

2025 Charles Schwab Cup Championship

First-Round Notes

Thursday, November 13, 2025

Phoenix Country Club | Phoenix, Arizona

28th of 28 PGA TOUR Champions events in the 2025 Season

3rd of 3 events in the 2025 Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs



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- **Course Setup:** Par 71 / 6,843 yards
- **Round 1 Scoring Average:** 69.854
- **Weather:** Partly cloudy. High of 87. Winds E at 4-8 mph.
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	Player	To Par	Scores	Schwab Cup Standings Start	Projected
1	Stewart Cink	-7	33-31—64	3 rd	1 st
2	Jerry Kelly	-6	33-32—65	18 th	11 th
T3	Tommy Gainey	-5	34-32—66	36 th	23 rd
T3	Jason Caron	-5	34-32—66	20 th	18 th
T3	Steve Flesch	-5	33-33—66	17 th	14 th
T3	Steven Alker	-5	33-33—66	1 st	2 nd

Things to Know

- **Stewart Cink** recorded a bogey-free 64 to take the first-round lead in the Charles Schwab Cup Championship for the second consecutive year. He leads **Jerry Kelly** by one shot entering Friday's second round of play.
- Charles Schwab Cup leader **Steven Alker** opened with a 5-under 66 to sit T3 through one round.

Stewart Cink, 33-31—64 (-7)

Charles Schwab Cup standings – Start: 3rd / Projected: 1st

- Records a 7-under 64 to secure the opening-round lead for the second straight year at the Charles Schwab Cup Championship. Finished T6 in his tournament debut in 2024.
- The 52-year-old seeks his fourth win on PGA TOUR Champions (36th start)
 - Last win: 2025 Ally Challenge
- Seeks his third win of the 2025 season (21st start)
 - Previous wins: Insperity Invitational, The Ally Challenge
- Would become the fourth three-time winner of the 2025 season on PGA TOUR Champions, joining Miguel Angel Jiménez (4), Ángel Cabrera (3) and Steve Allan (3).
- Marks his fifth career 18-hole lead/co-lead on PGA TOUR Champions (1-for-4) and third this season (The Ally Challenge/Won, Stifel Charity Classic/8th)
- Minimum tournament finish required for Cink to have a chance to win the Charles Schwab Cup: two-way T4
 - Would need Steven Alker to finish in a three-way T24 or worse AND
 - Would need Miguel Angel Jiménez to finish in a three-way T10 or worse AND
 - Would need Ernie Els to finish solo second or worse AND
 - Would need Thomas Bjørn to finish solo second or worse.

Other Notes

- **Jerry Kelly (2nd)** recorded seven birdies en route to a 6-under 65.
 - Entered the week at No. 18 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings thanks to a win at the Mitsubishi Electric Classic and four additional top-10s.
 - Has notched two top-10 finishes in eight career starts at the Charles Schwab Cup Championship, highlighted by a T8 in 2023.
- **Steven Alker (T3)** posted a bogey-free 66 for his ninth round of 66 or better at Phoenix Country Club in 17 career rounds.
 - The 52-year-old seeks his 11th win on PGA TOUR Champions (98th start)
 - Last win: 2025 Simmons Bank Championship
 - Seeks his third win of the 2025 season (23rd start)
 - Previous wins: Cologuard Classic, Simmons Bank Championship
 - Has 17 top-10 finishes, most among all players this season on PGA TOUR Champions
- Making his tournament debut, **Tommy Gainey (T3)** recorded seven birdies for a 5-under 66.
 - Won the Constellation FURYK & FRIENDS after successfully open qualifying, becoming the youngest winner of the 2025 season at the age of 50 years, 1 months, 23 days.
 - Entered the week at No. 36 in the Charles Schwab Cup.
- **Jason Caron (T3)** posted a 5-under 66 in his second career start at the Charles Schwab Cup Championship.
 - Notched two runner-up finishes in the 2025 season, including a playoff loss at the Cologuard Classic and a solo-second at the DICK'S Open, where he fell four shots shy of winner Steve Allan.
 - Seeks to become the seventh first-time winner in 2025, joining Tommy Gainey (Constellation FURYK & FRIENDS), Richard Green (Rogers Charity Classic), Thomas Bjørn (American Family Insurance Championship – team event with partner Darren Clarke), Ángel Cabrera (James Hardie Pro Football Hall of Fame Invitational), Steve Allan (The Galleri Classic) and Justin Leonard (Chubb Classic).
- **Steve Flesch (T3)** birdied his final two holes for a first-round 66.
 - Owns one top-10 in five prior appearances at the event (T7/2021).
 - Seeks his first Champions Tour win since claiming the 2023 Stifel Charity Classic.
- Past champions in the field include **Alker (T3)**, **Bernhard Langer (T15)**, **Vijay Singh (T15)** and **Pádraig Harrington (T31)**.
 - Langer, who owns a record 47 titles on PGA TOUR Champions, is looking for his first win of the 2025 season. The 68-year-old has recorded at least one victory every year on Tour, dating back to 2007.

Race for the Charles Schwab Cup

The Charles Schwab Cup offers \$2.1 million in prize money to the top-5 finishers at season's end. The prize money will be distributed in lump sum deposits into a Schwab brokerage account to be invested into a Schwab Managed Portfolio (SMP), if eligible. The winner of the season-long Charles Schwab Cup will be awarded \$1 million and the 2nd–5th place finishers will receive prize money of \$500,000, \$300,000, \$200,000, and \$100,000, respectively.

Projected Charles Schwab Cup Standings After the First Round

	Player	Entered the Week
1	Stewart Cink	3 rd
2	Steven Alker	1 st
3	Miguel Ángel Jiménez	2 nd
4	Ernie Els	4 th
5	Thomas Bjørn	5 th