

## 2024 Hoag Classic



### First-Round Notes

Friday, March 22, 2024

Newport Beach Country Club | Newport Beach, California  
5<sup>th</sup> of 28 PGA TOUR Champions events in the 2024 Season

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- **Course Setup:** Par 71 / 6,821 yards
- **Round 1 Scoring Average:** 69.564
- **Weather:** Partly cloudy, with a high of 65. Wind SW 8-12 mph, with gusts to 16 mph
- **Interviews:** [Transcripts](#)
- [Leaderboard](#)
- [PGATOURMedia.com](http://PGATOURMedia.com)

|    | Player               | To Par | Score |
|----|----------------------|--------|-------|
| 1  | Thongchai Jaidee     | -9     | 62    |
| T2 | Paul Broadhurst      | -8     | 63    |
| T2 | Padraig Harrington   | -8     | 63    |
| 4  | Miguel Angel Jimenez | -6     | 65    |

#### Things to Know

- En route to a career-low-tying 9-under 62, **Thongchai Jaidee** used five birdies and an eagle on his outgoing nine holes to turn in 7-under 28; marks the lowest nine-hole score on PGA TOUR Champions this season
- 2021 and 2023 Hoag Classic champion **Ernie Els** sits T42 at 1-under 70; opened last year's event with the same score, before back-to-back 6-under 65s in rounds two and three resulted in his one-stroke win over Steve Stricker and Doug Barron.

#### Thongchai Jaidee (1<sup>st</sup>/-9)

- After several weeks at home rehabbing a back injury, Thailand native mixed an eagle-3 at No. 3 with birdies on 1, 4, 7, 8 and 9 to make the turn in 7-under 28; with added birdies at Nos. 12, 14 and 15, signed for a 9-under 62 to tie his career-low score (2023 Shaw Charity Classic/final round)
- The lowest 18-hole score in Hoag Classic history of 11-under 60 was posted most recently (three occasions) by Duffy Waldorf in round two of 2015
- The last nine-hole score sub 29 before this week came courtesy of Padraig Harrington on the inward nine of his third round at the 2023 DICK'S Sporting Goods Open
- Hit 18-of-18 greens in regulation
- His only dropped shot came at the par-4 16<sup>th</sup>
- Is 0-for-1 when holding an 18-hole lead/co-lead on PGA TOUR Champions (T11/2021 Principal Charity Classic)
- Best of three previous starts in the Hoag Classic: T15/2023
- Making his third start of the season, with each of the previous two resulting in T18 finishes
- Seeks a third PGA TOUR Champions victory this week: 2022 American Family Insurance Championship, 2023 PURE Insurance Championship
- At age 20 in 1989, joined the Royal Thai Army, serving as a paratrooper; 10 years later, turned professionally to the game of golf

#### Other Notes

- Seeking a seventh win on PGA TOUR Champions and first since the 2023 TimberTech Championship, 2024 World Golf Hall of Fame inductee **Padraig Harrington** birdied three of his last four holes – and eight total – en route to a bogey-free 8-under 63 (T2), one stroke shy of his career-low score on PGA TOUR Champions; in his only previous Hoag Classic start, closed with a bogey-free 5-under 66 last year to finish T7 at 10-under 203

- Highlighted by six birdies on the seven-hole stretch of 6-12, 58-year-old **Paul Broadhurst** opened his seventh Hoag Classic with a career-low-tying 8-under 63; lone top-10 finish in the event: T10/2019; two top-10 finishes in four starts this season: T3/Chubb Classic, T7/Trophy Hassan II
- Making his second start in the Hoag Classic (T2/2023), reigning Charles Schwab Cup winner **Steve Stricker** hit 11-of-14 fairways and 11-of-18 greens in regulation before signing for a bogey-free 4-under 67 (T8)
- In his season debut after recovering from back injury, **Jim Furyk** sits T28 after a bogey-free 2-under 69
- 2021 and 2023 Hoag Classic champion **Ernie Els** is T42 after opening with a 1-under 70 for the second year in a row; closed in 2023 with back-to-back 6-under 65s to win by a stroke over Doug Barron and Steve Stricker.