

2026 Jefferson Lehigh Valley Classic presented by Sodexo

First-Round Notes

Friday, October 2, 2026

Lehigh Country Club | Allentown, Pennsylvania

23rd of 28 PGA Tour Champions events in the 2026 Season

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- **Course Setup:** Par 70 / 6,677 yards
- **Round 1 Scoring Average:** 69.974
- **Weather:** Partly cloudy with a chance of afternoon showers. High of 82. Winds WSW at 5-10 mph.
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	Player	To Par	Score
T1	Y.E. Yang	-6	32-32—64
	Richard Green	-6	31-33—64
	Robert Karlsson	-6	31-33—64
T4	Thongchai Jaidee	-5	32-33—65
	Tim O'Neal	-5	31-34—65
	Steven Alker	-5	33-32—65

Things to Know

- **Y.E. Yang, Richard Green** and **Robert Karlsson** share the first-round lead at 6-under 64, one stroke ahead of **Thongchai Jaidee, Tim O'Neal** and **Steven Alker**, who are tied for fourth at 5-under 65 after the first round of the inaugural Jefferson Lehigh Valley Classic presented by Sodexo.

Y.E. Yang, 32-32 – 64 (-6)

- The 54-year-old made seven birdies (Nos. 2, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 15) against one bogey (No. 3) to be the first man in the clubhouse at 6-under.
- This marks the second time in his last two starts the 2009 PGA Champion led/co-led after the first round; opened with 64 at the PURE Insurance Championship two weeks ago (finished sixth).
- Best finish in 21 starts this season was P2 at the Rogers Charity Classic where he closed with a bogey-free 63 and fell to Steven Alker on the first playoff hole (No. 18).
- Seeks his second win on PGA Tour Champions in his 129th start.
 - Entered the week No. 16 in the Charles Schwab Cup Standings, would move to No. 7 with a win.
- Hit 12-of-14 fairways on Friday, tied for first in the field at Lehigh Country Club.

Richard Green, 31-33 – 64 (-6)

- Made six birdies (Nos. 3, 5, 6, 8, 11, 18) in a bogey-free opening round, posting a 6-under 64 to share the first-round lead.

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- 55-year-old seeks his second career PGA Tour Champions victory in his 96th start (lone victory: 2025 Rogers Charity Classic).
- Second time this season leading/co-leading after the first round (co-led with Rob Labritz after an opening 63 at the 2026 Rogers Charity Classic).
- Has six top-10 finishes in 18 starts this season, including a runner-up finish at the 2026 Principal Charity Classic (won by Zach Johnson).
- Hit 17 of 18 greens on Friday, the solo leader in GIR for the field.
 - Ranks fourth on Tour for the season in Greens in Regulation Percentage.
- Won three times on the DP World Tour, including the 2010 Portugal Masters at Victoria Golf Course, the site of this year's Portugal Invitational.

Robert Karlsson, 31-33 – 64 (-6)

- Posted seven birdies (Nos. 1, 2, 4, 6, 11, 13, 14) to just one bogey (No. 15) on Friday in the final group of the day to join the leaders at 6-under.
- The 57-year-old seeks his first win on PGA Tour Champions (131st career start on PGA Tour Champions; owns six runner-up finishes).
- First time this season leading/co-leading after the first round; the 64 is his low round of 2026 (previous: 65, Rogers Charity Classic, second round).
- Coming off a T7 at the PURE Insurance Championship two weeks ago; has two top-10 finishes (also T6, Principal Charity Classic) in 17 starts this season and entered the week ranked No. 58 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings.
- Won 11 times on the DP World Tour and claimed the 2008 Order of Merit; played on the 2006 and 2008 European Ryder Cup teams

Other Notes

- **Tim O'Neal** (T4) was bogey-free through 16 holes before a bogey on the par-4 17th knocked him back to a 65. The 53-year-old seeks his first win on PGA Tour Champions and has four top-10 finishes in 22 starts this season.
- **Thongchai Jaidee** (T4) made seven birdies against two bogeys to card a 5-under 65. The two-time PGA Tour Champions winner (2022 American Family Insurance Championship; 2023 PURE Insurance Championship) owns three top-10 finishes in 17 starts this season.
- No. 3 in the Charles Schwab Cup, **Steven Alker** (T4) birdied Nos. 17 and 18 for a 65. Alker has finished first or second in each of his last three starts.
 - Alker has now been inside the top five after 11 of his last 13 rounds, including six rounds in a row.

Leaderboard Position	After R1	After R2	After R3
Boeing Classic	T2	1st	T4
Rogers Charity Classic	T27	2nd	Won
The Ally Challenge	T12	2nd	Won
PURE Insurance Championship	T5	T4	T2
Jefferson Lehigh Valley Classic	T4		

- **Tommy Gainey** (T7) played the back nine in 5-under 30, the low nine-hole score of the day, after turning in 1-over 36.
- **Michael Block** (T7) holed out for eagle 2 at the 346-yard, par-4 5th, one of the three eagles made in Friday's first round, in a 66. The Arroyo Trabuco head professional, playing on a sponsor exemption, has three top-10 finishes in six starts this season (best finish: T3, Ally Challenge).

- **Dicky Pride** (T7), the 2026 DICK'S Open champion, and **Ricardo Gonzalez** (T7) each opened with a bogey-free 66.
- **Steve Flesch** withdrew after 11 holes.