

# 2025 Cologuard Classic by Exact Sciences

**First-Round Notes**  
**Friday, March 7, 2025**

La Paloma Country Club | Tucson, Arizona  
4th of 28 PGA TOUR Champions events in the 2025 Season



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- **Course Setup:** Par 71 / 6,725 yards
- **Round 1 Scoring Average:** 70.833
- **Weather:** Brief morning showers followed by partly cloudy conditions with temps in the low-50s and W winds 17 mph gusting up to 26 mph.
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	Player	To Par	Scores
1	Greg Chalmers	-7	32-32 – 64
T2	Rod Pampling	-5	31-35 - 66
T2	Stephen Ames	-5	33-33 - 66
T2	Ernie Els	-5	34-32 - 66
T5	Five players tied	-4	67

**Things to Know**

- 51-year-old **Greg Chalmers** opened with eight birdies, one-bogey 64 and holds a two-stroke lead over **Rod Pampling, Stephen Ames** and World Golf Hall of Fame member **Ernie Els**.

**Greg Chalmers, 32-32 – 64 (-7)**

- This is his low 18-hole score on PGA TOUR Champions (71<sup>st</sup> round)
  - Previous low 18-hole score: 66 (Twice: Last, 2024 Charles Schwab Cup Championship, Final Round)
- This is second time leading/co-leading after any round on PGA TOUR Champions
  - Previous best position: T1 (2024 Senior PGA Championship, Third Round)
- The 51-year-old seeks his first win on PGA TOUR Champions (23<sup>rd</sup> start)
  - Best finish: 3rd (Twice: Last, 2024 Constellation FURYK & FRIENDS)
  - Lone victory in 485 PGA TOUR starts came at the 2016 Barracuda Championship
- Making his third start of the 2025 season, he finished T14 at the Trophy Hassan II
- One year after making his PGA TOUR Champions debut through Monday qualifying, he is making his second appearance at the Cologuard Classic by Exact Sciences (T7/2024)

**Other Notes**

- **Rod Pampling** sits T2 after carding a bogey-free 5-under 66. The 55-year-old seeks his third win on PGA TOUR Champions (119<sup>th</sup> start).
  - Last win: 2023 SAS Championship
  - Making his sixth appearance in the Cologuard Classic by Exact Sciences
    - Best finish: T3/2021
- **Stephen Ames** sits T2 after opening with bogey-free 66. The 60-year-old seeks his 10<sup>th</sup> win on PGA TOUR Champions (224<sup>th</sup> start).
  - Last win: 2024 Boeing Classic
  - Making his 11<sup>th</sup> start in the Cologuard Classic by Exact Sciences
    - Best finish: T4/2016
- Despite bogeying three holes, World Golf Hall of Fame member **Ernie Els** carded 5-under 66 and sits T2. The 55-year-old seeks his eighth win on PGA TOUR Champions and second this season (108<sup>th</sup> start).

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- Last win: 2025 Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai
- Making his sixth start in the Cologuard Classic by Exact Sciences
  - Best finish: T14/2021
- Five players are T5 at 4-under, including **Jason Caron**, **Tim O'Neal**, World Golf Hall of Fame member **Retief Goosen**, **Stewart Cink** and Monday qualifier, **Matthew Goggin**.
- 2024 Cologuard Classic champion **Joe Durant** opened with 1-under 70 and sits T22.