

2026 Ally Challenge presented by McLaren

First-Round Notes

Friday, August 28, 2026

Warwick Hills Golf & Country Club | Grand Blanc, Michigan

20th of 28 PGA TOUR Champions events in the 2026 Season



- **Course Setup:** Par 72 / 7,069 yards
- **Round 1 Scoring Average:** 70.707
- **Weather:** Mostly sunny. High of 78. Winds WNW at 4-8 mph.
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	Player	To Par	Scores
1	Vaughn Taylor	-9	32-31 – 63
2	John Rollins	-8	33-31 – 64
3	Pádraig Harrington	-7	31-34 – 65
T4	Ricardo Gonzalez	-6	35-31 – 66
	Paul Goydos	-6	34-32 – 66
	Michael Block	-6	35-31 – 66

Things to Know

- Rookie **Vaughn Taylor** birdied his last four holes (Nos. 6-9) to open with 9-under 63 and takes a one-stroke lead over **John Rollins** after the first round of The Ally Challenge presented by McLaren.

Vaughn Taylor, 32-31 – 63 (-9)

- The 50-year-old seeks his first win on PGA TOUR Champions (14th start).
 - Best finish: T7 (2026 Portugal Invitational)
 - Turned 50 on March 9.
- Has two top-10 finishes during his rookie season, both in his last three starts.
 - Last three starts (chronologically): T7 (Portugal Invitational), T19 (Boeing Classic), T9 (Rogers Charity Classic)
 - Entered the week ranked No. 39 in the 2026 Charles Schwab Cup standings.
- This is his low 18-hole score on PGA TOUR Champions (43rd individual stroke play round).
 - Previous low: 65 (2026 Rogers Charity Classic, Final Round)
- This is his first time leading/co-leading after the first round on PGA TOUR Champions.
 - Previous best 18-hole position: T3 (2026 Principal Charity Classic) – finished T12
- Has three wins on the PGA TOUR (459 starts) and one win on the Korn Ferry Tour (81 starts).
 - PGA TOUR wins (3): 2004 Reno-Tahoe Open, 2005 Reno-Tahoe Open, 2016 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am
 - Korn Ferry Tour win (1): 2003 Visit Knoxville Open
- Made four appearances at Warwick Hills Golf & Country Club for the Buick Open, earning two top-10 finishes.
 - Finishes at the Buick Open (chronologically): MC (2005), T4 (2006), MC (2008), T8 (2009)

Other Notes

- **John Rollins** (2nd) hit all 18 greens in regulation en route to bogey-free 64. The 51-year-old seeks his first win on PGA TOUR Champions (19th start).
 - Best finish: T11 (2026 U.S. Senior Open)
- Three days shy of his 55th birthday, World Golf Hall of Fame member **Pádraig Harrington** (3rd) carded 7-under 65 for his best 18-hole score at The Ally Challenge (10th round). Harrington seeks his 13th win on PGA TOUR Champions (76th start).
 - Last win: 2026 U.S. Senior Open

- Two-time defending champion (2024, 2025) and Charles Schwab Cup leader **Stewart Cink** sits T7 after posting bogey-free 67.
- Making his debut as a PGA TOUR Champions member, **Henrik Stenson** (T12) played his first 11 holes in 1-over before playing his final seven holes in 5-under en route to an opening 68.
- World Golf Hall of Fame member **Ernie Els** (back) withdrew before the start of the first round and was replaced by **David Bransdon** (T38).