

2024 Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai



First-Round Notes

Thursday, January 18, 2024

Hualalai Golf Course | Ka'upulehu-Kona, Hawaii

1st of 28 PGA TOUR Champions events in the 2024 Season

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- **Course Setup:** Par 72 / 7,084 yards
- **Round 1 Scoring Average:** 69.548
- **Weather:** Mostly sunny with temps in the low-80s and winds NW at 8-14 mph
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	Player	To Par	Scores
T1	Vijay Singh	-7	31-34 – 65
T1	Steven Alker	-7	35-30 – 65
T3	K.J. Choi	-6	34-32 – 66
T3	Brett Quigley	-6	34-32 – 66
T3	Ernie Els	-6	33-33 – 66
T3	Steve Stricker	-6	32-34 – 66

Things to Know

- World Golf Hall of Fame member **Vijay Singh** and two-time runner-up at Hualalai **Steven Alker** share the first-round lead at 7-under.

Vijay Singh, 31-34 – 65 (-7)

- The 60-year-old seeks his sixth win on PGA TOUR Champions (136th start)
 - Last win: 2023 Ally Challenge
- This is his sixth time leading/co-leading after the first round on PGA TOUR Champions
 - Is 1-for-5 converting those into victories
- Had two wins in Hawaii on the PGA TOUR: 2005 Sony Open in Hawaii, 2007 Sentry
- Making his eighth start at the Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai, he has three top-10s at this event
 - Best finish: T3 (2022)

Steven Alker, 35-30 – 65 (-7)

- The 52-year-old seeks his eighth win on PGA TOUR Champions (54th start)
 - Would be back-to-back victories after winning the 2023 Charles Schwab Cup Championship
- This is his seventh time leading/co-leading after the first round on PGA TOUR Champions
 - Is 3-for-6 converting those into victories
- Making his third appearance at the Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai, he finished runner-up in his first two starts (2022, 2023)
 - His scoring average at this event is 66.14 (seven rounds)

Other Notes

- Defending champion and reigning PGA TOUR Champions Player of the Year **Steve Stricker** sits T3 after opening with 6-under 66. The 56-year-old seeks his 18th win on PGA TOUR Champions (64th start).
- World Golf Hall of Fame member **Ernie Els** carded 6-under 66 and sits T3. The 54-year-old seeks his fourth win on PGA TOUR Champions (82nd start).

- **K.J. Choi** and **Brett Quigley** also sit T3 at 6-under.
- Six players are T7 at 5-under, including all four first-timers at Hualalai: **Stewart Cink**, **Mark Hensby**, **Harrison Frazar** and **Ken Duke**.
- Three-time champion **Bernhard Langer** (2009, 2014, 2017) sits T13 after opening with 4-under 68.
- 70-year-old **Jay Haas** (T18), making his 19th appearance at this event, bettered his age with 3-under 69.
- Three-time champion **Miguel Angel Jimenez** (2015, 2020, 2022) shot 2-under 70 and sits T23.