



(the seventh of 26 official events on the 2014 Champions Tour)

The Woodlands Country Club (Tournament)
The Woodlands, TX
Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,012

May 2-4, 2014
Charles Schwab Cup points: 300
\$2,000,000

First-Round Notes – Friday, May 2, 2014

Weather: Players off both the first and 10th tees. Partly cloudy with winds from the W at 5-10 mph and temperatures in the upper 70s.

First-Round Leaderboard

Bart Bryant	32-34—66 (-6)
Bernhard Langer	35-31—66 (-6)
Esteban Toledo	34-33—67 (-5)
Joe Daley	34-34—68 (-4)
Fred Funk	34-34—68 (-4)
Jeff Maggert	33-35—68 (-4)

Recap

Charles Schwab Cup leader Bernhard Langer and Bart Bryant matched 6-under-par 66s and share the first-round lead at the Insperity Invitational. After making just one birdie on the front nine, Langer birdied his final six holes with a seven-footer at the 18th hole his longest putt during the run. Bryant tied Langer with an 18-foot birdie putt at No. 9, his last hole of the day. Defending champion Esteban Toledo carded a 5-under 67 and is alone in third place after the first round.

Bart Bryant

Carded his best opening round on the Champions Tour since posting 66 in the first round of the season at the Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai.

Before today, he had not shot a score in the 60s on the Champions Tour since a final-round 67 at the Toshiba Classic in late March.

Bart Bryant finished T16 last year at the Insperity Invitational after shooting 75 in the opening round.

Bryant was the sole first-round leader at the 2013 Boeing Classic but he eventually finished T12 in Seattle.

Bryant's lone victory on the Champions Tour came at the 2013 Dick's Sporting Goods Open. He became the Champions Tour's 1000th champion, holding off Russ Cochran and Corey Pavin by a stroke.

Bernhard Langer

Holds at least a share of the first-round lead in a Champions Tour event for the 19th time and has gone on to win from this position six times, most recently at the 2013 ACE Group Classic.

Posted his 20th consecutive sub-par round today and 29th score of par/better dating back to the first round of last year's Greater Hickory Kia Classic at Rock Barn.

Is trying to become the first three-time winner of the Insperity Invitational. Claimed his first win on the Champions Tour at the 2007 event at Augusta Pines and successfully defended a year later at The Woodlands.

Is also bidding to become the Champions Tour's first two-time winner this year, having claimed the season-opening Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai. He's claimed multiple titles in five straight seasons.

Hopes to win his 20th career title on the Champions Tour this week and become the 10th different player with at least 20 titles on the circuit. If successful, he would become the first player to hit the 20-win plateau since Gil Morgan claimed the 20th of his 25 career victories at the 2001 Instinet Classic.

Miscellaneous Notes

Just two of the previous 10 first-round leaders/co-leaders have gone on to win the Insperity Invitational – Jay Haas (2006), Bernhard Langer (2007). Thus far in 2014, first-round leaders have won two of the first six Champions Tour events. Both Michael Allen (Allianz Championship) and Miguel Angel Jimenez enjoyed three-stroke leads on Friday en route to victory.

Bernhard Langer's six straight birdies to close his opening round matched the best birdie streak in event history. Dan Forsman reeled off six straight birdies (Nos. 15-2) in Round 1 of the 2009 tournament. It was the also the second-best birdie streak of the year, exceeded only by Mark Calcavecchia's seven straight birdies in the final round of the Allianz Championship earlier this year.

Defending champion Esteban Toledo shot a 5-under-par 67. The last player to successfully defend a title on the Champions Tour was Kirk Triplett who won a second straight Nature Valley First Tee Open at Pebble Beach last year. Bernhard Langer is the only player to win consecutive Insperity Invitationals, claiming the 2007 event at Augusta Pines and the 2008 event at The Woodlands.

After just seven players were under par on Friday last year, 31 professionals broke par in Round 1 at The Woodlands Country Club this year. Today's scoring average was 72.750 compared to 75.778 (+3.778) on Friday last year.

Jeff Sluman made his 85th consecutive appearance on the Champions Tour today and carded a 1-over 73. Sluman has not missed a start since skipping the 2010 Ensure Classic at Rock Barn.

Just five birdies were made at the par-4 17th hole and it played as the hardest in Round 1 (4.266). The par-5 first hole yielded two eagles and 39 birdies and played as the easiest (4.519). Joe Daley made the first-ever eagle on the par-4 7th hole, holing out a 6-iron second shot from 167 yards.

Just seven players have now played in all 11 Insperity Championships – Ben Crenshaw, Bob Gilder, John Harris, Tom Kite, Wayne Levi, D.A. Weibring and Fuzzy Zoeller.

Tomorrow's second round will also feature the 3M Oil & Gas Greats of Golf Challenge, a three-man, three-team event utilizing an 18-hole scramble format. World Golf Hall of Fame members Jack Nicklaus, Lee Trevino and Gary Player will play as a team. Johnny Miller, Dave Stockton and Tony Jacklin comprise a second team with Raymond Floyd, Don January and David Graham filling out the third team in the field.

In support of Breast Cancer Awareness, volunteers and tournament staff will be wearing pink shirts tomorrow at the Insperity Invitational to support the cause and pink flags will be used on each of the holes. The tournament is again a partner with the Houston affiliate of the Susan G. Komen for the Cure

and fans coming to the tournament are encouraged to wear pink.

World Golf Hall of Fame member Nick Price was the recipient of the 2014 Dave Marr Award, awarded annually to honor individuals who exemplify all the traits Mr. Marr lived by – sportsmanship, honesty, character, integrity and a passion for the game of golf.

Houston resident Steve Elkington was forced to withdraw from the event before his round this morning with a pulled muscle in his rib cage.

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