

The Senior Open Presented by Rolex



First-Round Notes

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Royal Porthcawl Golf Club | Porthcawl, Wales

17th of 28 PGA TOUR Champions events in the 2023 Season

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- **Course Setup:** Par 71 / 7,003 yards
- **Round 1 Scoring Average:** 74.824
- **Weather:** Cloudy and windy all day. A light drizzle in the morning and wind gusts up to 30 mph in the early part of the day.
- **Interviews:** [Transcripts](#)
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	Player	To Par	Scores
1	Miguel Ángel Jiménez	-5	31-35 – 66
2	Alex Čejka	-3	33-35 – 68
2	Mario Tiziani	-3	33-35 – 68
4	Jeev Milkha Singh	-2	33-36 – 69
4	Vijay Singh	-2	34-35 – 69

Things to Know

- 2018 Senior Open Champion **Miguel Ángel Jiménez** recorded a five-under 66 for a two-shot first-round lead over **Alex Čejka** and **Mario Tiziani**.

Miguel Ángel Jiménez, 31-35 – 66 (-5)

- This marks his 16th time leading/co-leading after the first round on PGA TOUR Champions and his fourth time doing so in a 72-hole event.
 - Is 5-for-16 converting those into victories (1-for-4 in 72-hole events).
- His 66 is one shot off his best career round in Senior Open (65, three times: Round 4, 2021; Round 3, 2017; Round 1, 2015).
- His 31 on the outward nine is his best score on any nine since carding a 31 on his inward nine in Round 2 of the 2023 DICK'S Sporting Goods Open. It marks his best outward nine since a 31 in Round 1 of the 2023 Hoag Classic.
- Tied the lead in greens in regulation on the day, hitting 15-of-18 (83.3%).
- Marks the fifth time he has posted the low round of the day at Senior Open (also: Round 4, 2021; Round 3, 2017; Round 3, 2016; Round 1, 2015)
- The 57-year-old is seeking his first win of the season and the 14th of his PGA TOUR Champions career.
 - Jimenez has 10 top 10 finishes in 14 starts this season.
 - Best finish this season: 2nd at Mitsubishi Electric Classic.
- Seeks his third career major victory on PGA TOUR Champions (won: 2018 Regions Tradition & 2018 Senior Open Presented by Rolex).
- Has finished in the top 10 in six of his eight career appearances in Senior Open Presented by Rolex.
 - Previous finishes Senior Open Presented by Rolex: T8 in 2014; 4th in 2015; T3 in 2016; T11 in 2017; Won in 2018; T10 in 2019; 2nd in 2021; T29 in 2022.
- Looks to join Brian Barnes (1995 & 1996), Bob Charles (1989 & 1993), Bernhard Langer (four times – 2019, 2017, 2014 & 2010), Christy O'Connor (1999 & 2000), Gary Player (1988 1990 & 1997) Loren Roberts (2009 & 2006) Tom Watson (2007, 2005 & 2003) as the only multi-time winners of the Senior Open.

Other Notes

- **Alex Čejka** posted a bogey-free, three-under 68 to earn T2 after Round 1. He had one of only two bogey-free rounds on the day (also Paul Lawrie). Čejka is seeking his third career victory on PGA TOUR Champions (61st start) and his third career PGA TOUR Champions major (wins: 2021 Regions Tradition & 2021 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship).
- Playing in his first-ever Senior Open, **Mario Tiziani** recovered from a bogey-bogey start by recording birdies on four of the next five holes, including three in a row (holes 5-7), to help him finish the round at 68 (-3). His T2 marks his best position through Round 1 in his PGA TOUR Champions career and his 68 is his lowest ever score in a major on this Tour. Tiziani is seeking his first career victory on PGA TOUR Champions (25th start).
- India's **Jeev Milkha Singh** sits at T4 after recording a 69 (-2) on the day. This is Singh's lowest career round in a PGA TOUR Champions event (fourth start). He is seeking his first career victory on PGA TOUR Champions.
- An eagle on the 18th hole propelled **Vijay Singh** to a two-under 69 on the day and a T4 position after Round 1. Singh is seeking his sixth career victory on PGA TOUR Champions (125th start) and his second major on this Tour (won 2018 Kaulig Companies Championship).
- Defending champion **Darren Clarke** sits T35 after opening with a two-over 73.