

2024 Chubb Classic presented by SERVPRO



First-Round Notes

Friday, February 16, 2024

Tiburón Golf Club (Black Course) | Naples, Florida

2nd of 28 PGA TOUR Champions events in the 2024 Season

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- **Course Setup:** Par 72 / 6,909 yards
- **Round 1 Scoring Average:** 71.410
- **Weather:** Partly cloudy with temps in the mid-70s and winds SSW at 5-10 mph
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	Player	To Par	Scores
1	Rocco Mediate	-9	29-34 – 63
T2	Ernie Els	-6	31-35 – 66
T2	Alex Cejka	-6	30-36 – 66
T2	Mark Hensby	-6	34-32 – 66
T5	Five players tied	-5	

Things to Know

- Seeking his first win since 2019, **Rocco Mediate** holds a three-stroke lead after opening with 9-under 63, which included a front-nine 29.

Rocco Mediate, 29-34 – 63 (-9)

- The 61-year-old seeks his fifth win on PGA TOUR Champions (228th start)
 - Last win: 2019 Sanford International
- This is his seventh time leading/co-leading after the first round on PGA TOUR Champions
 - Is 2-for-6 converting those into victories
- Matched the Chubb Classic's low 18-hole score since the tournament moved to Tiburón Golf Club in 2021
 - Previous instances: Fred Couples (2021/R1), Alex Cejka (2023/R3)
 - Note: 61 is the low 18-hole score in Chubb Classic history (Tommy Armour III, 2010/R3)
- Matched his low 18-hole score since May 2016
 - Shot a first-round 62 en route to winning the 2016 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship
 - This was the fourth time he has shot 63 since then (Last: R1/2023 Sanford International)
- Making his second start of the 2024 season, he finished T8 at the Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai
- Has two top-10 finishes in 11 previous Chubb Classic starts (T5/2013, T10/2018)

Other Notes

- World Golf Hall of Fame member **Ernie Els** (T2) opened with 6-under 66. The 54-year-old seeks his fourth win on PGA TOUR Champions (83rd start).
 - Last win: 2023 Hoag Classic
- Despite bogeying Hole No. 1, **Alex Cejka** shot 30 on the front nine and sits T2 after a 6-under 66. The 53-year-old seeks his fourth win on PGA TOUR Champions (74th start).
 - Last win: 2023 Senior Open Championship presented by Rolex
- Making his 32nd PGA TOUR Champions start, **Mark Hensby** (T2) birdied his last four holes en route to 6-under 66. The 52-year-old seeks his second win on PGA TOUR Champions.
 - Last win: 2023 Invited Celebrity Classic

- Seeking a third consecutive win on PGA TOUR Champions, **Steven Alker** (T5) carded 5-under 67. With a win on Sunday, he would become the 10th player in PGA TOUR Champions history to win three consecutive starts.
 - Previously won the 2023 Charles Schwab Cup Championship and 2024 Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai
- 2021 Chubb Classic champion **Steve Stricker** (T15) shot 3-under 69. The 56-year-old seeks his 18th win on PGA TOUR Champions (65th start).
 - Last win: 2023 Sanford International
- Making his PGA TOUR Champions debut, **Heath Slocum** opened with 2-over 74 and sits T61. The four-time PGA TOUR winner turned 50 years old on February 3.