McKee led PGA Championship by 3

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — The PGA Championship started Saturday with Phil McKee leading by three strokes. McKee had a bogey-free 6-under-par 66 to grab the lead and the 37-year-old Californian leads the tournament in his first appearance.

The course, Muirfield Village, is a public course in Dublin, Ohio, that McKee has never seen before. He said he was excited to be there but also a little nervous.

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The PGA Championship is the fourth major of the year and the first major for McKee since he won the Masters in 1995. He finished second at the U.S. Open in 1994, fourth at the Masters that year, and 12th at the PGA Championship in 1993.

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