

2025 Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai



First-Round Notes

Thursday, January 16, 2025

Hualalai Golf Course | Ka'upulehu-Kona, Hawaii

1st of 28 PGA TOUR Champions events in the 2025 Season

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- **Course Setup:** Par 72 / 7,097 yards
- **Round 1 Scoring Average:** 69.738
- **Weather:** Partly cloudy. High of 80. Winds WSW at 7-14 mph.
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	Player	To Par	Scores
T1	Ricardo Gonzalez	-7	33-32 – 65
T1	Miguel Angel Jiménez	-7	33-32 – 65
T3	Alex Cejka	-6	33-33 – 66
T3	Stephen Ames	-6	32-34 – 66
T5	Five players tied	-5	

Things to Know

- Three-time champion **Miguel Angel Jiménez** and 2024 PGA TOUR Champions Rookie of the Year **Ricardo Gonzalez** share the first-round lead after each opening with 7-under 65.

Ricardo Gonzalez, 33-32 – 65 (-7)

- The 55-year-old seeks his second win on PGA TOUR Champions (37th start)
 - Last win: 2024 Trophy Hassan II
- This is his first time leading/co-leading after the first round on PGA TOUR Champions
 - Previous best 18-hole position: T2 (two times; most recent: 2024 Stifel Charity Classic, finished T31)
- Is making his debut at the Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai as one of three first-timers in the field
- Received 2024 PGA TOUR Champions Rookie of the Year Award – the Hale Irwin Award – on Tuesday night

Miguel Angel Jiménez, 33-32 – 65 (-7)

- The 61-year-old seeks his 14th win on PGA TOUR Champions (185th start)
 - Last win: 2022 Boeing Classic
 - Would move him into T18 on the PGA TOUR Champions all-time wins list
- This is his 18th time leading/co-leading after the first round on PGA TOUR Champions
 - Is 5-for-17 converting those into victories
- Seeks his fourth win at the Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai (11th start)
 - Previous wins: 2015, 2020, 2022
 - Currently tied with Bernhard Langer for the most wins in tournament history (3)

Other Notes

- **Alex Cejka** opened with 6-under 66 and sits T3. The 54-year-old seeks his fourth win on PGA TOUR Champions (93rd start).
 - Last win: 2023 Senior Open Championship
- **Stephen Ames** sits T3 after shooting 6-under 66. The 60-year-old seeks his 10th win on PGA TOUR Champions (222nd start) and his eighth win since the start of the 2023 season.
 - Last win: 2024 Boeing Classic

- Ames' seven wins over the past two seasons are tied for the most on PGA TOUR Champions (also: Steve Stricker)
- World Golf Hall of Fame members **Ernie Els** and **Vijay Singh** are among the players T5 at 5-under along with Hualalai first-timer **Tim O'Neal**.
- 71-year-old **Jay Haas** (T13) bettered his age with 3-under 69. This is his 24th time shooting his age or better on PGA TOUR Champions, including eight of his last 14 rounds.
- Defending champion and reigning PGA TOUR Champions Player of the Year **Steven Alker** (T20) carded 2-under 70.
- Three-time champion **Bernhard Langer** (2009, 2014, 2017) and 2023 champion **Steve Stricker** are among the group T24 at 1-under.