

2023 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship

First-Round Notes

Thursday, May 25, 2023

Fields Ranch East | Frisco, Texas

11th of 28 PGA TOUR Champions events in the 2023 Season



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- **Course Setup:** Par 72 / 7,193 yards
- **Round 1 Scoring Average:** 73.52
- **Weather:** Partly cloudy, with a high of 87. Wind ESE 7-14 mph
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Pos.	Player	To Par	Score
1	Padraig Harrington	-8	64
2	Katsumasa Miyamoto	-6	66
T3	Adilson da Silva	-5	67
T3	Phillip Price	-5	67
T5	Seven players	-4	68

Things to Know

- **Padraig Harrington** birdies three of his last four holes en route to a bogey-free 8-under 64, his lowest opening-round score in relation to par in 27 PGA TOUR Champions starts
- Twelve-time Japan Golf Tour winner **Katsumasa Miyamoto** birdies four of his first five holes to begin his first KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship with a 6-under 66
- After turning 50 this past Sunday, **Stewart Cink** opens with a 4-under 68 in his PGA TOUR Champions debut and looks to join Alker by winning the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship in his first start in the event
- **Steve Stricker** opens with a 2-under 70 to extend his PGA TOUR Champions record of consecutive par-or-better rounds to 46
- Defending champion **Steven Alker** opens with a 2-under 70
- In his bid for a record 46th PGA TOUR Champions title, 2017 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship winner **Bernhard Langer** opens with a 1-under 71.

Padraig Harrington (1st/-8)

- Making his second start in the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship (T20/2022), made eight birdies and 10 pars to open in 8-under 64, his lowest opening-round score (relative to par) in his 27th PGA TOUR Champions start.
- This marks Harrington's fourth 18-hole lead/co-lead on PGA TOUR Champions, though first in a 72-hole hole event; has not converted for the win when leading/co-leading after 18 holes on PGA TOUR Champions.
- In five starts on PGA TOUR Champions this season before this week, he has finished top five in all but one event; most recently finished T5 at the season's first PGA TOUR Champions major, the Regions Tradition.
- In his rookie year of 2022, Harrington won four times in 19 starts, resulting in PGA TOUR Champions Rookie of the Year honors.
- Among three top-10 finishes in 24 PGA Championship starts on the PGA TOUR, won in 2008 at Oakland Hills.

Other Notes

- In addition to 12 wins on the Japan Golf Tour between 1999 and 2023, **Katsumasa Miyamoto** (2nd/-6) has garnered 18 runner-up finishes; this week marks the 50-year-old's first start on PGA TOUR Champions.

- Brazil's **Adilson da Silva**, a 12-time Sunshine Tour winner, opened his third PGA TOUR Champions event with a 5-under 67 to take a share of third place with **Phillip Price**; in two previous PGA TOUR Champions starts, finished T41 at the 2022 Senior Open Championship and T47 earlier this season at the Trophy Hassan II.
- **Charlie Wi**, who lost to Mark Hensby on the fourth hole of sudden death at last month's Invited Celebrity Classic at nearby Las Colinas Country Club in Irving, Texas, offset a double-bogey at the par-3 13th with six birdies to open his 12th PGA TOUR Champions event in 4-under 68.
- Hoping to become the 21st player to win in his PGA TOUR Champions debut and first since Phil Mickelson (2020 Charles Schwab Series at Ozarks National), newly minted 50-year-old **Stewart Cink** carded a 4-under 68 in his first-ever round on PGA TOUR Champions.
- With birdies on his last two holes, Charles Schwab Cup leader **Steve Stricker** opens with a 2-under 70 to extend his PGA TOUR Champions record of consecutive par-or-better rounds to 46; the streak started with a 6-under 65 in the final round of the 2022 U.S. Senior Open last June; in two previous KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship starts, Stricker finished T41 in 2019 and T11 in 2020.
- Two aces were made in round one: **Corey Pavin**/-1 (183-yard fourth hole) and **Dave McNabb**/+6 (161-yard eighth hole).
- **John Daly** withdrew during round one.