth PGA TOUR Champions title and first since 2019
- In his bid for a record 46th PGA TOUR Champions title, 4-time Insperity Invitational winner **Bernhard Langer** opens with his 13th consecutive round of par-or-better in the event to sit T31 at 1-under 71

Justin Leonard (T1/-6)

- Making his first start in the Insperity Invitational, Dallas native birdied four of his first six holes (11, 13, 14 and 15) en route to tying his career-low score of 66 on PGA TOUR Champions (29 total rounds)
- Leonard is seeking a fourth top-10 finish of the season and second in as many weeks (10th/Invited Celebrity Classic)
- Leonard's opening-round 6-under 66 marks his ninth consecutive score of par-or-better this season
- Best 18-hole position on PGA TOUR Champions prior to this week was T3/Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai (finished T10)
- Best finish in nine PGA TOUR Champions starts was T6/2023 Chubb Classic

Steven Alker (T1/-6)

- Looking to become the second player to successfully defend an Insperity Invitational title (Bernhard Langer/2007-08), offset two bogeys with eight birdies
- With a win, will share with Langer the distinction of winning the Insperity Invitational in his first two starts
- This marks third time leading/co-leading after 18 holes in a 54-hole event on PGA TOUR Champions; Won/2022 Insperity Invitational, T4/Dominion Energy Charity Classic

- Among three top-10 finishes in four starts this season were runner-up finishes at the Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai and The Galleri Classic
- Four of Alker's five wins on PGA TOUR Champions came in 2022, resulting in last season's Charles Schwab Cup title

Colin Montgomerie (T1/-6)

- A week removed from over-par scores of 73-72-74—219 (+6) at last week's Invited Celebrity Classic, Scotland's Colin Montgomerie rebounded in round one this week with a 6-under 66
- The 66 his lowest score since posting the same number in round two of the 2022 Charles Schwab Cup Championship
- A seven-time winner on PGA TOUR Champions, Montgomerie seeks his first title since the 2019 Invesco QQQ Championship

Other Notes

- **Scott Parel** (T17/-2) used a 5-wood from 252 yards to hole his second shot at the par-5 15th and card the first albatross on PGA TOUR Champions since Robert Karlsson in the final round of the 2021 Dominion Energy Charity Classic
- Making his 15th start in the Insperity Invitational, 2007, 2008, 2014 and 2018 champion **Bernhard Langer** opened with a 1-under 71 as he works towards a PGA TOUR Champions record 46th title; has four additional top-10 finishes in the event, including each of his last two starts (T5/2020, T8/2022)