



# **PURE Insurance Championship**

Pebble Beach GL & Poppy Hills GC/Pebble Beach, California/September 22-24, 2017

## Second-Round Notes

**Course Setup:** Pebble Beach GL/Par 72/6,837 yards/71.000 R2 scoring average/71.793 cumulative; Poppy Hills GC/Par 71/6,898 yards/70.098 R2 scoring average/70.024 cumulative. **Weather:** Mostly sunny and pleasant with highs near 70. WNW wind 6-12 mph.

	Player	To Par	Scores
1.	Bernhard Langer (PB)	-12	64-67 - 131
2.	Kenny Perry (PB)	-11	69-63 - 132
3.	Scott Parel (PB)	-10	67-66 - 133
4.	Jerry Kelly (PH)	-9	68-66 - 134
T5.	David Frost (PH)	-8	70-65 – 135
T5.	Scott McCarron (PB)	-8	63-72 – 135

#### **Quick Links**:

- <u>Leaderboard</u>
- <u>PGATOURmedia.com</u> (transcripts and other resources available for download)

#### Bernhard Langer, 64-67 – 131 (-12)

- Followed his opening-round 7-under-par 64 at Poppy Hills GC with a 5-under-par 67 at Pebble Beach. His birdie on No. 18 gave him a one-stroke advantage over Kenny Perry.
- This marks the 36<sup>th</sup> time in his PGA TOUR Champions career he has led or shared the lead going into the final round. He has won 21 of those events, including five of the last seven over the past two seasons.
- Finished tied for second here a year ago, one stroke behind Paul Broadhurst.
- This is just his fourth start in this event. In addition to his T2 a year ago, he was eighth in 2013 and T10 in 2007.
- Has one-putted 20 of 36 holes to lead all players.
- Owns four wins this year, including three major titles.
- Leads the season-long Charles Schwab Cup race with \$2,673,835.
- Owns the lowest final-round scoring average on Tour 67.88.

### Kenny Perry, 69-63 - 132 (-11)

• Matched the tournament 18-hole scoring record with his 9-under-par 63 on Saturday. Craig Stadler established the record with a 9-under-par 63 at Pebble Beach in 2004. Bernhard Langer matched the record with a 9-under-par 63 in 2013 at Del Monte Golf Course and Scott McCarron posted an 8-under-par 63 on Friday at Poppy Hills Golf Course.

- Is currently T1 in greens in regulation (31 of 36).
- His 63 was his lowest round since shooting an 11-under-par 61 in the second round of the 2015 3M Championship, an event he would go on to win.
- One day after needing 36 putts on his way to a 2-under-par 69, he needed just 22 on Saturday, including 12 one-putts. He had just two one-putts on Friday.
- Won the U.S. Senior Open in July at Salem Country Club in Peabody, Massachusetts where he defeated Kirk Triplett by two strokes. He also won the U.S. Senior Open in 2013 in Omaha, Nebraska.
- Is a nine-time winner on PGA TOUR Champions; also won 14 times on the PGA TOUR.
- Will undergo rotator cuff surgery after the season and is expected to miss at least five months.

#### Tournament Notes...

- A total of 53 professionals made the 36-hole cut at even-par from a starting field of 82 professional. In addition, 23 pro-junior teams and 10 amateur teams advanced.
- Players who led or shared the 36-hole lead haven't enjoyed great success in the last six years in this event. In the previous six tournaments, John Cook, the 36-hole leader in 2014, was the lone player to go on to win. A year ago, Kevin Sutherland held a one-stroke advantage over Paul Broadhurst after two rounds, but Broadhurst closed with a 4-under-par 68 for a one-stroke margin over Sutherland and Bernhard Langer.
- Jerry Kelly tied the PGA TOUR Champions mark for consecutive rounds in the 60s when he shot a 5-under-par 66 on Saturday, his 13<sup>th</sup> in succession. He tied Hale Irwin, who established the mark in 1999.
- A total of six players who led or shared the lead after 36 holes have won the event in the previous 13 tournaments. Prior to John Cook in 2014, the last second-round leader to win was Ted Schulz in 2010. Other second-round leaders/co-leaders to win were Jeff Sluman (2008), Gil Morgan (2007), Hale Irwin (2005) and Craig Stadler (2004). Morgan's victory was the last of his 25 career wins on Tour.
- Scott Parel's 6-under-par 66 at Pebble Beach today vaulted him back into contention. Playing his first competitive round at Pebble Beach, Parel will begin play on Sunday just two strokes shy of Bernhard Langer. Parel is coming off back-to-back top-10 finishes. He was T9 at the JAPAN AIRLINES Championship and T7 last week at the Pacific Links Bear Mountain Championship.
- The pro-junior team of Vijay Singh/Katie Harris (The First Tee of Greater Sacramento) holds a two-stroke advantage over four teams heading into Sunday's final round.
- The top amateur team after two rounds was Tagar Olson/Neil Hughes at 27-under-par. They led Kevin Sorbo/Edward Vaughan by one stroke.
- Hole No. 12 was the most difficult on Saturday at Pebble Beach with an average score of 3.390 (+.390). It yielded just two birdies. Hole No. 2 remained the easiest with an average score of 4.293 (-.707). There were three eagles and 25 birdies. At Poppy Hills, No. 3 was the most difficult with an average score of 4.268 (+.268), while Nos. 9 and 18 were the easiest.
- Steve Pate rebounded from an opening-round 73 at Pebble Beach with a 6-under-par 65 to move up 40 places from T57 to make the cut. He is currently T17.