# 2025 James Hardie Pro Football Hall of Fame Invitational

# First-Round Notes Friday, April 4, 2025

The Old Course at Broken Sound | Boca Raton, Florida 7th of 28 PGA TOUR Champions events in the 2025 Season



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- Course Setup: Par 72 / 6,820 yards / Football Legends: 6,204 yards
- Round 1 Scoring Average: 73.314
- Weather: Partly cloudy. High of 86. Winds SE at 12-18 mph. Gusts to 25 mph.
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	Player	To Par	Scores
T1	Ángel Cabrera	-4	35-33 – 68
T1	Miguel Angel Jiménez	-4	33-35 – 68
T1	Alex Cejka	-4	35-33 – 68
T1	Thomas Bjørn	-4	33-35 – 68
T1	David Bransdon	-4	35-33 – 68
T6	Greg Chalmers	-3	35-34 – 69
T6	Jay Haas	-3	35-34 – 69

#### Things to Know

- Five international players share the first-round lead at the inaugural James Hardie Pro Football Hall of Fame Invitational.
- All five co-leaders hail from different countries: Ángel Cabrera (Argentina), Miguel Angel Jiménez (Spain), Alex Cejka (Germany), Thomas Bjørn (Denmark) and David Bransdon (Australia).
- The five co-leaders are the most after the first round on PGA TOUR Champions since the 2024 Regions Tradition (6).

## Ángel Cabrera, 35-33 – 68 (-4)

- The 55-year-old seeks his first win on PGA TOUR Champions (26th start)
  - Best finish: 4th (2024 SAS Championship)
- Making his third start of the 2025 season on PGA TOUR Champions, his best finish is T19 (Trophy Hassan II)
- This is his first time leading/co-leading after the first round on PGA TOUR Champions
  - o Previous best 18-hole position: T2 (2024 Stifel Charity Classic) finished T15
- Matched his low 18-hole score of the 2025 season on PGA TOUR Champions (seventh round)
  - o Previous instance: Trophy Hassan II (2nd Round)
- Won three times on the PGA TOUR, including two majors (288 starts)
  - o Last win on the PGA TOUR: 2014 Greenbrier Classic
- Started the week as second alternate and got in when Mark Hensby withdrew

## Miguel Angel Jiménez, 33-35 – 68 (-4)

- The 61-year-old seeks his 16th win on PGA TOUR Champions (190th start)
  - o Last win: 2025 Hoag Classic
  - Would remain 18th on the PGA TOUR Champions all-time wins list
- Seeks his third win of the 2025 season (sixth start)

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- Previous wins in 2025: Trophy Hassan II (Feb. 6-8); Hoaq Classic (March 21-23)
- o Entered the week No. 1 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings
- o Is currently the only two-time winner of the 2025 season on PGA TOUR Champions (Note: this is the seventh event of 2025)
- Would be his second three-win season on PGA TOUR Champions
  - Previous instance: 2022
- This is his 19th time leading/co-leading after the first round on PGA TOUR Champions (5-for-18)

### Alex Cejka, 35-33 - 68 (-4)

- The 54-year-old seeks his fourth win on PGA TOUR Champions (98th start)
  - o Last win: 2023 Senior Open Championship
- This is his seventh time leading/co-leading after the first round on PGA TOUR Champions
  - o Is 1-for-6 when converting those into victories (0-for-3 in 54-hole events)
- Making his sixth start of the 2025 season, he has three top-10 finishes
  - o Best finish of 2025: T2 (Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai)
  - Entered the week No. 8 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings

## Thomas Bjørn, 33-35 - 68 (-4)

- The 54-year-old seeks his first win on PGA TOUR Champions (29th start)
  - o Best finish: 2nd (2024 Trophy Hassan II)
- This is his second time leading/co-leading after the first round on PGA TOUR Champions (0-for-1)
  - Previous instance: 2024 Invited Celebrity Classic (finished T3 36-hole event)
- Making his fifth start of the 2025 season, his best finish is T6 (Trophy Hassan II)

# David Bransdon, 35-33 – 68 (-4)

- The 51-year-old seeks his first win on PGA TOUR Champions (26th start)
  - Best finish: 3rd (2024 Dominion Energy Charity Classic)
- This is his first time leading/co-leading after the first round on PGA TOUR Champions
  - Previous best 18-hole position: T4 (2024 Coloquard Classic) finished T17
- Making his fifth start of the 2025 season, his best finish is T20 (Cologuard Classic)
- Looks to become the second consecutive winner on PGA TOUR Champions from the 2024 Q-School (December 2023) graduating class, joining fellow Australian Steve Allan, who won last week's Galleri Classic
  - Bransdon finished 5th and Allan finished 4th at 2024 Q-School (Final Stage)
- Finished No. 38 in the 2024 Charles Schwab Cup standings

#### **Other Notes**

- 71-year-old **Jay Haas** (T6) opened with 3-under 69 to shoot his age or better for the 31st time on PGA TOUR Champions (and eighth time in 10 rounds in 2025). During today's first round, Haas made a hole-in-one on No. 12 with a 5-iron from 190 yards.
  - This is his third ace on PGA TOUR Champions (previous: 2011 3M Championship; 2022 Mitsubishi Electric Classic).
  - This is the third ace of the 2025 season on PGA TOUR Champions (previous: Jeev Milkha Singh/Trophy Hassan II; Hiroyuki Fujita/Cologuard Classic).
- **Darren Clarke**, who won the 2020 TimberTech Championship played at The Old Course at Broken Sound, posted 2-under 70 and sits T8.
- Making his debut on PGA TOUR Champions, J.J. Henry (T66) carded 5-over 77.
- **David Frost** withdrew during the first round.

### **Team Competition**

- In addition to the PGA TOUR Champions 54-hole stroke play event, there is a team competition which features 26 football legends.
- **Format:** On Friday and Saturday, there will be 26 two-person teams (one Champions Tour player and one football legend) playing a two-man Best Ball. The counted score for each hole is either the Champions Tour player's gross score or the football legend's net score.

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	Player	Score
1	Jerome Bettis / Paul Goydos	-7
T2	John Randle / Miguel Angel Jiménez	-6
T2	Dwight Freeney / Tim Petrovic	-6