

## 2025 Mitsubishi Electric Classic presented by Vensure

### First-Round Notes

Friday, April 25, 2025

TPC Sugarloaf | Duluth, Georgia

8th of 28 PGA TOUR Champions events in the 2025 Season



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- **Course Setup:** Par 72 / 7,054 yards
- **Round 1 Scoring Average:** 71.794
- **Weather:** Mostly cloudy. High of 77. Winds S at 6-12 mph.
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	Player	To Par	Scores
1	Jerry Kelly	-10	33-29 – 62
2	Ernie Els	-7	32-33 – 65
3	Vijay Singh	-6	32-34 – 66

### Things to Know

- **Jerry Kelly** opened with 10-under 62 to set the TPC Sugarloaf course record and holds a three-stroke lead over World Golf Hall of Fame member **Ernie Els** after the first round of the Mitsubishi Electric Classic presented by Vensure.
- Four of the top 5 on the leaderboard are members of the World Golf Hall of Fame: Els (2nd), **Vijay Singh** (3rd), **Bernhard Langer** (T4) and **Retief Goosen** (T4).

### Jerry Kelly, 33-29 – 62 (-10)

- Set the TPC Sugarloaf competition course record (62)
  - Previous course record: 63 (four times; most recent: Phil Mickelson, 2006 BellSouth Classic, 1st Round)
  - Previous 18-hole Mitsubishi Electric Classic scoring record: 64 (10 times; most recent: Stephen Ames, 2024, 2nd Round)
- This is his low 18-hole score on PGA TOUR Champions (558th round)
  - Previous low: 63 (2022 Sanford International, Final Round)
- This is the low 18-hole score by any player during the 2025 season on PGA TOUR Champions
  - Previous low: 63 (four times; most recent: Tag Ridings, The Galleri Classic, 2nd Round)
    - Note: This is the eighth event of the 2025 season
- His back-nine 29 is the low 9-hole score of the 2025 season on PGA TOUR Champions
  - Previous low: 30 (six times; most recent: Darren Clarke, The Galleri Classic, 2nd Round, Back Nine)
- This is the largest 18-hole lead of the 2025 season (3) by any player on PGA TOUR Champions
  - Last 18-hole lead of 3 or more strokes on PGA TOUR Champions: 3 strokes (Stewart Cink, 2024 Charles Schwab Cup Championship)
- This is his 10th time leading/co-leading after the first round on PGA TOUR Champions (4-for-9)
  - Co-led at the 2017 Boeing Classic (Won)
  - Co-led at the 2018 Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai (Won)
  - Led at the 2018 U.S. Senior Open (finished T2)
  - Led at the 2019 American Family Insurance Championship (Won)
  - Co-led at the 2020 Kaulig Companies Championship (Won)
  - Led at the 2022 Invited Celebrity Classic (finished 6th)
  - Led at the 2022 Dominion Energy Charity Classic (finished T3)
  - Co-led at the 2023 PURE Insurance Championship (finished T7)
  - Co-led at the 2024 Invited Celebrity Classic (finished T36)

- The 58-year-old seeks his 13th win on PGA TOUR Champions (178th start)
  - Last win: 2024 SAS Championship
- Making his fifth start of the 2025 season, he has two top-10 finishes
  - Best finish of 2025: T5 (Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai)
  - Entered the week No. 30 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings
- Making his sixth appearance at the Mitsubishi Electric Classic, he has three top-10 finishes
  - Best finish: T2 (2019)

#### Other Notes

- Charles Schwab No. 3 **Ernie Els** opened with bogey-free 7-under 65 and sits in 2nd. The 55-year-old World Golf Hall of Fame member has four top-5 finishes in six starts this season.
  - Best finish in 2025: Won (Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai)
- World Golf Hall of Fame member **Vijay Singh** sits in 3rd after shooting 6-under 66. The 62-year-old seeks his sixth win on PGA TOUR Champions (162nd start).
  - Last win: 2023 Ally Challenge
- World Golf Hall of Fame members **Bernhard Langer** and **Retief Goosen** are each T4 at 5-under.
  - The 67-year-old Langer shot his age or better for the 28th time on PGA TOUR Champions. He won the Mitsubishi Electric Classic in 2013.
  - Goosen won the 2002 BellSouth Classic played at TPC Sugarloaf.
- Tournament host **Stewart Cink** (T12) opened with 3-under 69.
- Making his debut on PGA TOUR Champions, 53-year-old open qualifier **Sam Arnold** (T12) opened with 3-under 69.
- Charles Schwab Cup leader and 2014 champion **Miguel Angel Jiménez** is T16 after carding 2-under 70.
- Seeking a third consecutive Mitsubishi Electric Classic victory, **Stephen Ames** (T37) posted even-par 72. Ames previously won this event in 2017, 2023 and 2024.
- Making his 2025 season debut, World Golf Hall of Fame member **Davis Love III** (T66) opened with 3-over 75.