



Mississippi Golf Resort Classic

Fallen Oak/Biloxi, Mississippi | March 31-April 2, 2017

Second-Round Notes

Course Setup: Par 72 / 70.835 R2 scoring average/71.228 cumulative

Weather: Sunny and warm with highs in the mid-80s. SE wind 10-15 mph.

	Player	To Par	Scores
1.	Gene Sauers	-12	69-63 – 132
2.	Miguel Angel Jimenez	-11	67-66 – 133
T3.	Glen Day	-9	68-67 – 135
	Joe Durant	-9	66-69 – 135
5.	Rod Spittle	-8	68-68 – 136

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Gene Sauers, 69-63 – 132 (-12)

- Tied the competitive course record (Fred Couples/Rd. 1/2012) with his 9-under-par 63 which included an impressive 7-under-par 29 on the front nine.
- His 63 matched his career low on PGA TOUR Champions. He shot an 8-under-par 63 at the 2016 Senior PGA Championship and a 9-under-par 63 at the 2016 American Family Insurance Championship. Both came in the first round.
- His round included eight birdies and an eagle. His lone bogey came on No. 10.
- Is making his fifth appearance in this event with his best finish a T3 in 2013. He finished T14 a year ago.
- Has one-putted 21 of 36 holes and has the fewest putts in the tournament – 50 (25.0).
- This marks the fourth time in his PGA TOUR Champions career he has held sole possession of the lead going into the final round. He led at the 2013 Insperity Championship (finished T2/playoff), the 2014 U.S. Senior Open (finished T2) and the 2016 Boeing Classic (finished fourth).
- Won his first title on PGA TOUR Champions last August when he made a five-foot par putt on the 72nd hole to defeat Miguel Angel Jimenez and Billy Mayfair at the U.S. Senior Open at Scioto CC in Columbus.
- Was a three-time winner on the PGA TOUR.
- Resides in Savannah, GA

Miguel Angel Jimenez, 67-66 – 133 (-11)

- Followed his 5-under-par 67 with a bogey-free 6-under-par 66 and is just stroke back.
- He is a combined 19-under-par in his last three rounds here at Fallen Oak and has made just one bogey over his last 57 holes at this course (No. 9/Rd. 1)
- In addition to his win here a year ago, he was T22 in 2015.
- He was 7-under-par on the par-5s through the first two rounds.
- Should he prevail on Sunday, he would become the first player to successfully defend his title since Bernhard Langer won the 2016 Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship, an event he has won three years in succession.
- Owns three wins on PGA TOUR Champions, including the 2014 Greater Gwinnett Championship, the 2015 Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai and this event a year ago.
- In 24 previous starts on PGA TOUR Champions, he owns 10 top-3 finishes.
- Long-time member of the European Tour where he won 21 career titles.

Tournament Notes...

- In the brief history of the Mississippi Gulf Resort Classic, players leading or tied for the lead after 36 holes have won the tournament three times—**David Eger**, at the inaugural event in 2010, **Tom Lehman** (2011) and **Fred Couples** (2012). Nobody has ever won this event being worse than T8 after Saturday, the position **Michael Allen** was in in 2013 after the first 36 holes. All seven of the previous winners of this event were positioned among the top five in the standings after the first round.
- **Bernhard Langer's** record streak of consecutive sub-par rounds continued after his 6-under-par 66 which was his 34th consecutive sub-par round dating back to last year. His streak started at the Boeing Classic. He posted a bogey-free 6-under-par 66 on Saturday. It was also his 10th consecutive sub-par round at Fallen Oak.
- We could have a new Charles Schwab Cup leader after Sunday's final round should **Bernhard Langer** (currently T6) finish seventh or better. He currently trails **Fred Couples** by \$54,617.
- No defending champion has finished better than T12 the following year. That was Fred Couples in 2013.
- **Glen Day** made a hole-in-one on No. 14 on Saturday. He used an 8-iron from 156 yards and it was the third in tournament history **Nick Price** (2014/No. 14) and **Grant Waite** (2016/No. 8) had the others. Day now has 19 aces in his career, including 17 in competition.
- **Scott McCarron's** streak of consecutive holes without a three-putt ended at 226 when he three-putted No. 2 (he started on No. 10). It had been the longest current streak on PGA TOUR Champions. Earlier this year, Tom Pernice, Jr., had a streak of 321 in succession.
- **Scott McCarron's** 7-under-par 65 allowed him to move from T50 after the opening round to T10.
- First-round leader **Joe Durant** shot a 3-under-par 69 and is T3 along with Glen Day. They trail by three strokes.
- Saturday's scoring average was 70.835, a drop from Friday's average of 71.620. There were 28 rounds in the 60s and 51 below par compared to 19 and 40 in the opening round.
- **Gene Sauers** and **Kenny Perry** lead all players with 12 birdies.