



# **Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship**

Exmoor Country Club | Highland Park, Illinois | July 9-15, 2018

# Final-Round Notes Sunday, July 15, 2018

Course Setup: Par 72 / 7,001 yards (R4 scoring average: 70.487, Cumulative: 70.332) **Weather:** Mostly sunny with a high in the mid-80s. Wind from the E at 8-15 mph.

Summary: Vijay Singh birdied the second playoff hole to defeat Jeff Maggert and win the Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship, his third win on PGA TOUR Champions and first senior major. Singh started the final round one shot behind in fourth place, and he carded a final-round 67 to earn a spot in the playoff at 20-under. With the win, Singh earns an exemption into THE PLAYERS Championship in 2019.

**Playoff Holes:** 18 (par-par), 18 (birdie-par)

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	Player	To Par	Scores	Money	Schwab Cup
1.	Vijay Singh	-20	68-67-66-67 – 268	\$420,000	7th
2.	Jeff Maggert	-20	66-68-66-68 – 268	\$246,400	12th
3.	Brandt Jobe	-18	67-67-70-66 – 270	\$201,600	15th
T4.	Jerry Kelly	-17	69-71-67-64 – 271	\$151,200	1st
T4.	Scott McCarron	-17	67-68-65-71 – 271	\$151,200	5th

### **Quick Links:**

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

#### **Playoff Notes:**

- This was the sixth playoff in tournament history, and first since Bernhard Langer defeated Jeff Sluman with a birdie on the second playoff hole in 2014.
- This was the first playoff in a senior major since the 2015 Regions Tradition, when Jeff Maggert defeated Kevin Sutherland with a par on the first playoff hole.
- This was the third playoff this season, and first since Paul Broadhurst/Kirk Triplett defeated Bernhard Langer/Tom Lehman on the first extra hole at the Bass Pro Shops Legends of Golf at Big Cedar Lodge.

#### Vijay Singh, 68-67-66-67-268 (-20)

- Playing in the penultimate group, Singh and Maggert carded identical scores on the first 15 holes. Maggert was 21-under and held a one-shot advantage until a bogey on No. 16 evened the score. Both players finished at 20under after making pars on Nos. 17 and 18.
- Singh led the field in par-5 scoring (14-under), including four birdies on the par 5s Sunday. He only made one bogey in the tournament (R3/No. 8).
- Previously, Singh's best finish in a major was a runner-up at the 2017 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship.
- This was Singh's first playoff on PGA TOUR Champions. On the PGA TOUR, he was 8-4 in playoffs.
- In 2019, the Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship will be played at Firestone Country Club. In 11 starts at the WGC-Bridgestone Invitational, Singh carded three top-10s, including a win in 2008.
- Singh's record at THE PLAYERS Championship includes four top-10s and a runner-up finish in 2001. His last start was in 2017 when he finished T16.

- This was Singh's second win of the season, as he also won the Toshiba Classic in March. His first victory on PGA TOUR Champions was with partner Carlos Franco at the 2017 Bass Pro Shops Legends of Golf.
- With the victory, Singh is the seventh different player to win the last seven majors, and he's the third first-time senior major winner this season.
- He has three top-10s this season and he is now No. 7 in the Charles Schwab Cup.

## **Jeff Maggert, 66-68-66-68 – 268 (-20)**

- Maggert hit 17 of 18 greens in regulation on Sunday and finished the week 66 of 72, best in the field by four. The only green he missed Sunday was No. 16, and he lost his one-shot lead when he failed to save par.
- Maggert falls to 1-1 in playoffs on PGA TOUR Champions. His other appearance was a win at the 2015 Regions Tradition.
- The runner-up finish is his sixth top-10 in a senior major, and second of the season (T5, Regions Tradition).
- Maggert also finished runner-up (T2) at the Insperity Invitational and with his finish this week, he improved to No. 12 in the Charles Schwab Cup.

#### **Other Notes**

- **Brandt Jobe** birdied all four par 5s Sunday and carded a 6-under 66, which lifted him to a third-place finish at 18-under. It is his third top-five finish in three starts at this event, and he has finished all 12 rounds in the top 10.
- **Jerry Kelly** made eight birdies and one eagle in a final-round 64, tied with **Duffy Waldorf** (T6/-16) for the day's best round. With his T4 finish at 17-under, Kelly has top-10s in all four senior majors this season.
- Kelly regained the Schwab Cup lead for the sixth week this season, and this marks the fifth week in a row there has been a new Charles Schwab Cup leader.
- Scott McCarron, who started the final round tied for the lead with Maggert and Bart Bryant, carded a 1-under 71 and finished T4 at 17-under. In May at the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship, McCarron was a co-leader through 54 holes and finished T3 after carding a final-round 70. He also finished T5 at the Regions Tradition, giving him three top-five finishes in the year's first four majors.
- Playing in the final group with McCarron, Bryant recorded a final-round 72 and finished T6 at 16-under. It was his fourth top-10 in his 21st start in a senior major.
- Mike Small carded a final-round 71 and finished T10 at 15-under, his third straight top-10. His payday of \$67,200 is his biggest on the PGA TOUR or PGA TOUR Champions. Previously, his biggest paycheck was \$57,200 when he finished T9 at the 1998 RBC Canadian Open.
- Three-time champion **Bernhard Langer** closed with a 74 and finished T17 at 12-under. Langer's last three final rounds at this tournament have been over par. He shot 3-over 73 and held on for a one-shot victory in 2016, and last year he shot 1-over 73 and lost by one to McCarron.
- Hale Irwin shot his age on Thursday (73) and bettered his age on Saturday (70) and Sunday (72). He has shot or bettered his age 37 times on PGA TOUR Champions, and this marks the ninth consecutive season he's accomplished the feat. The nine-year streak started when he shot his age (65) at the 2010 AT&T Championship.
- **Miguel Angel Jimenez**, winner of the Regions Tradition, finished T10 at 15-under (71-69-67-66). He and Kelly are the only players with top-10 finishes in each of the first four majors this year.
- Paul Broadhurst, winner of the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship, finished T32 at 7-under (71-72-68-70).
- David Toms, winner of the U.S. Senior Open, finished T28 at 8-under (74-69-69-68).
- After a week off, PGA TOUR Champions will travel to Scotland for its fifth major of the season, The Senior Open Championship presented by Rolex (July 26-29). The tournament will be played at the Old Course at St. Andrews for the first time.