

## 2023 Regions Tradition

### First-Round Notes

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Greystone Golf & Country Club | Hoover, Alabama

10h of 28 PGA TOUR Champions events in the 2023 Season



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- **Course Setup:** Par 72 / 7,249 yards
- **Round 1 Scoring Average:** 72.115
- **Weather:** Mostly cloudy, with a high of 83 degrees. Wind SSE
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	Player	To Par	Score
T1	Billy Andrade	-5	67
T1	Tim O'Neal	-5	67
T1	Paul Broadhurst	-5	67
T4	Four players tied	-4	68

#### Things to Know

- 2019 runner-up **Billy Andrade** begins his seventh Regions Tradition with a bogey-free 5-under 67.
- In the field off the alternate list, **Tim O'Neal** uses two eagles in a three-hole stretch to open with a 5-under 67 a week removed from his T10 at the Mitsubishi Electric Championship.
- In his bid for a record 46<sup>th</sup> PGA TOUR Champions title, 2016-17 Regions Tradition champion **Bernhard Langer** opens with a 3-under 69.
- Looking to become the fifth different player to successfully defend a Regions Tradition title and first since Bernhard Langer in 2017, **Steve Stricker** opens with a 4-under 68

#### Billy Andrade (T1/-5)

- Making his seventh start in the Regions Tradition, the 2019 runner-up opened with five birdies and no bogeys, good for 67
- After closing the 2021 event with a 67, notched his second top-10 finish in the event (T10)
- Andrade hit 10 of 13 fairways and 16 of 18 greens in regulation in round one
- This marks Andrade's fourth 18-hole lead/co-lead on PGA TOUR Champions and second in a 72-hole event (2021 U.S. Senior Open Championship/T42)
- Andrade is making his ninth start of the season on PGA TOUR Champions and remains in search of his first top-10 finish (best: T13/Hoag Classic)
- Andrade is searching for his fourth career PGA TOUR Champions victory in his 205<sup>th</sup> start this week; all three of his wins came in his sophomore season on PGA TOUR Champions (2015)

#### Tim O'Neal (T1/5)

- Beginning the week as first alternate, O'Neal made two par-5 eagles in a three-hole stretch (Nos. 18 and 2) en route to a 5-under 67
- His 5-under 67 to start the week marks his fourth consecutive sub-par score on PGA TOUR Champions and comes on the heels of a career-best finish of T10 at last week's Mitsubishi Electric Classic
- This marks his second time leading/co-leading after the first round on PGA TOUR Champions (2022 PURE Insurance Championship/finished T19)
- O'Neal is making his eighth start of the season and 10<sup>th</sup> overall on PGA TOUR Champions

### Paul Broadhurst (T1/-5)

- In search of a sixth career PGA TOUR Champions title and first since 2018, England's Paul Broadhurst offset two bogeys with seven birdies
- This marks the fourth occasion to hold an 18-hole lead/co-lead on PGA TOUR Champions and second in a 72-hole event (2019 Senior Open Championship/finished 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Two of his five PGA TOUR Champions victories have been majors: 2016 Senior Open Championship and 2018 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship
- Broadhurst is making his sixth start in the Regions Tradition, with a T6 in 2019 serving as his lone top-10 showing
- Broadhurst is making his 10<sup>th</sup> start of the season, with his lone top-10 finish coming at the Trophy Hassan II (T10)

### Other Notes

- With three top-7 finishes in three of four starts this season, **Padraig Harrington** kicked off his second Regions Tradition with a 4-under 68 (T4); he finished second to Steve Stricker in the 2022 event
- With his opening-round 4-under 68 (T4), 2019 and 2022 champion **Steve Stricker** and is looking to become the fifth different player to defend the event's title (Jack Nicklaus/1990-1991, 1995-1996, Gil Morgan/1997-1998, Tom Lehman/2011-2012 and Bernhard Langer/2016-2017)
- In his bid for a record 46<sup>th</sup> PGA TOUR Champions title, 2016-17 Regions Tradition champion **Bernhard Langer** opens with a 3-under 69; seeks an 11<sup>th</sup> top-10 finish in his 13<sup>th</sup> start in the event