



## **Bass Pro Shops Legends of Golf at Big Cedar Lodge**

Ridgedale, Missouri | April 19-22, 2018

# Third-Round Notes Saturday, April 21, 2018

### **Courses / Formats:**

- Top of the Rock (18 holes, par 54) / alternate shot (front nine), best ball (back nine)
- Mountain Top (13 holes, par 39) / best ball

Weather: Mostly cloudy with a high in the low 60s. Wind from the ESE at 8-15 mph, with gusts up to 20 mph.

Sunday: All 36 teams will play 18 holes at Top of the Rock (par 54). Front nine – alternate shot; Back nine – best ball.

- 7-8:10 a.m. Teams in 21st through 36th place
- 10-10:20 a.m. Bass Pro Shops Legends of Golf Celebrity Shootout
  - o 10 a.m. Larry Nelson / Austin Dillon / Richard Childress, Johnny Miller / Larry the Cable Guy
  - o 10:10 a.m. Lee Trevino / Willie Robertson, David Graham / John Paul Morris
  - o 10:20 a.m. Jack Nicklaus / Kid Rock, Gary Player / Mark Wahlberg
  - 11:05 a.m. 12:44 p.m. Teams in 1st through 20th place
- 3-6 p.m. Golf Channel broadcast

	Team	To Par	R1	R2	R3
1.	Franco / Singh	-19	66 / -5 (BR)	32 / -7 (MT)	47 / -7 (TOR)
T2.	Flesch / Toms	-18	65 / -6 (BR)	34 / -5 (MT)	47 / -7 (TOR)
T2.	Broadhurst / Triplett	-18	65 / -6 (BR)	48 / -6 (TOR)	33 / -6 (MT)
T4.	Langer / Lehman	-17	65 / -6 (BR)	48 / -6 (TOR)	34 / -5 (MT)
T4.	Jimenez / Olazabal	-17	66 / -5 (BR)	48 / -6 (TOR)	33 / -6 (MT)

BR = Buffalo Ridge (18-hole, par 71)

TOR = Top of the Rock (18-hole par-3 course)

MT = Mountain Top (13-hole par-3 course)

#### **Quick Links:**

- Leaderboard
- Tee Times
- PGATOURmedia.com (transcripts and other resources available for download)

#### Carlos Franco / Vijay Singh (-19)

- Playing Top of the Rock on Saturday, defending champions Franco and Vijay were 4-under on the front nine playing alternate shot (5 birdies, 1 bogey), and they were 3-under on the back nine playing best ball (3 birdies). They shot a third-round, 7-under 47 and lead by one at 19-under.
- Should Franco and Singh win again, they would be the first team to successfully defend their title since Jim Colbert and Andy North won in 2000 and 2001.
- The last time a tournament was won by a defending champion was when Bernhard Langer won the 2017 Regions Tradition. This season, the best finish by a defending champion was T16 (Langer at the Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai).

- If Singh and Franco go on to win, it would be Singh's first multi-win season since 2008, when he won three times en route to the FedExCup title. For Franco, it would be his third career victory on PGA TOUR Champions.
- Franco has played in all eight tournaments so far this season, and his best finish was a T10 at the Toshiba Classic. He is currently 44th in the Charles Schwab Cup.
- Singh's 2018 season includes a win at the Toshiba Classic, his second career victory and first individual win on PGA TOUR Champions. He has three top-10s in five starts and is No. 4 in the Charles Schwab Cup. He has also played six events on the PGA TOUR, and his best finish was 49th at the Masters.

#### **Steve Flesch / David Toms (-18)**

- Playing Top of the Rock on Saturday, Flesch and Toms carded three front-nine birdies in the alternate shot format, and they followed with four back-nine birdies in best ball.
- Last year, Toms partnered with Jeff Maggert and finished T22, while Flesch is making his tournament debut.
- This season, Toms ranks T11 on Tour in par-3 birdie percentage (16.67%) and he ranks T7 in par-3 scoring average (3.00). Flesch ranks T55 (8.33%) and T60 (3.17) in those categories.
- Flesch is coming off a win at last week's Mitsubishi Electric Classic, his first victory on PGA TOUR Champions. He broke a streak of 169 consecutive starts without a win (148 PGA TOUR, 21 PGA TOUR Champions), and he became the 14th player with wins on the Web.com Tour, PGA TOUR and PGA TOUR Champions.
- Toms has four top-five finishes in six starts this season, and he is currently No. 5 in the Charles Schwab Cup. He leads the Tour in putting average (1.690 putts per GIR), scoring average (69.17) and is T4 in birdie average (4.67 birdies per round).
- Should Toms and Flesch go on to win, it would be Toms' first victory since the 2011 Fort Worth Invitational, and he would become the 15th player to win on the Web.com Tour, PGA TOUR and PGA TOUR Champions. Since his last pro win, Toms has made 138 pro starts (110 PGA TOUR, 28 PGA TOUR Champions).

#### Paul Broadhurst / Kirk Triplett (-18)

- Playing the 13-hole Mountain Top on Saturday, Broadhurst and Triplett made six birdies in best ball.
- Broadhurst is making his tournament debut, while Triplett is making his fifth start, with his best previous finish being third with Craig Stadler in 2014.
- Broadhurst is looking for his first victory since the 2016 PURE Insurance Championship. His 2016 season also
  include a win at The Senior Open Championship, and those two victories helped him secure PGA TOUR
  Champions Rookie of the Year honors.
- This season, Broadhurst's best finish was T10 at the Boca Raton Championship, and he is currently 37th in the Charles Schwab Cup.
- Triplett has played in all eight tournaments this season, and his best finish was fifth in the season-opening Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai. He has five career wins on PGA TOUR Champions, with his last coming at the 2016 American Family Insurance Championship.

#### **Other Notes:**

- **Tom Lehman** and **Bernhard Langer** shot 5-under at Mountain Top on Saturday and are T4 at 17-under. The team has a combined six Charles Schwab Cups, and this is Langer's first appearance at this event since 2016, when he and Lehman were T8.
- Lehman and Langer paired up to win this tournament in 2009 when it was played in Savannah, Georgia. Should they go on to win, it would mark the 11th tournament Langer has won more than once.
- **Miguel Angel Jimenez** and **Jose Maria Olazabal** shot 6-under at Mountain Top on Saturday, and they are T4 at 17-under. The Spaniards were teammates at the 1999 Ryder Cup, and the pair went 1-0-1 in their two four-ball matches as partners. Last year, Jimenez and Olazabal finished T8 in their debut as a team.
- Should Jimenez and Olazabal go on to win, it would be Olazabal's first win in his 18th start on PGA TOUR Champions. For Jimenez, it would be his fifth career win, and it would extend his streak to five consecutive years with a win on PGA TOUR Champions.
- Steve Stricker and Jerry Kelly, the Nos. 1 and 2 players in the Charles Schwab Cup, are in sixth at 16-under, three shots behind Franco and Singh. If the Wisconsin duo goes on to win, it would be the third victory for Stricker, who has won in his last two starts on PGA TOUR Champions (Cologuard Classic, Rapiscan Systems Classic). For Kelly, it would be his second win of the season and fourth of his career. This team is also scheduled to compete together at next week's Zurich Classic.