

2024 Charles Schwab Cup Championship

First-Round Notes

Thursday, November 7, 2024

Phoenix Country Club | Phoenix, Arizona

28th of 28 PGA TOUR Champions events in the 2024 Season

3rd of 3 events in the 2024 Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs



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- **Course Setup:** Par 71 / 6,858 yards
- **Round 1 Scoring Average:** 70.887
- **Weather:** Sunny with temps in the high-60s and winds WNW at 5-10 mph
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	Player	To Par	Scores	Schwab Cup Standings	
				Start	Projected
1	Stewart Cink	-7	31-33 – 64	12th	3rd
2	K.J. Choi	-4	35-32 – 67	7th	5th
T3	Paul Broadhurst	-3	32-36 – 68	10th	9th
T3	Jerry Kelly	-3	34-34 – 68	11th	10th
T3	Stephen Ames	-3	34-34 – 68	3rd	2nd

Things to Know

- Seeking his second win of the season, **Stewart Cink** opened with 7-under 64 to take a three-stroke lead over **K.J. Choi** after the first round of the Charles Schwab Cup Championship.
- After the first round, **Ernie Els** (T6), who entered the week atop the Charles Schwab Cup standings, is projected to win the Charles Schwab Cup.

Stewart Cink, 31-33 – 64 (-7)

Charles Schwab Cup standings – Start: 12th / Projected: 3rd

- This is his second-lowest round on PGA TOUR Champions (47th round)
 - Low 18-hole score on PGA TOUR Champions: 62 (2024 Cologuard Classic, 1st Round)
- This is his second time leading/co-leading after the first round on PGA TOUR Champions
 - Is 0-for-1 converting those into victories
- The 51-year-old seeks his second win on PGA TOUR Champions (15th start)
 - Previous win: 2024 Ally Challenge
- Making his 11th start of the 2024 season on PGA TOUR Champions, he has one win and eight top-10 finishes
- Is projected to move up to No. 3 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings after starting the week No. 12
- With a win, he would become the sixth multi-time winner of the 2024 season on PGA TOUR Champions
- Is making his first appearance at the Charles Schwab Cup Championship

Other Notes

- **K.J. Choi** (2nd) birdied three of his last six holes en route to 4-under 67. The 54-year-old seeks his second win of the 2024 season after capturing The Senior Open Championship presented by Rolex.



- Seeking his Champions Tour-leading fourth win of the 2024 season, Charles Schwab No. 3 **Stephen Ames** sits T3 after shooting 68. The 60-year-old won the Chubb Classic, Mitsubishi Electric Classic and Boeing Classic earlier this year. His three wins are tied with Ernie Els and Padraig Harrington for the most by any player in 2024.
- Seeking his third win of the 2024 season, **Paul Broadhurst** carded 3-under 68 and sits T3. The 59-year-old won the Invited Celebrity Classic and PURE Insurance Championship earlier this year and holds seven victories overall on PGA TOUR Champions.
- Seeking his second win of the 2024 season, **Jerry Kelly** (T3) opened with 68. The 57-year-old owns 12 victories overall on PGA TOUR Champions, including the SAS Championship earlier this year.
- Charles Schwab Cup leader **Ernie Els** is one of five players sitting T6 at 2-under along with fellow World Golf Hall of Fame member **Bernhard Langer, Rod Pampling, Joe Durant** and **Alex Cejka**. Els and Durant were the only two players without a bogey on Thursday.
- Defending champion **Steven Alker** and 2022 champion **Padraig Harrington** are among the players T11 at 1-under. Alker, who entered the week No. 2 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings, won the Charles Schwab Cup in 2022.
- Playing as a single in the first tee time of the day, **Cameron Percy** (T11) played in two hours and 45 minutes.

Race for the Charles Schwab Cup

The Charles Schwab Cup offers \$2.1 million in prize money to the top-5 finishers at season’s end. The prize money will be distributed in lump sum deposits into a Schwab brokerage account to be invested into a Schwab Managed Portfolio (SMP), if eligible. The winner of the season-long Charles Schwab Cup will be awarded \$1 million and the 2nd–5th place finishers will receive prize money of \$500,000, \$300,000, \$200,000, and \$100,000, respectively.

Projected Charles Schwab Cup Standings After the First Round

	Player	Entered the Week
1	Ernie Els	1st
2	Stephen Ames	3rd
3	Stewart Cink	12th
4	Steven Alker	2nd
5	K.J. Choi	7th