

# 2025 Trophy Hassan II



## First-Round Notes

Thursday, February 6, 2025

Royal Golf Dar Es Salam – Red Course | Rabat, Morocco

2nd of 28 PGA TOUR Champions events in the 2024 Season

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- **Course Setup:** Par 73 / 7,230 yards
- **Round 1 Scoring Average:** 74.164
- **Weather:** Mostly sunny skies and temperatures with highs around 70 degrees and light northeast winds.
- **Interviews:** [Transcripts](#)
- [Leaderboard](#)
- [Second-Round Tee Times](#)
- [PGATOURMedia.com](http://PGATOURMedia.com)

	Player	To Par	Scores
T1	Simon Griffiths	-4	34-36 – 69
T1	Steven Alker	-4	37-32 – 69
T3	Seven players tied	-3	70

### Things to Know

- Englishman **Simon Griffiths** and reigning Charles Schwab Cup winner **Steven Alker** each a four-under 69 to tie for the first-round lead, with seven players trailing by one stroke after the opening round of the Trophy Hassan II in Rabat, Morocco.

### Simon Griffiths, 34-35 – 69 (-4)

- The 52-year-old Englishman Making his first appearance at the Trophy Hassan II and third career start on PGA TOUR Champions
  - Previous Champions Tour finishes: T29/2023 Stifel Charity Classic; WD/2023 The Senior Open
    - Gained entry to 2023 Stifel Charity Classic as an event qualifier.
  - In 2022, finished one-shot out of a playoff at Q-School for both PGA TOUR Champions Q-School and Legends Tour.
- This is his first time leading/co-leading after the first round on PGA TOUR Champions.
- Gained entry to the Trophy Hassan II field by virtue of a Top Four finish in the 2024 Legends Tour Order of Merit (finished the season in ranked fourth).
- Earned Legends Tour status in 2024 through Q-School and captured his first career win on the Tour at the 2024 Farmfoods European Senior Masters.

### Steven Alker, 37-32 – 69 (-4)

- Posted a five-under 32 on the inward nine, including birdies on 16, 17 and 18 to finish the round.
- Making his first appearance at the Trophy Hassan II, seeking his ninth career PGA TOUR Champions victory (77<sup>th</sup> start)
  - Last win: 2024 Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai
- This is his 11th time leading/co-leading after the first round on PGA TOUR Champions
  - Is 3-for-11 converting those into victories

### Other Notes

- Seven players tied for third: **Hiroyuki Fujita, Tim O’Neal, Brett Quigley, Thomas Levet, Y.E. Yang, Miguel Angel Jimenez, Adilson da Silva**
  - **Fujita** – making his season and tournament debut. Seeking first win on PGA TOUR Champions in his 10<sup>th</sup> career start.

- Making his third appearance in the Trophy Hassan II, **O'Neal** closed with eagle-birdie to post 3-under par and sits T3; seeks his second win on PGA TOUR Champions (54 starts).
  - Previous THII appearances: T41/2024; T52/2023
  - Last win: 2024 Dominion Energy Charity Classic
- **Quigley** won the 2020 Morocco Champions event, held at Samnah Golf Club in Marrakech, Morocco.
  - Seeking third career win in 109<sup>th</sup> start
  - Last win: 2023 Constellation FURYK & FRIENDS
- **Levet** is making his first appearance at the Trophy Hassan II and seeks his first career win in 11<sup>th</sup> start on PGA TOUR Champions.
  - Best finish: T5/2019 The Senior Open Championship
- After a T3 finish at the 2024 Trophy Hassan, **Yang** birdied three of the four holes (Nos. 12, 13, 15) on his final nine.
  - Seeking second career PGA TOUR Champions win in his 81<sup>st</sup> start.
  - Won the 2024 Stifel Charity Classic
- **Jiménez**
  - The 61-year old seeks his 14<sup>th</sup> career win on PGA TOUR Champions (186<sup>th</sup> start)
    - Last win: 2022 Boeing Classic
    - With a win, would move into T18 on PGA TOUR Champions all-time wins list.
- 2024 Charles Schwab Cup champions Steven Alker in his first appearance in the Trophy Hassan II.
- 2024 Trophy Hassan II winner **Ricardo Gonzalez** recorded a one-under 72 and sits T15.
- In his 200<sup>th</sup> start on PGA TOUR Champions, **Paul Broadhurst** opened with 1-under 72 and sits T15.