

2023 The Galleri Classic

First-Round Notes

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Mission Hills Country Club | Rancho Mirage, California

6th of 28 PGA TOUR Champions events in the 2023 Season



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- **Course Setup:** Par 72 / 7,082 yards
- **Round 1 Scoring Average:** 71.359
- **Weather:** Sunny with temps in the low-70s and winds NW at 7-14 mph
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	Player	To Par	Scores
1	David Toms	-7	34-31 – 65
2	Kevin Sutherland	-6	33-33 – 66
T3	Rod Pampling	-5	33-34 – 67
T3	Rocco Mediate	-5	33-34 – 67
T3	Richard Green	-5	34-33 – 67
T3	Vijay Singh	-5	34-33 – 67
T3	Padraig Harrington	-5	35-32 – 67
T3	Brett Quigley	-5	34-33 – 67

Things to Know

- Seeking his second win in three starts, **David Toms** birdied three of his last four holes to shoot 7-under 65 and holds a one-stroke lead over **Kevin Sutherland**.
- Sutherland was one of three players to go bogey-free in the first round, along with **Brett Quigley** and 45-time PGA TOUR Champions winner **Bernhard Langer**.

David Toms, 34-31 – 65 (-7)

- Matched his low round of the season (13th round)
 - Also shot 65 in the second round of the Cologuard Classic
- This is his eighth time leading/co-leading after the first round on PGA TOUR Champions
 - Is 0-for-7 converting those into victories
 - Has never had the solo lead after the first round on PGA TOUR Champions
- 56-year-old seeks his fourth win on PGA TOUR Champions (124th start)
- Looks to become the first two-time winner this season on PGA TOUR Champions (Won the Cologuard Classic)
 - Would be his first multi-win season on PGA TOUR Champions since joining in 2017
- Entered the week ranked No. 2 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings
- Has finished in the top 15 in each of his four starts this season

Kevin Sutherland, 33-33 – 66 (-6)

- This is his best position after the first round since co-leading at the 2023 Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai
- Making his fourth start of the season, his best finish is T6 (Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai)
- 58-year-old seeks his sixth win on PGA TOUR Champions (176th start)
 - Last win: 2021 Cologuard Classic

Other Notes

- Six players sit T3 at 5-under: 2024 World Golf Hall of Fame inductee **Padraig Harrington**, World Golf Hall of Fame member **Vijay Singh**, reigning Q-School medalist **Richard Green**, **Rod Pampling**, **Rocco Mediate** and **Brett Quigley**.
- Reigning PGA TOUR Champions Player of the Year **Steven Alker** and World Golf Hall of Fame member **Fred Couples** are T9 at 4-under.
- After playing the first six holes in 2-over, Charles Schwab Cup leader **Steve Stricker** (T14) played the final 12 holes in 5-under en route to 3-under 69. It is his 33rd consecutive round of par or better, the longest active streak on PGA TOUR Champions.
- Seeking his record-breaking 46th win on PGA TOUR Champions, **Bernhard Langer** (T14) opened with bogey-free 3-under 69.
- **Mark O'Meara** (back) withdrew before the start of the first round. As a result, **Paul Stankowski** (T22) got into the field.