

## 2024 DICK'S Open

### First-Round Notes

Friday, June 21, 2024

En-Joie Club | Endicott, New York

14<sup>th</sup> of 28 PGA TOUR Champions events in the 2024 Season



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- **Course Setup:** Par 72 / 6,905 yards
- **Round 1 Scoring Average:** 70.974
- **Weather:** Partly cloudy, with a high of 87. Light and variable wind
- **Interviews:** [Transcripts](#)
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Pos.	Player	To Par	Score
1	Stephen Ames	-8	33-31—64
2	Steve Allan	-7	33-32—65
3	Rocco Mediate	-6	34-32—66
T4	Paul Stankowski	-5	35-32—67
T4	Ernie Els	-5	35-32—67
T4	Bernhard Langer	-5	34-33—67

#### Things to Know

- Seeking a third win of the season on PGA TOUR Champions, **Stephen Ames** begins his sixth DICK'S Open with a bogey-free 8-under 64
- With his lowest score in 32 rounds on PGA TOUR Champions of 7-under 65, **Steve Allan** positions himself for a second top-10 finish in his 12<sup>th</sup> start since turning 50 in October of 2023
- In just his third start on PGA TOUR Champions, **Chad Campbell** holes his second shot of the day from 127 yards at No. 1 for his first of two eagles (par-5 fifth) before signing for a 4-under 68 (T7)
- Three members of the World Golf Hall of Fame occupy spots inside the top-10 after 18 holes: **Bernhard Langer/T4**, **Ernie Els/T4** and **Padraig Harrington/T7**

#### Stephen Ames – 33-31—64 (-8)

- Vying for a first top-10 finish in his sixth start in the DICK'S Open, birdied four of his last six holes en route to a bogey-free 8-under 64
- A T12 in his first DICK'S Open start of 2015 stands as his best finish
- In three starts at the B.C. Open on the PGA TOUR at En-Joie GC, managed top-10 finishes in 1999 (T4) and 2001 (T6)
- Hit 10-of-14 fairways and 17-of-18 greens in regulation in round one this week
- When he last opened with an 8-under 64 on PGA TOUR Champions, finished solo-second to Ernie Els by two strokes earlier this month at the Principal Charity Classic
- When holding an 18-hole lead/co-lead in 54 holes events on PGA TOUR Champions, has converted for the win on 2-of-4 occasions (2023 Trophy Hassan II, Mitsubishi Electric Championship)
- In 12 starts this season before this week, has amassed eight top-10 finishes, two of which were victories (Chubb Classic, Mitsubishi Electric Classic); comes off a T4 in his most recent start from two weeks ago at the American Family Insurance Championship

#### Additional Notes

- With birdies on five of his first nine holes, Australia's **Steve Allan** opened his first DICK'S Open in 7-under 65 (2<sup>nd</sup>), marking his lowest score in his first season on PGA TOUR Champions (32 rounds); lone top-10 finish in 11 previous starts this season was solo-fifth at the Invited Celebrity Classic (36-hole event due to inclement weather)

- With seven birdies against one bogey, **Rocco Mediate** kicked off his third DICK'S Open with a 6-under 66 (3<sup>rd</sup>); previous finishes in the event: T15/2022, T28/2023; after having to withdraw from his last three starts before this week due to a lingering back injury, his best finish in four completed events this season was a solo-second to this week's 18-hole leader, Stephen Ames, at the Chubb Classic
- With seven birdies in the 8-hole stretch of 5-12 (and five straight on Nos. 8-12), 2014 tournament champion and World Golf Hall of Fame Member **Bernhard Langer** opened his 12<sup>th</sup> DICK'S Open in 5-under 67 (T4); seeks an eighth top-10 finish in the event
- With a birdie-birdie finish on Nos. 17 and 18, 2021 DICK'S Open runner-up **Ernie Els** signed for a 5-under 67 (T4); the World Golf Hall of Fame Member comes to this week's event on the heels of back-to-back wins in his last two starts at the Principal Charity Classic and American Family Insurance Championship; finished third in last year's DICK's Open
- 2022 and 2023 champion **Padraig Harrington** sits T7 at 4-under 68; the last player to win the same Champions Tour event three years in a row was Bernhard Langer at the Kaulig Companies Championship (2014-16); this week's DICK'S Open marks his first start as a member of the World Golf Hall of Fame
- **John Daly** signed for a bogey-free 3-under 69 (T19), marking his third consecutive sub-par score on PGA TOUR Champions (dating to round two of the American Family Insurance Championship); his last stretch of three straight sub-par rounds came at the 2022 Constellation FURYK & FRIENDS
- Making his PGA TOUR Champions debut, **Eric Axley** opened with an even-par 72
- Six past DICK'S Open champions in the field: **Padraig Harrington**/2022, 2023 (T7/68), **Doug Barron**/2019 (T7/68) **Scott McCarron**/2017 (78<sup>th</sup>/79), **Jeff Maggert**/2015 (T28/70), **Bernhard Langer**/2014 (T4/67), **John Huston**/2011 (T54/73)
- **Jerry Kelly** withdrew prior to his first round with a back injury and was replaced by **David Branshaw** (T28/70)