



2016 Insperity Invitational

(The 8th of 26 Charles Schwab Cup events on the 2016 PGA TOUR Champions)

The Woodlands, Texas
The Woodlands Country Club (Tournament)

May 6-8, 2016
Par/Yards: 72/7,002

First-Round Notes – Friday, May 6, 2016

Weather: Sunny and pleasant with highs in the low-80s. ESE wind 6-12 mph.

Current Leaderboard

Position	Name	Score
1	Mike Goodes	33-33—66/-6
2	Stephen Ames	37-30—67/-5
T3	Duffy Waldorf	35-33—68/-4
	Jeff Maggert	34-34—68/-4

Mike Goodes (33-33—66/-6)

- Is making his ninth appearance in this event and is playing on a sponsor exemption.
- His 6-under-par 66 is his low round here as well as his low round in 2016.
- Was the first-round leader in 2013 after a 3-under-par 69 and eventually finished T2, losing in a playoff with Gene Sauers and eventual winner Esteban Toledo.
- His best finish this year has been a T11 at the Tucson Conquistadores Classic.
- Won the 2009 Allianz Championship.

Mike Goodes on the key to his success on Friday:

“I had a lot of opportunities and that's the key. The key in my game is keep giving myself opportunities. You make some putts and you go around, it looks like you're not making much, and all of a sudden, I make four in a row and that's just the way this game is. You have to be patient, keep giving yourself opportunities. All my good rounds are putting the ball in play and hitting irons when I have birdie putts. Rather than being 20 feet or 30 feet or 15 feet or two feet, but give myself an opportunity, keep giving myself an opportunity and all of a sudden good things happen.”

Stephen Ames (37-30—67/-5)

- His 5-under-par 67 included eight birdies, the most by any player in the first round.
- Shot a 1-over-par 37 on his front nine before finishing 6-under-par on the back nine.
- Finished T9 here a year ago in his initial start here.
- Making just his fifth start in 2016 with his best finish a T4 at the Tucson Conquistadores Classic in March.
- A four-time winner on the PGA TOUR, including the 2006 THE PLAYERS championship.
- Was 10th here in 1998 when the PGA TOUR competed here.

Stephen Ames on his Round 1 performance:

"It was a bit up and down. I'm struggling a little bit with my golf swing right now, but I've put a lot of work on my putting the last couple weeks when I haven't been playing. I haven't put a lot of work into my golf swing so it's showing now for me. Made some nice putts and a lot of birdies -- a lot of birdie opportunities out there, if you hit it close, hit it in the right spot. I capitalized on that, which was fortunate for me."

Round One Notes:

John Daly got off to a good start in his first PGA TOUR Champions event. Daly shot a 2-under-par 70 and is currently T12. Playing with **Fuzzy Zoeller** and **Peter Jacobsen**, his round included four birdies and two bogeys.

John Daly on his PGA TOUR Champions debut...

"I was surprised how good I hit the ball. I mean, I hit a lot of fairways, and that 1-iron was a blessing today for me. I mean, even when I didn't hit it good, it was going in the fairway, and I gave myself a lot of chances, a lot of chances to hit greens and a lot of opportunities, you know, coming down the stretch. I just couldn't get the putter to make anything, but I rolled it good, and for me that's what mattered today, is just hitting the ball solid and getting it around, and I didn't shoot myself out of the tournament."

Stephen Ames had entered the event with 138 consecutive holes without a three-putt but that ended at No. 2 .

It was not a good day for **Woody Austin**, the hottest player on Tour coming into the event with three wins in his last four events. Austin shot an 84.

Defending champion **Ian Woosnam** opened with a 1-over-par 73 and is currently T37.

One of the players missing from this year's fields is three-time champion **Bernhard Langer**. He missed the event due to a family commitment.

With near-perfect scoring conditions on Friday, the field averaged 73.202, nearly a stroke and a half higher than last year's opening round average of 71.772. Only 11 players in the 79-man field finished with rounds in the 60s and 27 were under par. A year ago those numbers were 16 and 44, respectively.

Jeff Maggert, who resides in The Woodlands, is currently T3 after shooting a 4-under-par 68.

Jeff Sluman withdrew prior to the start of the opening round with a bad back.

John Huston had the lone eagle for the day. He made it at No. 1 which was the easiest hole for the day. In addition to his eagle, there were 38 birdies.

Only three players made birdies at No. 4 and none were among the top 25 players. The trio included **Willie Wood**, **Tom Purtzer** and **Jeff Hart**. The hole ranked T2 overall. The most difficult was No. 14 with an average score of 3.392 (+.392).

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