



CHAMPIONS

Shaw Charity Classic

Canyon Meadows Golf & Country Club | Calgary, AB, Canada | August 31- September 2, 2018

First-Round Notes

Friday, August 31, 2018

Course Setup: Par 70 / 7,086 yards (R1 Scoring average: 70.00)

Weather: Mostly sunny with a high of 71. Winds 8-15 mph out of the west

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	Player	To Par	Scores
T1	Miguel Angel Jimenez	-6	32-32—64
T1	Kirk Triplett	-6	31-33—64
T3	Rod Spittle	-4	33-33—66
T3	Esteban Toledo	-4	32-34—66
T3	Joe Durant	-4	34-32—66

Quick Links:

- [Leaderboard](#)
- [Second-Round Tee Times](#) (9:20 a.m. – 11:20 p.m. off Nos.1 & 10)
- [PGATOURMedia.com](#) (transcripts and other resources available for download)

Miguel Angel Jimenez, 32-32—64 (-6)

- **Miguel Angel Jimenez** opened with birdies on Nos. 1,3,4,5,6 with an eagle on No. 11 en route to a 6-under 64, tying his opening round score last year at the Shaw Charity Classic (finished runner-up).
- This is the seventh time Jimenez is a first-round leader/co-leader. He is 2-for-6 on converting these leads into victories, as he won the 2014 Greater Gwinnett Championship after opening with a 7-under 65 and 2018 Regions Tradition with an 8-under 64 opening round.
- Jimenez owns two victories this season (Regions Tradition, Senior Open Championship Presented by Rolex), one runner-up finish (U.S. Senior Open Championship) and 10 finishes in the top 10.

- After his T3 finish last week at the Boeing Classic, Jimenez moved to No. 1 in the Charles Schwab Cup for the first time this season. He sits at \$1,634,068 in total season earnings, \$46,934 over **Jerry Kelly**.

Kirk Triplett, 31-33—64 (-6)

- **Kirk Triplett** opened with a birdie followed by six more maintaining a bogey-free round up until No.17. He carded his first bogey of the day to fall back from the leading position to tie the opening round with Jimenez. Triplett's 6-under 64 is his best round at the Shaw Charity Classic.
- This is the fourth time Triplett is a first-round leader/co-leader. He has never converted a first-round lead into a victory.
- Triplett's best finish at the Shaw Charity Classic came in the inaugural year (2013) where he finished T3.
- Triplett owns one win this season coming at the Bass Pro Legends of Golf at Big Cedar Lodge alongside Paul Broadhurst. He finished T3 at the Senior Open Championship Presented by Rolex and holds four finishes in the top 10.
- Triplett ranks No. 18 in the Charles Schwab Cup with \$651,618 in season earnings.

First-Round Lead Notes

- Five first-round leaders/co-leaders have gone on to win this year on PGA TOUR Champions: **Jerry Kelly** (Mitsubishi Electric Championship), **Mark Calcavecchia** (Boca Raton Championship), **Bernhard Langer** (Insperity Invitational) and **Miguel Angel Jimenez** (Regions Tradition), **Scott Parel** (Boeing Classic).
- The inaugural winner **Rocco Mediate** (2013) is the only player to have led/co-led after the first-round and gone on to win the Shaw Charity Classic.
- This is just the second time in tournament history there has been more than one leader after the opening round; One-stroke is the largest 18-hole lead in tournament history coming each year. In 2014 **Bart Bryant** and **Tom Pernice Jr.** also shared a one-shot lead.

Rod Spittle, 33-33—66 (-4)

- Canadian **Rod Spittle** carded six birdies en route to a 4-under 66, his second-best score this season on PGA TOUR Champions. Two weeks prior at the DICK'S Sporting Good's Open, Spittle carded a final-round 5-under 67 to post his best finish of the year (T10).
- His 4-under 66 is his best opening round score since shooting a 4-under 68 in the first round of the 2017 JAPAN AIRLINES Championship. 1
- He is in a three-way tie for third, which is the seventh time in his PGA TOUR Champions career he has exited the first-round of an event in the top-three. He has never converted that position or higher into a victory.
- Spittle's best finish at the Shaw Charity Classic came in 2015 where he finished T12 after opening with an even-par 70.
- Spittle owns one victory on PGA TOUR Champions (2010 AT&T Championship), two runner-up finishes (2011 Boca Raton Championship, 2007 Greater Hickory Classic) and 23 top-10 finishes.
- At 63 Years, 1 Months, and 13 Days Spittle is the oldest player in the field. If he were to go on to win, he would be the oldest winner in PGA TOUR Champions history.

Esteban Toledo, 32-34—66 (-4)

- **Esteban Toledo** opened with a 4-under 66, marking his best score recorded in 16 rounds at the Shaw Charity Classic.
- Toledo is in a three-way tie for third, marking the seventh-time in his PGA TOUR Champions career he has exited the first-round of an event in the top-three. He has never converted that position or higher into a victory.
- Toledo's best finish at the Shaw Charity Classic came in the inaugural year (2013) at T22.
- This year on PGA TOUR Champions he owns four top-25 finishes, his highest being a T12 at the Mitsubishi Electric Championship.
- Toledo owns four victories, one runner-up finish and 21 finishes in the top 10 in his six years on PGA TOUR Champions.

Joe Durant, 34-32—66 (-4)

- **Joe Durant** is T3 after opening with bogey-free 4-under 66, his best first-round score since posting a 4-under 68 at the Senior PGA Championship.
- In four starts at the Shaw Charity Classic, Durant's best finish came last year at T6 after opening with a 5-under 65.
- This year on PGA TOUR Champions, Durant holds one victory (Chubb Classic), one runner-up finish (Regions Tradition) and nine finishes in the top 10.
- In four years on PGA TOUR Champions, Durant owns three victories, six runner-up finishes and 45 finishes in the top-10.
- He is currently No. 10 in the Charles Schwab Cup.

Other Notes

- The toughest hole of the day was No. 7 par-4 playing to a 4.260 scoring average. It saw four birdies, 52 pars, and 18 bogeys. The easiest hole was No. 11 par-5 playing to a 4.377 scoring average. It saw four eagles, 43 birdies and 27 pars.
- The opening round played to a 70.00 scoring average, it marks the highest of any round in tournament history.
- Defending champion **Scott McCarron** carded an opening round 3-under 67 to sit T6. McCarron is looking for his first title defense in six attempts. No player this year has successfully defended a title.