



CHAMPIONS

Tucson Conquistadores Classic

Omni Tucson National/Catalina Course | Tucson, Arizona | March 13-19, 2017

Second-Round Notes

Course Setup: Par 73 / 7.238/ (R2 scoring average: 70.519; Cumulative: 71.032)

Weather: Sunny and hot with highs in the mid-90s. SW wind 5-10 mph.

	Player	To Par	Scores
1.	Steve Stricker	-16	67-63 – 130
2.	Tom Lehman	-13	66-67 – 133
T3.	Kevin Sutherland	-11	70-65 – 135
T3.	Fred Couples	-11	65-70 – 135
T5.	Gene Sauers	-10	70-66 – 136
T5.	Duffy Waldorf	-10	69-67 – 136
T5.	Fran Quinn	-10	68-68 – 136
T5.	Jeff Maggert	-10	66-70 – 136

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Steve Stricker, 67-63 – 130 (-16)

- Tied the course record with a bogey-free 10-under-par 63 and coupled with his bogey-free 6-under-par 67 in the opening round is now at 16-under-par 130 which is three better than Tom Lehman.
- His 10-under-par 63 is the lowest round in tournament history in relation to par. Jim Carter shot a 9-under-par 63 a year ago in the second round.
- His 36-hole total of 16-under-par 130 is the lowest 36-hole score in the three-year history of the event. The previous low was 12-under-par 132 by Scott Verplank in 2016.
- Is bidding to become the 19th player in PGA TOUR Champion annals to win in his debut and the first since Miguel Angel Jimenez won the Greater Gwinnett Championship (now the Mitsubishi Electric Classic) in 2014.
- Has 14 birdies and one eagle through 36 holes and is T1 in greens in regulation (32 of 36).
- Turned 50 on February, 23rd and would become the 11th youngest winner in PGA TOUR Champions history should he prevail on Sunday at 50 years, 24 days.
- Was a 12-time winner on the PGA TOUR with his last victory coming at the 2012 Hyundai Tournament of Champions.
- Competed in Tucson eight times in his PGA TOUR career with best finish a T2 in 1994.
- Will serve as captain of the United States President Cup team this fall.

PLAYERS WINNING PGA TOUR CHAMPIONS DEBUT (18)

Don January, 1980 Atlantic City International
Roberto De Vincenzo, 1980 U.S. Senior Open
Arnold Palmer, 1980 PGA Seniors' Championship
Rod Funseth, 1983 Hall of Fame Tournament
Gary Player, 1985 Quadel Seniors Classic
George Archer, 1989 Gatlin Brothers Southwest Senior Classic
Jack Nicklaus, 1990 The Tradition
Bruce Fleisher, 1999 Royal Caribbean Classic
Lanny Wadkins, 2000 The ACE Group Classic
Bobby Wadkins, 2001 Lightpath Long Island Classic
Mark McNulty, 2004 Outback Steakhouse Pro-Am
Mark Wiebe, 2007 SAS Championship
Tom Lehman, 2009 Liberty Mutual Legends of Golf (with Bernhard Langer)
Michael Allen, 2009 Senior PGA Championship
Tom Pernice, Jr., 2009 SAS Championship
Rocco Mediate, 2013 Allianz Championship
Jeff Maggert, 2014 Mississippi Gulf Resort Classic presented by C Spire
Miguel Angel Jimenez, 2014 Greater Gwinnett Championship

Tom Lehman, 66-67- 133 (-13)

- Followed his 7-under-par 66 in the first round with a bogey-free 6-under-par 67 on Saturday.
- Has posted 14 birdies and just one bogey and has hit 15 of 18 greens in regulation each day.
- This is his best showing after 36 holes in an event since he was second at the 2016 Allianz Championship where he would eventually finish fifth.
- Is playing in just his second event of the season after being sidelined early in the campaign while recovering from left elbow surgery last November. He finished T57 at the Chubb Classic.
- The Scottsdale resident finished T18 in 2015 and T60 a year ago here at Omni Tucson National.
- Was a five-time winner on the PGA TOUR, including the 1996 Open Championship and a nine-time winner on PGA TOUR Champions.
- Won the Charles Schwab Cup in 2011 & 2012 and was PGA TOUR Champions Player of the Year the same years. Former Player of the Year on all three Tours.

Other notes

- **Steve Stricker on his nerves on Saturday:** "Yeah, I felt a little more comfortable today. I was still a little nervous, but any time you're playing well and are around the lead there's little anxious moments here and there. But I'm handling those okay and hopefully I can do the same tomorrow and have a good opportunity. I need to play well. There are low scores are out there. The ability to shoot low scores is there on this course, so you've got to take care of your own business and give yourself a lot of opportunities and hopefully make some birdies."
- **Tom Lehman on how long he's known Steve Stricker:** "Well, probably since he first got on Tour, I guess. I don't know what year he first started the Tour, but I do remember he came out with a bag when he first joined the Tour probably in '93 or '94 or maybe '92; I forget which. That's when I had heard of him obviously being from Wisconsin, but I had never met him. If all golfers in the world were like Steve Stricker and if all people were like him, this world would be a much better place. It's really nice to see a great guy who's also a great player. It's easy to cheer for guys like that."
- With his 5-under-par 68, **Bernhard Langer** tied the PGA TOUR Champions record for consecutive sub-par rounds. It was his 31st consecutive sub-par round dating back to last year. He matched Gil Morgan's record set in 2000. Colin Montgomerie, who is not in this week's field, has a current streak of 30 in succession.
- Second-round leaders in this event have won (**Marco Dawson/2015**) and finished T6 (**Scott Verplank/2016**).

- First-round leader **Fred Couples** slipped to T3 after a second-round 3-under-par 70. Couples was 3-under-par on his front nine but bogeys on Nos. 11 and 13 proved costly. His 70 ended a string of nine consecutive rounds in the 60s this year.
- **Kevin Sutherland** battled his way back into contention with one of the day's low rounds, an 8-under-par 65. It allowed him to move up 17 places. Sutherland had opened with a 3-under-par 70 on Friday. He is T3 and will play in the final grouping with Steve Stricker and Tom Lehman.
- **Scott McCarron** has a streak of 180 consecutive holes without a three-putt, the best current streak on PGA TOUR Champions.
- **Woody Austin**, the 2016 tournament champion, is currently T20, while Marco Dawson, the 2015 champion, is T48.
- The 18th hole at Omni Tucson National remains the most difficult hole in this event. The scoring average after two rounds is 4.285 (+.285). So far there have been just 11 birdies. The only player in the top 10 to make a birdie in either round was **Duffy Waldorf**, who made one in the first round.
- Saturday's scoring average was 70.519 (-2.481). That is the lowest one-round average in tournament history. A tournament record 64 players finished under par on Saturday and the two-round total in that category is 116.