

# 2023 Trophy Hassan II



## First-Round Notes

Thursday, February 9, 2023

Royal Golf Dar Es Salam – Red Course | Rabat, Morocco

2nd of 28 PGA TOUR Champions events in the 2023 Season

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- **Course Setup:** Par 73 / 7,183 yards
- **Round 1 Scoring Average:** 75.000
- **Weather:** Mostly sunny skies and temperatures mild with highs around 68F/20C. A northeast breeze and average 5-10 mph winds.
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	Player	To Par	Scores
1	Stephen Ames	-6	67
T2	Paul Lawrie	-3	70
T2	Paul Broadhurst	-3	70
T2	Brett Quigley	-3	70
T2	Jeff Sluman	-3	70

### Things to Know

- **Stephen Ames** closed with 6-under 67 to hold the solo first-round lead, as four players sit within three strokes at the Trophy Hassan II in Rabat, Morocco.

### Stephen Ames, 67 (-6)

- Played the first 18 holes at 6-under, carding eight birdies, the most by anyone in the field.
- Marks the sixth time in his PGA TOUR Champions career that he has held at least a share of the lead after Round 1.
  - He is 0 for 6 in converting those into victories.
- Ames, who led after Rounds 1 and 2 at the 2020 Morocco Champions event in Marrakesh, finished the event solo second.
- Ames seeks his third win on PGA TOUR Champions (176 starts)
  - Last win: 2021 Principal Charity Classic

### Other Notes

- Four others finished the round at 3-under 70.
  - **Paul Lawrie** made his eighth start on PGA TOUR Champions and seeks his first win.
    - This is his best position through Round 1.
    - Best finish: T10/2022 The Senior Open Championship presented by Rolex
  - **Paul Broadhurst** seeks his sixth career win on PGA TOUR Champions (149 starts)
    - Last win: 2018 The Ally Challenge
    - This is his best position through Round 1 since his performance at the 2021 Kaulig Companies Championship (T2 - finished T10).
  - 2020 Morocco Champions winner **Brett Quigley** looks to repeat in Morocco for his second career victory on PGA TOUR Champions. (63 starts)
    - This is his best position through Round 1 since his performance at the 2022 The Ally Challenge (T2 – finished solo second).
  - **Jeff Sluman** seeks his seventh career victory on PGA TOUR Champions (353 starts).

- This is his best position through Round 1 since his performance at the 2022 Cologuard Classic (T1 - finished T13).
- There were three eagles on the day, one each at holes 8, 12 and 15.