

2023 Invited Celebrity Classic

First-Round Notes

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Las Colinas Country Club | Irving, Texas

7th of 28 PGA TOUR Champions events in the 2023 Season



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- **Course Setup:** Par 71 / 6,568 yards
- **Round 1 Scoring Average:** 70.974
- **Weather:** Mostly sunny with temps in the low-70s and winds N/NE at 12-18 mph
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	Player	To Par	Scores
T1	Alex Cejka	-5	35-31 – 66
T1	Rob Labritz	-5	34-32 – 66
T1	Mark Hensby	-5	35-31 – 66
T4	Retief Goosen	-4	34-33 – 67
T4	David Toms	-4	32-35 – 67
T4	David Frost	-4	33-34 – 67
T4	Kirk Triplett	-4	34-33 – 67

Things to Know

- **Format:** The Invited Celebrity Classic features 78 PGA TOUR Champions professionals (playing 54 holes of stroke play) along with 40 celebrities (playing 54 holes of modified Stableford scoring system).
- **Alex Cejka, Rob Labritz** and **Mark Hensby** share the first-round lead, while former MLB pitcher **Mark Mulder** leads the celebrity competition.

Alex Cejka, 35-31 – 66 (-5)

- Matched his low first-round score of the 2023 season (seventh start)
 - Previous instance: Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai (1st Round)
- This is his fourth time leading/co-leading after the first round on PGA TOUR Champions
 - Is 1-for-3 converting those into victories
- The 52-year-old seeks his third win on PGA TOUR Champions (52nd start)
 - Last win: 2021 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship
- Making his seventh start of the season, he has three top-10 finishes
 - Best finish: T6 (Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai)
- Making his second appearance at the Invited Celebrity Classic, he finished T26 in 2022
 - Today's 66 is his low 18-hole score at this event

Rob Labritz, 34-32 – 66 (-5)

- Matched his low round on PGA TOUR Champions (90th round)
 - Previous instance: 2023 Hoag Classic (1st Round)
- This is his second time leading/co-leading after the first round on PGA TOUR Champions
 - Is 0-for-1 converting those into victories
- The 51-year-old seeks his first win on PGA TOUR Champions (31st start)

- Best finish: T4 (two times; last: 2023 Hoag Classic)
- Making his sixth start of the 2023 season, his best finish is T4 (Hoag Classic)
- Making his second appearance at the Invited Celebrity Classic, he finished T43 in 2022
 - Today's 66 is his low 18-hole score at this event

Mark Hensby, 35-31 – 66 (-5)

- This is his second time leading/co-leading after the first round on PGA TOUR Champions
 - Is 0-for-1 converting those into victories
- The 51-year-old seeks his first win on PGA TOUR Champions (15th start)
 - Best finish: 2nd (2023 Trophy Hassan II)
- Making his fifth start of the 2023 season, he has two top-3 finishes
- Making his second appearance at the Invited Celebrity Classic, he finished T37 in 2022
 - Today's 66 is his second-lowest round at this event (Lowest: 64, 2nd Round/2022)

Other Notes

- Charles Schwab Cup leader **David Toms** posted bogey-free 67, including 4-under 32 on the front nine. Toms, who sits T4, seeks his third win in his last four starts this season.
- Other players sitting T4 at 4-under are World Golf Hall of Fame member **Retief Goosen, David Frost and Kirk Triplett**.
- Defending champion **Scott Parel** sits T8 after opening with 3-under 68. His position by round after each of his four rounds at the Invited Celebrity Classic is T2-T4-1st-T8.
- Making his debut on PGA TOUR Champions, **Arjun Atwal** carded 1-under 70 and sits T27.
- **Dean Wilson**, playing alongside Annika Sorenstam in the 20th anniversary of them being paired together at the 2003 Charles Schwab Challenge, birdied two of his first four holes en route to 2-over 73 and sits T55.

Celebrity Competition

	Player	Points
1	Mark Mulder	37
2	Jeremy Roenick	35
T3	Tony Romo	34
T3	Annika Sorenstam	34
T5	Justin Williams	33
T5	Mardy Fish	33
7	John Smoltz	32

- **Mark Mulder** (former MLB pitcher) holds the first-round lead with 37 points. Mulder is a three-time winner of the American Century Championship (2015, 2016, 2017) and won the 2017 Diamond Resorts Tournament of Champions.
- **Jeremy Roenick** (nine-time NHL All-Star and member of the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame) sits in second with 35 points. Last year, he finished ninth in the celebrity division of the Invited Celebrity Classic.
- 2022 Invited Celebrity Classic runner-up **Tony Romo** (former Dallas Cowboys quarterback) and World Golf Hall of Fame member **Annika Sorenstam** are T3 with 34 points apiece.
- Defending champion **Mardy Fish** (former professional tennis player) sits T5 at 33 points, along with **Justin Williams** (former NHL player and three-time Stanley Cup champion).