

# **Charles Schwab Cup Championship**

Phoenix Country Club | Phoenix, Arizona | November 5-11, 2018

Tournament 3 of 3 in the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs

# Third-Round Notes Saturday, November 10, 2018

Course Setup: Par 71 / 6,703 yards (R3 scoring average: 67.714; Cumulative: 68.590)

Weather: Sunny with a high near 80. Wind from the SSE at 6-12 mph.

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	Player	To Par	Scores	Schwab Cup Standings	
				Start	Projected
1.	Scott McCarron	-18	65-64-66 – 195	5th	1st
T2.	Stephen Ames	-17	68-67-61 – 196	27th	15th
T2.	Tim Petrovic	-17	63-67-66 – 196	12th	7th
4.	Paul Goydos	-16	63-65-69 – 197	14th	11th
5.	Wes Short, Jr.	-15	70-63-65 – 198	29th	21st

#### **Charles Schwab Cup Scenarios:**

- In order for Scott McCarron (1st) to win the Charles Schwab Cup, he needs to win the tournament and Bernhard Langer (19th) needs to finish T4 or worse.
- Langer will win the Charles Schwab Cup if McCarron, David Toms (T6), Jerry Kelly (T11), Scott Parel (T21) and Miguel Angel Jimenez (32nd) do not win.

#### **Ouick Links:**

- Leaderboard
- Final-Round Tee Times (Golf Channel coverage: 4:00-6:30 p.m. ET)
- Charles Schwab Cup: Standings | Scenarios
- PGATOURmedia.com (transcripts and other resources available for download)

### Scott McCarron, 65-64-66 – 195 (-18)

Charles Schwab Cup Standings – Start: 5th / Projected: 1st

- McCarron finished with birdies on Nos. 17 and 18 to take a one-shot lead and earn a spot in Sunday's final group.
- This marks the sixth time McCarron has posted a sub-200 score through 54 holes. His best three-round score is 16-under 194 when he won the 2017 Shaw Charity Classic.
- McCarron has won 4-of-10 times he has started the final round as a leader/co-leader. He is 0-for-3 this season (KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship, Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship, The Ally Challenge).
- He will play in Sunday's final group for the sixth time this season. In those five final rounds, he has a 71.60 scoring average and his best score was 68 at the Toshiba Classic (T2).
- He has hit 46 of 54 greens in regulation (T2) and is 9-under on the par 5s (1st).

# **Leaders Entering the Final Round**

- So far this year, a leader/co-leader heading into the final round has gone on to win 10 out of 26 tournaments.
- A leader/co-leader entering the final round has won 16 of 28 Charles Schwab Cup Championships.

# Stephen Ames, 68-67-61 – 196 (-17)

Charles Schwab Cup Standings – Start: 27th / Projected: 15th

- After making eagle on the 18th hole, Ames tied the course record with a 10-under 61. It is his best round on PGA TOUR Champions and it ties his best round on the PGA TOUR (2000 Doral-Ryder Open).
- He has opened with three straight rounds in the 60s for the first time this season, and his 196 total is his best 54-hole score on PGA TOUR Champions. His previous best was 10-under 200 (2015 Shaw Charity Classic).
- Sunday's final group will include Ames for the third week in a row. At the Dominion Energy Charity Classic, he closed with a 76 and finished T15; at the Invesco QQQ Championship, he closed with a 71 and finished T3.
- Ames ended the regular season No. 40 in the Charles Schwab Cup and he was one of four players that moved into the top-36 after the first two Playoffs events. He is currently projected to finish 15th in the Charles Schwab Cup and could finish as high as 7th.
- He had three top-10s this season, including a T3 at The Senior Open Championship, his best finish in 16 starts in senior majors.

#### Tim Petrovic, 63-67-66 – 196 (-17)

Charles Schwab Cup Standings – Start: 12th / Projected: 7th

- Petrovic's sixth birdie of the day came on the par-4 17th, and a par on the par-5 18th kept him one shot off McCarron's 54-hole total.
- Petrovic is looking to become the second player to make the Charles Schwab Cup Championship his first win on PGA TOUR Champions. Last year, Kevin Sutherland became the first player to accomplish that feat.
- With a win, Petrovic would become the ninth player to win the Charles Schwab Cup Championship in his first start, and first since Jay Don Blake in 2011.
- This week he is second in putting (1.568 putts per GIR) and first in par-4 scoring (13-under).
- He started the week No. 12 in the Charles Schwab Cup and he could finish as high as No. 3 in the final standings.

#### **Other Notes**

- Six players started the week with a mathematical chance to win the Charles Schwab Cup.
  - 1. **Bernhard Langer** 19th / -7 (Projected rank: 2nd)
  - 2. **Scott Parel** T21 / -5 (Projected rank: 3rd)
  - 3. Miguel Angel Jimenez 32nd / E (Projected rank: 4th)
  - 4. **Jerry Kelly** T11 / -10 (Projected rank: 5th)
  - 5. Scott McCarron 1st / -18 (Projected rank: 1st)
  - 6. **David Toms** T6 / -12 (Projected rank: 6th)
- Langer has topped the PGA TOUR Champions money list nine times, including each of the last six years. Currently, McCarron is projected to edge Langer for this year's money title.
- After starting the tournament 3-over through four holes, Toms is 12-under and tied for sixth after a third-round 65. For Toms to win the Charles Schwab Cup, he must win the tournament and Langer must finish worse than T7 (2-way) and Parel must finish worse than T2 (2-way).
- Paul Goydos carded a third-round 69 and will start the final round two strokes behind McCarron. Should he win, Goydos would become the tournament's sixth repeat winner, and first since John Cook won consecutive titles in 2009 and 2010.
- **Kevin Sutherland**, the defending champion and reigning Charles Schwab Cup champion, carded a third-round 69 and is T13 at 9-under.