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## Allianz Championship

The Old Course at Broken Sound | Boca Raton, Florida | February 6-12, 2017

### First-Round Notes

**Course Setup:** Par 72 / 6,727 yards (R1 scoring average: 71.063)

**Weather:** Mostly sunny skies gave way to some afternoon clouds. High in the mid 70s with winds from the NE at 10-15 mph, gusting up to 25 mph.

	Player	To Par	Scores
1.	Olin Browne	-9	30-33 – 63
2.	Kenny Perry	-7	31-34 – 65
T3.	Tom Byrum	-6	35-31 – 66
T3.	Marco Dawson	-6	32-34 – 66
T3.	Scott McCarron	-6	34-32 – 66
T6.	David Toms	-5	34-33 – 67
T9.	Colin Montgomerie	-4	36-32 – 68
T9.	Fred Couples	-4	34-34 – 68
T37.	Bernhard Langer	-1	35-36 – 71
T37.	Jose Maria Olazabal	-1	35-36 – 71

#### Quick Links:

- [Leaderboard](#)
- [Tee Times](#)
- [PGATOURmedia.com](#) (transcripts and other resources available for download)

#### Olin Browne, 30-33 – 63 (-9)

- Browne's first-round 63 was one stroke short of matching his career-low round on PGA TOUR Champions. He shot 62 in the second round of the 2012 Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship.
- He birdied all four par 5s Friday, and in the season opener in Hawaii he made five birdies and one eagle on eight par 5s. In 2016, he ranked 46th on Tour by making birdie or better on par 5s 36.10 percent of the time.
- His round included eight birdies in a nine-hole stretch (Nos 17-18, 1-2, 4-7).
- He is making his eighth start at the Allianz Championship, with his best finish being a tie for fourth in 2011. Prior to Friday, his best round at The Old Course at Broken Sound was a 67 and his scoring average was 69.57.
- He posted five top-10s in 2016, including two in major championships – a runner-up finish at the Regions Tradition and a sixth-place finish at the Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship.
- After finishing 17th in last year's final Charles Schwab Cup standings, Browne opened 2017 with a tie for fourth at the Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai.
- He currently resides in nearby Tequesta, Florida.

**Kenny Perry, 31-34 – 65 (-7)**

- Perry opened with an eagle on the par-5 first hole, and he punctuated his round of 65 with a birdie on No. 18.
- He is making his fifth start at the Allianz Championship, with his best finish being a tie for 19th in 2013.
- In 2016, Perry played 19 tournaments and carded three top-10s, including a T3 finish at the Chubb Classic. He advanced to the second Playoff event and finished 40th in the final Charles Schwab Cup standings.
- He is an eight-time winner on PGA TOUR Champions, and he won the Charles Schwab Cup in 2013. He is the last player to win the Charles Schwab Cup before Bernhard Langer's current three-year winning streak.

**Other notes**

- **Tom Byrum** opened with a 6-under-par 66 and is tied for third. Last year, he finished T3 after shooting 64 in the final round. The field scoring average in last year's final round was 73.654, the highest in tournament history.
- Making his second start on PGA TOUR Champions, **David Toms** carded six birdies en route to a 5-under-par 67. He finished tied for fourth in his first start at the Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai.
- Highlighted by an eagle on the par-5 11th, **Fred Couples** carded a 4-under-par 68 and is tied for eighth. He finished second at the Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai in January.
- **Colin Montgomerie** carded a 4-under-par 68, extending his streak to 25 consecutive rounds under par. The streak began with the final round at the Boeing Classic, and his scoring average in that span is 67.84. This is his fourth start at the Allianz Championship, with his best finish being a tie for sixth last year.
- **Bernhard Langer**'s round was derailed by a double bogey on the ninth hole. With a birdie on the 18th hole, he shot 1-under-par 71 and extended his streak to 24 consecutive rounds under par. The streak began with the first round of last year's Boeing Classic, and in that span his scoring average is 67.13.
- **Paul McGinley** carded a 3-under-par 69 in his first round on PGA TOUR Champions. Captain of the victorious European Ryder Cup Team in 2014, McGinley hit 15 of 18 greens in regulation and is in a cluster of 11 players tied for 18th.
- Making his PGA TOUR Champions debut, **Jose Maria Olazabal** opened with three consecutive birdies, but faded and finished with a 1-under-par 71.
- At age 71, **Hale Irwin** carded a 68 and bettered his age for the 19th time in his PGA TOUR Champions career. He has bettered his age in all three rounds this year, as he shot 69 and 70 at the season-opening Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai.
- Seven of the tournament's 10 past champions are competing for another title in Boca Raton. Defending champion **Esteban Toledo** is in the best position to become the tournament's first repeat winner, as he's tied for 18th after carding a 3-under-par 69.
- Last year, the 507-yard, par-5 18th was the easiest closing hole on Tour, yielding a 4.477 scoring average. Overall, it was the sixth-easiest hole on Tour in 2016. During Friday's first round, the 18th was the easiest hole and played to a 4.338 average, giving up four eagles and 47 birdies.
- Conversely, the 429-yard, par-4 ninth is traditionally the toughest hole on the course, and in 2016 it played to a 4.329 average, 25th hardest on Tour. During Friday's first round, it was the hardest hole and played to a 4.488 average, giving up three birdies and 35 bogeys or worse.