

## 2023 Mitsubishi Electric Classic



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### First-Round Notes

Friday, May 5, 2023

TPC Sugarloaf | Duluth, Georgia

9th of 28 PGA TOUR Champions events in the 2023 Season

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- **Course Setup:** Par 72 / 6,854 yards
- **Round 1 Scoring Average:** 71.423
- **Weather:** Cloudy with temps in the 60s and winds E/SE at 6-12 mph
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	Player	To Par	Scores
T1	Stephen Ames	-7	32-33 – 65
T1	David Toms	-7	32-33 – 65
T3	Y.E. Yang	-6	33-33 – 66
T3	Ken Tanigawa	-6	30-36 – 66
T3	Lee Janzen	-6	33-33 – 66
T3	Rod Pampling	-6	35-31 – 66

#### Things to Know

- Charles Schwab No. 2 **David Toms** and 2017 Mitsubishi Electric Classic champion **Stephen Ames** share the first-round lead after each carding bogey-free 65.
  - Mitsubishi Electric Classic Note: Last year, Toms was co-leader after the first round and solo leader after the second round. In 2021, Ames was solo leader after the first round.
- The rounds of 65 today are the low score on this 18-hole configuration (Pines front nine/Meadows back nine). This combination was also used in 2019 (Previous low round: 66/Kenny Perry, Final Round).
  - Note: The 18-hole tournament record of 64 (recorded eight times) each occurred on Stables front nine/Meadows back nine

#### Stephen Ames, 32-33 – 65 (-7)

- Matched his low round of the 2023 season on PGA TOUR Champions (19th round)
  - Previous instance: Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai (2nd Round)
- This is his eighth time leading/co-leading after the first round on PGA TOUR Champions
  - Is 1-for-7 converting those into victories
- The 59-year-old seeks his fourth win on PGA TOUR Champions (181st start)
- Charles Schwab No. 8 seeks his second win of the 2023 season (seventh start)
  - Won the Trophy Hassan II (February 9-11)
  - Would become the second two-time winner this season on PGA TOUR Champions, joining David Toms
  - Would be Ames' first multi-win season on PGA TOUR Champions
- The 2017 Mitsubishi Electric Classic champion is making his eighth start at this event
  - Today's 65 is his low 18-hole score at this event (21st round)
  - Has four top-10s at this event, including T2 in 2021

#### David Toms, 32-33 – 65 (-7)

- Matched his low round of the 2023 season on PGA TOUR Champions (22nd round)
  - Previous instances: Cologuard Classic (2nd Round), The Galleri Classic (1st Round), The Galleri Classic (Final Round)

- This is his sixth time leading/co-leading after any round (including the final round) this season on PGA TOUR Champions
- This is his ninth time leading/co-leading after the first round on PGA TOUR Champions
  - Is 1-for-8 converting those into victories
- The 56-year-old seeks his fifth win on PGA TOUR Champions (127th start)
- Charles Schwab No. 2 seeks his third win of the season (eighth start)
  - His two wins in 2023 (Cologuard Classic, The Galleri Classic) are the most by any player this season on PGA TOUR Champions
- Making his sixth start at the Mitsubishi Electric Classic, his best finish is T2 (2022)
  - Today's 65 matched his low 18-hole score at this event (Previous instance: 1st Round/2022)
  - His position by round at this event in the last four rounds (chronological order) is T1-1st-T2-T1

#### Other Notes

- **Y.E. Yang, Ken Tanigawa, Lee Janzen and Rod Pampling** each sit T3 at 6-under.
- Seeking his record-breaking 46th win on PGA TOUR Champions, 2013 champion **Bernhard Langer** (T7) opened with bogey-free 5-under 67.
- 2014 champion **Miguel Angel Jimenez** (T7) who made a hole-in-one on No. 16 with a 7-iron from 184 yards, carded 5-under 67.
- The group sitting T10 at 4-under includes World Golf Hall of Fame members **Davis Love III, Ernie Els and Vijay Singh**.
- Charles Schwab Cup leader **Steve Stricker** (T20) shot 2-under 70.
- Making his 300th start on PGA TOUR Champions, 2015 champion **Olin Browne** (T20) opened with 2-under 70.
- Two-time champion **Steve Flesch** (2018, 2022) sits T32 after carding 1-under 71.
- 2021 champion **Dicky Pride** withdrew before the start of the first round and **Willie Wood** (T73) took his place.