

PURE Insurance Championship Impacting First Tee

First-Round Notes

Friday, September 18, 2026

Pebble Beach Golf Links | Pebble Beach, CA

Spyglass Hill Golf Course | Pebble Beach, CA

22nd of 28 PGA TOUR Champions events in the 2026 Season

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- **Course Setup:** Pebble Beach: Par 72 / 6,828 yards | Spyglass Hill: Par 72 / 7,000 yards
- **Round 1 Scoring Average:** Pebble Beach: 72.600 | Spyglass Hill: 73.000
- **Weather:** Mixed skies, with a high of 69. Wind WNW 10-15 mph.
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Pos.	Player	To Par	Score/Course
1	Y.E. Yang	-8	32-32—64/PB
2	Ryan Armour	-5	33-34—67/PB
T3	Tim O'Neal	-4	30-38—68/SH
	Ernie Els	-4	32-36—68/PB

Things to Know

- With a bogey-free, 8-under 64 at Pebble Beach Golf Links, **Y.E. Yang** holds a three-stroke lead over **Ryan Armour** after the opening round of the 2026 PURE Insurance Championship Impacting First Tee

Y.E. Yang (64/-8/PB)

- Carded eight birdies in a bogey-free 64, one stroke off the tournament's 18-hole scoring record (63/four times; last: Kenny Perry, 2017)
- Finished T5 at the 2025 PURE Insurance Championship Impacting First Tee a year ago, opening with a 4-under 68
- Runner-up at the Rogers Charity Classic in his most recent start, where he closed with a bogey-free 63 and fell to Steven Alker on the first playoff hole
 - The finish came 17 years and one week after his three-stroke victory over Tiger Woods at the 2009 PGA Championship
- Seeks his second PGA TOUR Champions victory; his lone title came at the 2024 Stifel Charity Classic (def. Bernhard Langer in a playoff)
- The 54-year-old entered the week ranked No. 17 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings; projected No. 9

Miscellaneous Notes

- **Ryan Armour** (2nd) posted 4-under 67 at Pebble Beach Golf Links; the 50-year-old rookie has finished T3 (Sanford International) and T5 (Rogers Charity Classic) in his last two starts and sits T3 in the Sprint to St. Louis standings. He entered the week ranked No. 44 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings and is projected No. 33
- **Ernie Els** (T3) opened with 4-under 68 at Pebble Beach; the four-time major champion seeks his eighth win on PGA TOUR Champions and is projected to move from No. 8 to No. 7 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings
- Reigning Sanford International champion **Zach Johnson**, tied with Charles Schwab Cup leader **Stewart Cink** for the Tour lead with five wins in 2026, opened with 3-under 69 at Pebble Beach in his tournament debut; Cink (T18) carded 1-under 71 at Spyglass Hill

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- **Henrik Stenson** (T5) made five birdies in a 3-under 69 at Spyglass Hill in his tournament debut; his best previous finish on the Monterey Peninsula was a T9 at the 2019 U.S. Open at Pebble Beach
- No. 4 **Steven Alker** (T5), winner of consecutive starts in August (Rogers Charity Classic, The Ally Challenge), carded 3-under 69 at Spyglass Hill and is projected to move to No. 3 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings

First Tee Participants

- The PURE Insurance Championship features a unique format and a field with 80 PGA TOUR Champions players, 80 First Tee junior players and 160 amateurs. Consideration for a spot in the event for First Tee kids is based on the quality and integrity of life skills, as well as golfing ability.
- The top 24 First Tee Juniors (12 male and 12 female) after 36 holes advance to Sunday's final round at Pebble Beach; the top junior male and female will be crowned after Sunday's final round.