



Dominion Energy Charity Classic - First-Round Notes

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26th of 28 PGA TOUR Champions events in the 2024 Season

The Country Club of Virginia - James River Course | Richmond, Virginia

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- **Course Setup:** Par 72 / 6,982 yards
- **Round 1 Scoring Average:** 72.233
- **Weather:** Sunny, with a high of 67. Win NNE 6-12 mph, gusting to 16 mph.
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First-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	To Par	Score
1	Retief Goosen	-6	32-34—66
T2	Steve Flesch	-5	34-33—67
T2	Greg Chalmers	-5	32-35—67
T2	Paul Goydos	-5	34-33—67
T2	Heath Slocum	-5	32-35—67
T2	Stewart Cink	-5	34-33—67

Things to Know

- In the first of three Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs events, World Golf Hall of Fame member **Retief Goosen** birdies his final hole of the day at the Dominion Energy Charity Classic to break a six-way tie for the lead and sign for a 6-under 66 in his bid for a second victory this season and third top 10 at the Country Club of Richmond.

Retief Goosen (1st/-6)

- Started his fifth Dominion Energy Charity Classic with three consecutive birdies before signing for a 6-under 66 after a final birdie at the par-5 18th hole.
- The 55-year-old South African hit 11-of-14 fairways off the tee and 15-of-18 greens in regulation; he required 27 putts to complete his round.
- Two previous top-10 finishes in the event came in first two starts of 2019 (T10) and 2020 (T6); finished T53 in 2022 and 2023.
- Is 1-for-3 when trying to convert an 18-hole lead/co-lead into victory on PGA TOUR Champions (2024 Galleri Classic).

- In addition to the Galleri Classic win in March, has four top-10 finishes this season, including a T4 at the Constellation FURYK & FRIENDS in his most recent start before this week.
- Since joining PGA TOUR Champions in 2019, has amassed three titles: 2019 Kaulig Companies Championship, 2022 Hoag Classic, 2024 Galleri Classic.
- Included among seven PGA TOUR titles were the 2001 and 2004 U.S. Open.

Other Notes

- Highlighted by four consecutive birdies on Nos. 17-2, **Steve Flesch (T2/-5)** opened his sixth Dominion Energy Charity Classic with a 5-under 67, 10 strokes better than his last two opening rounds in the event of 2022 (T58) and 2023 (T62); in five previous Dominion Energy Charity Classic starts, a T8 in 2019 stands as his best.; lone top-10 finish this season, a T7, came at the Sanford International, while he finished just outside the top-10 at last week's SAS Championship (T11).
- Beginning his round on No. 10, PGA TOUR Champions rookie **Heath Slocum (T2/-5)** followed three straight pars with four consecutive birdies on Nos. 13-16 en route to a 5-under 67; prior to this week, his best 18-hole position on PGA TOUR Champions (24 starts) was T5/Principal Charity Classic (finished T6); that T6 serves as his lone top-10 finish this season.
- **Paul Goydos (T2/-5)** hit all 18 greens in regulation en route to a bogey-free 5-nder 67 in his eighth Dominion Energy Charity Classic start; his most recent of two top-10 finishes in the event, solo-third, came in 2020; seeks a sixth career win on PGA TOUR Champions and first since 2017.
- With birdies on four of his first five holes (Nos. 2-5) and three of his last four (Nos. 15-17), **Greg Chalmers (T2/-5)** opened his first Dominion Energy Charity Classic with a 5-under 67; best of five top-10 showings this season are solo-thirds at the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship and Constellation FURYK & FRIENDS; remains in search of his first PGA TOUR Champions title in his 18th start this week.
- Making his first start in the Dominion Energy Charity Classic, **Stewart Cink (T2/-5)** made five birdies against two bogeys to open in 5-under 67; came into the week with six top 10s in just eight starts, highlighted by a win at The Ally Challenge; with his 67, moves to 24-of-27 with regard to rounds under par this season on PGA TOUR Champions.
- Coming off a third-place finish in last week's SAS Championship in North Carolina, **Shane Bertsch (T8/-3)** opened his fourth Dominion Energy Charity Classic with a 3-under 69, good for T8; is vying for his second career win on PGA TOUR Champions and first his rookie year of 2020.

Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs

- This week's Dominion Energy Charity Classic is the first of the three Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs events and features the top-72 available in the standings. The top-54 after this week advance to next week's Simmons Bank Championship in Little Rock, Arkansas. Only the top 36 from the Simmons Bank Championship advance to the season-ending Charles Schwab Cup Championship in Phoenix, Arizona (November 7-10).

Top-54 in/out projections after round one:

Player	R1 Position/Score	Schwab Cup Standings	
		Before R1	After R1
Paul Goydos	T2/-5	59	38
Heath Slocum	T2/-5	62	40
David Bransdon	T13/-2	56	53
Chris DiMarco	T55/+3	51	56
Angel Cabrera	T36/+1	54	57
Kirk Triplett	T65/+5	53	58

*in (green) | *out (red)