



April 29 – May 5, 2013
The Woodlands Country Club Tournament Course
The Woodlands, TX
Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,018 Purse: \$1.8 million

May 3, 2013

FRIDAY MEDIA ROUND-UP

Round 1 Leaderboard:

1. Mike Goodes (-3/69); 2. Gene Sauers (-2/70); Five are tied at 71

Mike Goodes Fires 69 to Lead by One Shot

Mother Nature may have stole the show on Friday, but it was Mike Goodes who clawed his way to the top of the leaderboard after scrapping out a 3-under-par round of 69 on a blustery opening day at the 2013 Insperty Championship, presented by UnitedHealthcare on Friday in The Woodlands, TX.

With his lone bogey coming on the second hole, the 56-year-old Goodes carded four birdies including the difficult 16th and 17th holes, to post 69 for the first-round lead.

“We knew it was going to be a tough day. I hit most of the fairways and tons of greens. That is wat you have do on days like this,” said the Brown Summit, North Carolina resident. “I didn’t have to struggle for pars and was fortunate to play the last three holes at 2-under par because no matter how you are playing it can all go bad in a hurry.”

Winds were gusting up to 30 miles/hour making it nothing short of a struggle on the 7,018-yard track for the top players in the game over 50 years old.

“Trust me – I’d like it to be 80 degrees and calm, but I’m a pretty good wind player. I knew if I’d put a decent round in it would mean more today,” said Goodes.

Goodes will take a one-shot lead into the second round over Gene Sauers.

Sauers turned the heat up on an unseasonably cold spring morning in Texas after carding four birdies on his opening nine holes, making the clubhouse turn at 32. The Savannah, Georgia resident dropped a shot on the par-4 11th, but battled back to 4-under par with another birdie on the par-5, 15th hole. With the wind on his back, Goodes hooked his wedge approach shot into the water on the 17th, which led to a double-bogey 6, and a round of 70.

“I’m hitting the ball okay, but I just made two bad shots today which cost me,” said Sauers. I was going great until 17. I would have taken anything under par today. I’m just glad to get it done.”

Five players – Michael Allen, Brian Henninger, Mark Brooks, Hal Sutton, and Mark Bucek, are two shots off the pace at 71.

The second round gets underway Saturday, May 4, at 7:30 a.m.

Bryan Naugle Receives Prestigious Dave Marr Award

Bryan Naugle, the executive director of the Insperty Championship, was presented with the prestigious Dave Marr Award by Nick Price and Dave Marr Jr. during Thursday’s Player’s dinner.

The tireless leader of the Insperity Championship, Naugle has been promoting, managing and operating professional golf tournaments for more than 30 years, and was encouraged as a youngster by Dave Marr to get involved in the game.

“I’m overwhelmed and truly honoured,” said an emotional Naugle, who has earned tremendous respect from some of the greats of the game including Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus, Lee Trevino and Gary Player.

“I never considered what I do work. I’m surrounded by all of my heroes and have always felt truly privileged to be around all of them.”

A California native, Naugle started out pounding stakes for the PGA TOUR and LPGA Tour events in Palm Springs, and found his way to the operations and promotions staff on the Champions Tour in its formative years. Recognized on Tour as Naugs, he became a rules official, and then a tournament director before becoming a partner of ProLinks Sports, which operates the Insperity Championship.

The Dave Marr Award was created in 1999 to honor individuals who exemplify all of the traits Mr. Marr lived by – sportsmanship, honesty, character, integrity and a passion for the game of golf.

The award is given annually to a worthy recipient during the Insperity Championship week. Past recipients include: Arnold Palmer, Miller Barber, Don January, Ben Crenshaw, Larry Nelson, Tom Watson, Fuzzy Zoeller and Lee Trevino.

Larry Nelson and Local Wounded Warrior Tee Off 10th Anniversary of Insperity Championship

The inaugural winner of the Insperity Championship and military veteran, Larry Nelson, watched Spring’s Tim Brumley, a Wounded Warrior, hit the ceremonial tee shot to officially open the 10th playing of the tournament in The Woodlands, TX.

The tee ball marked an emotional anniversary for Brumley himself. It was eight years ago he was wounded in combat, losing his left leg below the knee in Afghanistan. Brumley served in the U.S. Army for eight years with the 82nd Airborne Division, the 2nd Infantry Division, and 173rd Airborne Brigade. He was also deployed to Iraq in 2003 before retiring from service in 2006, and has been going to school at the University of Houston.

(PHOTO ATTACHED)

Greats of Golf Gear Up for Big Saturday in The Woodlands

The Greats of Golf will hold a media availability on **Saturday, May 4** in advance of teeing it up in the second annual 3M Oil & Gas Greats of Golf Competition being held in conjunction with the second round of play at the Insperity Championship in The Woodlands, TX.

Media Conference Schedule:

10:45 a.m. Lee Trevino, Ray Floyd, Johnny Miller

11:00 a.m. Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus, Gary Player

Tee times for the Greats of Golf Competition are as follows:

12:10 p.m. Don January, Gene Littler, Charles Coody

12:20 p.m. Tony Jacklin, Dave Stockton, Johnny Miller

12:30 p.m. Lee Trevino, David Graham, Raymond Floyd

12:40 p.m. Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus, Gary Player

The Big Four of Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus, Gary Player and Lee Trevino have combined to win 185 PGA TOUR victories, including 40 professional major championships, before wrapping up their illustrious careers with 68 Champions Tour wins.

Course Chat – what the pros are saying...

“It was a brutal day. I would have taken two-under and not teed it up. I was doing great until 17. I’m just glad to get it done.”

...Gene Sauers on shooting 70 (-2) in the opening round

“I’m a good wind player. I heard Tom Watson once say he didn’t do anything different and that’s what I try to do. I’m not Tom Watson, but I’ve played pretty good in some of the Senior British Opens.”

...Mike Goodes, first round leader

“It was not very good out there. I don’t know if it was the weather or my game. It was difficult with lots of gusts of wind and when it all added up it was 77. That was my worst round of the year so I really hope tomorrow will be better.”

...Bernhard Langer

Shot of the Day: Tom Kite Aces 16th Hole

Tom Kite chalked up the second hole-in-one ever in the 10-year history of the Insperity Championship on Friday. The Texan holed a seven iron shot from 194 yards on the 16th hole. It was Kite’s first ace on the Champions Tour.

“It had been a rough day up to that point so it was nice to see it go in,” said Kite, who carded a round of 76. “I didn’t play very well, but I finally hit a good shot, and it was nice not to putt.”

J.L. Lewis scored the first-ever hole-in-one at the Champions Tour stop in The Woodlands last year on the same hole.

Volunteer Spirit Drives 10-Year Tradition of Excellence at the Insperity Championship

As the Insperity Championship celebrates 10 great years, it is the volunteer spirit that has been the backbone to the tradition of excellence created in The Woodlands, TX.

Without folks willing to give their time and never-ending energy, the award-winning tournament simply would not be one of the most respected events on Tour.

With 888 registered volunteers – 62 of them who have activated the operations of the event every year for the last decade, the Insperity Championship strives to have the best volunteer program on the Champions Tour.

Many of the rock star volunteers took time during the first round of play to share thoughts on continued commitment to making the Insperity Championship one of the top events each year on the Champions Tour calendar:

“I think it is Insperity’s commitment that pulls me here. They help the community and bring together all of these professionals for us to see. It is Insperity’s involvement that has encouraged me to learn something new while also developing new relationships.”

...Claudine Skucius, multi-year volunteer, Sponsor Hospitality Greeter

“Just being around these great golfers. They are all still very good and to be able to be up next to them on the tee box is a wonderful experience. I don’t think you can top it. I look forward to it every year.”

...James Knievel, 10-year volunteer, Marshal

"I love being here with all of the people and helping with all of the volunteers any way we can. It is so exciting to see the tournament grow, and be a part of it."

...Sharla Leeds, six-year volunteer, Volunteer Services

"I volunteer here because I enjoy the players and seeing people throughout the Insperity company that I haven't seen. I look forward to this week year-after-year."

...Kimberly Dempster, nine-year volunteer

"I love seeing how happy our clients and guests are. People are always so happy and appreciative of what we do at this tournament. They love coming to this event, and are always asking what the dates are for next year so they can plan to come back."

...Lucille Oates, 10-year volunteer

Did You Know

- The average score on Friday was 75.8, which is the highest opening-round score at the Insperity Championship. The previous high was 73.7 in 2010;
- There were only seven players under par in round one of the 2013 Insperity Championship;
- Three-under-par is the highest first-round score to lead a non-major tournament since the 2011 Schwab Cup Championship. In round one of that event there were also seven guys under par.
- Three-under-par is the highest first round score to lead a 54-hole tournament since the 2010 Posco E&C Songdo Championship in Korea where three players were at 69. In that round only six guys were under par.

Quote of the Day

"If you introduce your child to the game of golf - you will automatically teach them some of the greatest values in life: honesty, integrity and sportsmanship."

...Raymond Floyd at the Player's Dinner on Thursday

Ticket and Parking Information

The Insperity Championship™ offers **FREE** grounds only admission courtesy of Insperity, The Woodlands Development Company, Woodforest National Bank and Hewlett-Packard. Parking and shuttle service from The Woodlands Waterway Square Parking Garage located at Lake Robbins Drive & Fountains Plaza, are also free. For updated information on all aspects of the Insperity Championship, fans are encouraged to visit www.insperitychampionship.com.

Catch Insperity Championship Action on the Golf Channel

A tape delayed broadcast of the 2012 Insperity Championship can be viewed each evening of play on the Golf Channel at the following times:

Saturday, May 4 5:30-8:30 p.m. (tape delayed)
Sunday, May 5 6-8:30 p.m. (tape delayed)

Gate Give-Away

The first 1,000 spectators to enter through the main gate on Saturday and Sunday will receive a complimentary gift item.

Insperity Championship Radar

- The 10th annual Insperity Championship, presented by UnitedHealthcare, will continue on Saturday at 7:30 a.m. The Greats of Golf will tee off at 12:10 p.m.;

- The Insperty Championship benefits local Houston charities including: Golfers Against Cancer, STPGA Junior Programs, Arabia Shriners, Interfaith of The Woodlands, and UnitedHealthcare Children's Foundation. The tournament is also a partner with the Houston affiliate of the Susan G. Komen for the Cure. A "PINK OUT" will take place on Saturday, May 4 in support of breast cancer awareness. All spectators are encouraged to show their support and wear pink on Saturday.

Tournament Information:

Event web site – www.insperitychampionship.com

Field List –

www.insperitychampionship.com/uploads/2013/04/2013%20Insperty%20Championship%20Field.pdf

Press releases – <http://www.insperitychampionship.com/media/press-releases/>

Champions Tour information - <http://pgatourgolfmedia.com> (must login)

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About the Insperty Championship

A Champions Tour event, the Insperty Championship presented by UnitedHealthcare features the world's premier golfers age 50 and older. Last year's tournament winner, Fred Funk, will be returning to the Insperty Championship to defend his title and play for a purse of \$1.8 million on April 29-May 5. In addition to support from the title sponsor Insperty and presenting sponsor UnitedHealthcare, official sponsors include Woodforest National Bank, United Airlines, Donoho's Jewellers, Breitling, Audi, Dr Pepper Snapple Group, Houston Chronicle, National Car Rental, Anheuser Busch, HP, 3M Oil & Gas and CBS Radio. The Insperty Championship is managed and operated by ProLinks Sports. In 2008, the tournament received the prestigious Presidents Award as the best event on the Champions Tour and in 2011 received the President's Award for Excellence in Achievement. Last year, the tournament received The Players Award for having the "best of everything" for the players, sponsors and spectators. Past champions include Larry Nelson, Jay Haas, Mark McNulty, two-time winner Bernhard Langer, John Cook, Fred Couples, Brad Faxon and Fred Funk. For more information about the Insperty Championship, visit www.insperitychampionship.com.

About Insperty

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