

## 2026 Mitsubishi Electric Classic presented by Vensure



### First-Round Notes

Friday, April 24, 2026

TPC Sugarloaf | Duluth, Georgia

7th of 28 PGA TOUR Champions events in the 2026 Season

- **Course Setup:** Par 72 / 7,073 yards
- **Weather:** Mostly cloudy. High of 83. Winds SW at 4-8 mph.
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	Player	Points
1	Zach Johnson	+15
T2	Thongchai Jaidee	+14
	Ben Crane	+14
T4	Paul Stankowski	+12
	Retief Goosen	+12
	K.J. Choi	+12

### Things to Know

- Rookie **Zach Johnson**, a two-time winner at TPC Sugarloaf (2004, 2007), scored 15 points in Modified Stableford to take the first-round lead at the Mitsubishi Electric Classic presented by Vensure.
- The Mitsubishi Electric Classic is being played under the Modified Stableford scoring format.
  - Albatross: 8 points
  - Eagle: 5 points
  - Birdie: 2 points
  - Par: 0 points
  - Bogey: -1 point
  - Double bogey or more: -3 points

### Zach Johnson (+15)

- The 50-year-old seeks his second win on PGA TOUR Champions (fifth start).
  - Previous win: 2026 James Hardie Pro Football Hall of Fame Invitational
- Has finished in the top 10 in each of his four previous starts since turning 50 years old on February 24.
  - Other finishes after winning his debut (chronologically): T3 (Cologuard Classic), T2 (Hoag Classic), T8 (Senior PGA Championship)
  - Entered the week ranked No. 2 in the 2026 Charles Schwab Cup standings.
- This is his first time leading/co-leading after the first round on PGA TOUR Champions.
  - Previous best 18-hole position: T2 (Hoag Classic) – finished T2
- Looks to become the second multi-time winner of the 2026 season on PGA TOUR Champions (note: this is the seventh event of the 2026 season).
  - Multi-time winner in 2026: Stewart Cink (3 wins)
- Was a two-time winner of the BellSouth Classic (PGA TOUR), played at TPC Sugarloaf (2004, 2007).

### Thongchai Jaidee (+14)

- The 56-year-old seeks his third win on PGA TOUR Champions (106th start).
  - Previous wins: 2022 American Family Insurance Championship, 2023 PURE Insurance Championship
- Seeks his first win of the 2026 season (fourth start).
  - Best finish: 5th (Cologuard Classic)
  - Entered the week ranked No. 21 in the 2026 Charles Schwab Cup standings.
- Making his sixth appearance at the Mitsubishi Electric Classic, his best finish is T26 (two times; 2021, 2024).

### Ben Crane (+14)

- The 50-year-old seeks his first win on PGA TOUR Champions (fifth start).
  - Best finish: 2nd (Senior PGA Championship)
- Has been inside the top 6 on the leaderboard in each of his last five rounds after only once in his first nine rounds since turning 50 years old on March 6.
  - Position by round (last five rounds chronologically): T5-T3-6th-2nd-T2
  - Other appearance in the top 6: T5 (2026 James Hardie Pro Football Hall of Fame Invitational, 1st Round)
- Entered the week ranked No. 7 in the 2026 Charles Schwab Cup standings.
- Won the 2003 BellSouth Classic, played at TPC Sugarloaf.

### Other Notes

- World Golf Hall of Fame member **Retief Goosen** (+12), who won the 2002 BellSouth Classic at TPC Sugarloaf and is a past winner in Modified Stableford (2005 INTERNATIONAL), sits T4 along with **Paul Stankowski** (+12) and **K.J. Choi** (+12).
- Making his 200th start on PGA TOUR Champions, defending champion **Jerry Kelly** (+11) sits T7. Kelly won his 200th start on the PGA TOUR (2002 Sony Open in Hawaii).
- Tournament host and Charles Schwab Cup leader **Stewart Cink** (+11) sits T7. Cink looks to become the 10th player in PGA TOUR Champions history to win three consecutive starts.
  - Most recent: Steve Stricker (2022 Sanford International, 2022 Constellation FURYK & FRIENDS, 2023 Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai)
  - Cink's last two starts: Won (Hoag Classic), Won (Senior PGA Championship)
- 2026 Chubb Classic champion **David Toms** withdrew before the start of the first round and was replaced by **Brett Quigley** (75th).