



CHAMPIONS

# SAS Championship

Prestonwood Country Club, Cary, North Carolina/October 13-15, 2017

## Second-Round Notes

**Course Setup:** Prestonwood Country Club/Par 72/7,237 yards/70.949 R2 scoring average; 71.340 cumulative.

**Weather:** Cloudy in the morning before clearing and becoming mostly sunny in the afternoon with highs in the mid-70s. NNW wind 4-8 mph.

	Player	To Par	Scores
T1.	<b>Phillip Price</b>	-8	69-67 – 136
	<b>Colin Montgomerie</b>	-8	69-67 – 136
	<b>Jerry Kelly</b>	-8	68-68 – 136
T4.	<b>Tom Byrum</b>	-7	71-66 – 137
	<b>Vijay Singh</b>	-7	69-68 – 137
	<b>Doug Garwood</b>	-7	69-68 – 137
	<b>Corey Pavin</b>	-7	68-68 – 137
	<b>Glen Day</b>	-7	69-68 – 137

### Quick Links:

- [Leaderboard](#)
- [PGATOURmedia.com](http://PGATOURmedia.com) (transcripts and other resources available for download)

### **Phillip Price, 69-67 – 136 (-8)**

- Posted rounds of 69-67 to share the second-round lead at 8-under-par 136.
- This marks the first time in 17 starts on Tour he has led or shared a lead.
- Coming off a T5 finish at the PURE Insurance Championship three weeks ago at Pebble Beach which was his best showing in 2017.
- Has posted five consecutive sub-par rounds and four straight rounds in the 60s.
- Came into this event ranked 56<sup>th</sup> on the current Charles Schwab Cup money list.
- Long-time performer on the European Tour.

### **Colin Montgomerie, 69-67 – 136 (-8)**

- Shot rounds of 69-67 for his 36-hole total of 8-under-par 136.
- Recently won the JAPAN AIRLINES Championship for his fifth career victory on Tour.
- Has posted 22 sub-par rounds in his last 23 starts.
- Was T10 in his recent start at the PURE Insurance Championship.
- Was T7 here in 2016 and T5 in 2015.

## **Jerry Kelly, 68-68 – 136 (-8)**

- With his second consecutive 4-under-par 68 he now has 16 consecutive rounds in the 60s, a PGA TOUR Champions record.
- Has been the Tour's hottest player in the last few weeks. In addition to his rounds in the 60s streak, he owns two wins, a second and a T6 in his previous four starts.
- In his last 16 rounds, he is a combined 80-under-par.
- Has averaged \$212,575 in his last four starts.
- Owns the second-best final-round scoring average on Tour at 68.67. Bernhard Langer leads with 67.29.

## **Tournament Notes...**

- In the 16-year history of the SAS Championship, nine second-round leaders/co-leaders have gone on to win the event (Bruce Lietzke in 2001, Craig Stadler in 2004, Tom Jenkins in 2006, Mark Wiebe in 2007, Tom Pernice, Jr. in 2009, Kenny Perry in 2011, Russ Cochran in 2010 and 2013 and Kirk Triplett in 2014).
- A total of 26 players are within four strokes of the lead. It is worth noting that there has never been a playoff in the 16-year history of the event.
- The day's best turnaround was by Vijay Singh. After making a triple bogey to start his day, the World Golf Hall of Famer rebounded with seven birdies and a 4-under-par 68. He trails by just one stroke going into Sunday's final round.
- Doug Garwood moved himself into position to possibly defend his 2016 title with a 4-under-par 68. He is currently T4, one stroke back of the leaders.
- With this event designated as "Wildcard Weekend", several players will have to make up a lot of ground if they hope to claim a top-10 finish and possibly earn a berth in next week's Dominion Energy Charity Classic in Richmond, the first of three Charles Schwab Cup playoffs. Should a player outside the top 72 on the money list post a top-10 finish on Sunday, a berth is possible next week. After 36 holes, there are no players outside the top 72 in the top 25. Bobby Gage, who is 94<sup>th</sup> on the money list is T30, while Gibby Gilbert III (155<sup>th</sup> on the money list) is T36.
- John Dally rebounded from a 2-over-par 74 with a 5-under-par 67 on Saturday which moved him from T61 to T30.
- The SAS Championship has been a good one for first-time winners. Five players posted their first PGA TOUR Champions victory here at Prestonwood CC. The five are -- D.A. Weibring (2003), Mark Wiebe (2007), Tom Pernice, Jr. (2009), Kenny Perry (2011), Doug Garwood (2016).
- Charles Schwab Cup money leader Bernhard Langer is T20 after a second-round 4-under-par 68 which moved him up 21 places in the standings.
- Hole No. 4 remained the most difficult with an average score of 4.218 (+.218). It yielded just six birdies. Hole No. 17 remained the easiest with an average score of 4.449 (-.551). There was one eagle and 44 birdies.
- Hale Irwin matched his age for the 16<sup>th</sup> time in his career with his even-par 72.

