



U.S. Senior Open

Salem Country Club/Peabody, MA/June 29-July 2, 2017

Third-Round Notes

Course Setup: Par 70/6,806 yards; R3 Scoring Average: 71.033; Cumulative: 72.021

Weather: Partly sunny and warm with highs in the mid-80s. SSW wind 10-20 mph.

	Player	To Par	Scores
1.	Kirk Triplett	-15	62-67-66 – 195
2.	Kenny Perry	-14	65-64-67 – 196
3.	Brandt Jobe	-9	70-69-62 – 201
T4.	Fred Couples	-7	68-65-70 – 203
T4.	Tom Lehman	-7	65-68-70 – 203
T7.	Steve Flesch	-6	71-68-65 – 204
T7.	Bernhard Langer	-6	67-65-72 – 204

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Kirk Triplett, 62-67-66 – 195 (-15)

- His 54-hole total of 195 is the lowest score for the first 54 holes in tournament history, breaking Olin Browne's record of 198 (15-under-par) at the 2012 championship. Tied a tournament record earlier with his opening-round 8-under-par 62 and his 36-hole score of 11-under-par 129 broke Michael Allen's mark set in 2013 at Omaha CC.
- In his career in TOUR events, has won three of five events when leading or tied for lead. He's won both on PGA TOUR Champions at the 2014 ACE Group Classic (T1) and the 2014 SAS Championship (1st). He was 0-2 on the PGA TOUR, including a playoff loss to Michael Clark II at the 2000 John Deere Classic. He won his lone event on the Web.com Tour when he led at the 2011 News Sentinel Open.
- Has hit 36 of 42 fairways (85.7%), 40 of 54 greens in regulation (74.1.9%) and has had 80 putts (26.7).
- Best finish in a major on Tour was a second place at the 2015 Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship to Bernhard Langer.
- Is playing in his sixth U.S. Senior Open with his best finish an eighth place in 2014 at Oak Tree.
- Has won five times on PGA TOUR Champions, including back-to-back wins at the 2012-13 Nature Valley First Tee Open at Pebble Beach.
- One of 12 players to have won on the PGA TOUR, PGA TOUR Champions and the Web.com Tour.
- Earned a degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Nevada where he was a teammate of Michael Allen.

Kenny Perry, 65-64-67 – 196 (-14)

- Bogeys his 18th hole to finish one stroke behind Kirk Triplett at the close and has a 54-hole total of 14-under-par 196.
- Has hit 34 of 42 fairways (81.0%), 44 of 54 greens in regulation (81.5%) and has had 84 putts (28.06.7).
- When he won this event in 2013, he was T2 after a third round 64, two strokes behind Michael Allen. However, he went one stroke better on Sunday with a 63 at Omaha Country Club to finish five better than Fred Funk.
- Has a pair of T2 finishes on his resume this year, including the Allianz Championship and the In斯perity Invitational.
- Won 14 times on the PGA TOUR and owns eight wins on PGA TOUR Champions.
- Member of two U.S. Ryder Cup teams and four Presidents Cup teams.

Tournament Notes...

- Sunday's champion will receive a huge boost in the season-long Charles Schwab Cup race with a first-place prize of \$720,000 going to the winner. **Bernhard Langer** is the current leader with \$1,769,651 followed by **Scott McCarron** with \$940,351. Currently T6, Langer will maintain his top spot, but his margin of \$829,300 at the start of the event will be reduced.
- **Kirk Triplett** and **Kenny Perry** was the only one of the final seven pairings to post rounds under par.
- **Brandt Jobe**, a recent winner at the Principal Charity Classic in Iowa, had the round of the day, an 8-under-par 62 which included a 6-under-par 29 on his back nine. The 62 matched the lowest round in tournament history which was established in the third round in 2006 by Loren Roberts at Prairie Dunes. Kirk Triplett matched it in Thursday's opening round.
- **Brandt Jobe's** 62 was his low round on PGA TOUR Champions. His previous best was a second-round 6-under-par 64 at last year's Shaw Charity Classic in Calgary. Jobe also had a 62 while playing on the PGA TOUR at the 2005 FUNAI Classic at WALT DISNEY WORLD Resort. He started today T29 at 1-under-par 139 and is now third overall.
- **Bernhard Langer's** bid for a third straight major championship victory in 2017 probably came to an end on Saturday as he posted a 2-over-par 72. Trailing by just three strokes at the start, the World Golf Hall of Famer got off to a slow start with bogeys on four of his first seven holes to fall out of contention. He's currently T6, nine strokes back.
- Since 1990, third-round leaders/co-leaders have gone on to win the championship 13 times. However, in the last 10 years, players have come from behind five times to claim the title, including Gene Sauers (2016/one back), Colin Montgomerie (2014/four back/playoff), Kenny Perry (2013/two back), Roger Chapman (2012/four back) and Brad Bryant (2007/five back).
- **Fred Couples'** even-par round of 70 ended his streak of consecutive sub-par rounds at 19 which was the best current streak on Tour.
- When Salem Country Club hosted this event in 2001, the 54-hole leader was Japan's **Isao Aoki**, with a three-round total of 2-under-par 208. **Jim Colbert** and **Larry Nelson** were the only other players under par at 1-under-par 209. So far in 2017, a total of 30 players are under par.
- The most difficult hole remained No. 2 with a cumulative average of 4.509 (+.509). The par-4, 485-yard hole has yielded just eight birdies in three rounds. It was converted from a par-5 for this event.
- So far this year, leaders/co-leaders heading into the final round have won just four of 12 events. None of the 54-hole leaders in the previous two major championships this year have won.
- The largest come-from-behind victory in this event came in 2005 when **Allen Doyle** came from nine strokes back to win at NCR Country Club in Kettering, OH.
- Sunday's champion earns a berth in next year's U.S. Open at Shinnecock Hills GC in New York.
- Sunday's forecast calls for mostly sunny skies with highs in the upper-80s. West wind 9-18 mph.