

2023 U.S. Senior Open



First-Round Notes

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SentryWorld | Stevens Point, Wisconsin

15th of 28 PGA TOUR Champions events in the 2023 Season

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- **Course Setup:** Par 71 / 7,218 yards
- **Round 1 Scoring Average:** 77.353
- **Weather:** Mostly sunny with temps in the mid-80s and winds WNW at 6-12 mph
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	Player	To Par	Scores
1	Rod Pampling	-3	34-34 – 68
T2	Mike Small	-1	36-34 – 70
T2	Miguel Angel Jimenez	-1	33-37 – 70
T2	Retief Goosen	-1	36-34 – 70
T5	10 players tied	E	

Things to Know

- **Rod Pampling** holds a two-stroke lead over a trio of players after opening with 3-under 68. It is the highest 18-hole score by a first-round leader/co-leader this season on PGA TOUR Champions (previous: 67, two times).
- Today's scoring average (**77.353**) is the highest first-round scoring average (**strokes**) on PGA TOUR Champions since the 2015 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship held at the Pete Dye Course at French Lick (77.686).
- Today's scoring average (**+6.353**) is the highest first-round scoring average (**to par**) on PGA TOUR Champions since the 2010 U.S. Senior Open held at Sahalee Country Club (+6.697).

Rod Pampling, 34-34 – 68 (-3)

- This is his third time leading/co-leading after the first round on PGA TOUR Champions
 - Is 0-for-2 converting those into victories
 - Was T1 at the 2019 PURE Insurance Championship (finished T16)
 - Was T1 at the 2020 Kaulig Companies Championship (finished T5)
- The 53-year-old seeks his second win on PGA TOUR Champions (76th start)
 - Last win: 2021 Boeing Classic
- Making his 15th start of the season, he has two top-10s
 - Best finish: T4 (Principal Charity Classic)
- Making his third start at the U.S. Senior Open, his best finish is 4th (2021)

Other Notes

- Two-time U.S. Open champion (2001, 2004) **Retief Goosen** sits T2 after shooting 1-under 70.
 - The 54-year-old seeks his third win on PGA TOUR Champions (90th start)
 - Last win: 2022 Hoag Classic
- Charles Schwab No. 7 **Miguel Angel Jimenez**, winner of two majors on PGA TOUR Champions, shot 1-under 70 and sits T2.
 - The 59-year-old seeks his 14th win on PGA TOUR Champions (150th start)
 - Last win: 2022 Boeing Classic
- University of Illinois men's golf head coach **Mike Small** posted 1-under 70 and sits T2.

- The 57-year-old has three top-10s in 18 starts on PGA TOUR Champions dating back to 2016
- Seeking his record-setting 46th win on PGA TOUR Champions, 2010 U.S. Senior Open champion **Bernhard Langer** carded even-par 71 and sits T5. Langer made the fewest bogeys or worse (1) in the 156-player field.
- Charles Schwab No. 4 and 2018 U.S. Senior Open champion **David Toms** (T5) bogeyed three of his last four holes en route to even-par 71. Toms looks to become the third three-time winner this season on PGA TOUR Champions, joining Steve Stricker (4) and Stephen Ames (3).
- World Golf Hall of Fame member **Ernie Els** and Madison, Wisconsin native **Jerry Kelly** also opened with even-par 72 and sit T5, along with **Bob Sowards**, 2015 U.S. Senior Open champion **Jeff Maggert**, **Ken Tanigawa**, **James Kingston**, **Adilson de Silva** and reigning Q-School Final Stage medalist **Richard Green**.
- Looking to become the first player in PGA TOUR Champions history to win three consecutive majors contested, **Steve Stricker** (T15) doubled Nos. 10 and 12 to shoot 1-over 72. The Charles Schwab Cup leader and 2019 U.S. Senior Open champion saw his consecutive rounds of par or better streak end at 55, the all-time record across all PGA TOUR-sanctioned Tours.
- Defending champion **Pdraig Harrington**, winner of last week's DICK'S Sporting Goods Open, carded 3-over 74 and sits T29.
- World Golf Hall of Fame member **Davis Love III** withdrew before the start of the first round and was replaced by **Tom Werkmeister** (T74).