

2026 SAS Championship



First-Round Notes

Friday, October 16, 2026

Prestonwood Country Club | Cary, North Carolina

25th of 28 PGA TOUR Champions events in the 2026 Season

- **Course Setup:** Par 72 / 7,219 yards
- **Round 1 Scoring Average:** 71.949
- **Weather:** Mostly sunny. High of 87. Winds SW at 12-15 mph. Gusts to 20 mph.
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	Player	To Par	Scores
1	Retief Goosen	-7	32-33 – 65
2	Richard Green	-6	32-34 – 66
3	Tag Ridings	-5	33-34 – 67
T4	Five players tied	-4	

Things to Know

- World Golf Hall of Fame member **Retief Goosen** opened with 7-under 65 to take a one-stroke lead over **Richard Green** after the first round of the SAS Championship.

Retief Goosen, 32-33 – 65 (-7)

- The 57-year-old World Golf Hall of Fame member seeks his sixth win on PGA Tour Champions (165th start).
- Seeks his second win of the 2026 season (21st start).
 - Previous win of 2026: Mitsubishi Electric Classic (Modified Stableford scoring)
 - Entered the week ranked No. 5 in the 2026 Charles Schwab Cup standings.
- Would be his first multi-win season on PGA Tour Champions since joining in 2019.
- Looks to become the fourth multi-time winner of the 2026 season.
 - Would join Zach Johnson (6), Stewart Cink (5) and Steven Alker (4).
- Seeks his first win at the SAS Championship (sixth appearance).
 - Best finish: T5 (2023)
- This is his seventh time leading/co-leading after the first round on PGA Tour Champions (1-for-6).
 - Lone victory: Was T1 at the 2024 Galleri Classic (Won)

Other Notes

- **Richard Green** (2nd) carded bogey-free 66. The 55-year-old seeks his second win on PGA Tour Champions (98th start).
 - Previous win: 2025 Rogers Charity Classic
- 52-year-old **Tag Ridings** (3rd) posted 5-under 67. He seeks his first win on PGA Tour Champions (40th start).
 - Best finish (three times): 2nd (2026 Jefferson Lehigh Valley Classic), 2nd (2025 Galleri Classic), T2 (2025 Simmons Bank Championship)
- Five players sit T4 at 4-under: **Søren Kjeldsen, David Duval, Paul Goydos, Chad Campbell** and **Freddie Jacobson**.
 - Goydos has five wins on PGA Tour Champions in 277 starts. The other four players have a combined zero wins on PGA Tour Champions in 238 combined starts.
- 69-year-old World Golf Hall of Fame member **Bernhard Langer** (T9) opened with 69 to shoot his age or better for the 51st time on PGA Tour Champions.
- **Fred Funk** withdrew after the first round.

Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs Bubble Watch

Rank Entering the Week	Current Projection
70. Shane Bertsch	70. Shane Bertsch
71. Heath Slocum	71. Mathew Goggin
72. Harrison Frazar	72. Heath Slocum
73. Fred Couples	73. Harrison Frazar
74. Mathew Goggin	74. Kirk Triplett
75. Tom Pernice Jr.	75. Tom Pernice Jr.

Sprint to St. Louis presented by Compliance Solutions

- The SAS Championship is the fifth and final points-based event in the Sprint to St. Louis presented by Compliance Solutions before the three finalists head to St. Louis.
- The three highest Charles Schwab Cup Points earners among the final five regular season events will be deemed finalists following the conclusion of the SAS Championship.
- The three finalists will head to next week's Stifel Charity Classic with the best finisher among them claiming the \$200,000 winner-take-all prize.

Sprint to St. Louis Standings (entering SAS Championship)

	Player	Points
1	Zach Johnson	708,755
2	Steven Alker	539,755
3	Vaughn Taylor	422,245
4	Ryan Armour	367,040
5	Ben Crane	345,160
6	Tag Ridings	297,660
7	Alex Cejka	278,329
8	Michael Wright	262,473
9	Robert Karlsson	240,701
10	Henrik Stenson	210,210