



## Cologuard Classic

Omni Tucson National (Catalina Course) | Tucson, Ariz. | March 2-4, 2018

### Second-Round Notes

Saturday, March 3, 2018

**Course Setup:** Par 73 / 7,207 yards (R2 scoring average: 72.052)

**Weather:** Abundant sunshine. High in the mid to upper 70s and wind from the SW at 8-15 mph.

	Player	To Par	Scores
1	Tommy Tolles	-11	65-70 – 135
T2	Scott Dunlap	-10	65-71 – 136
T2	Steve Stricker	-10	66-70 – 136
T4	Rocco Mediate	-9	72-65 – 137
T4	Doug Garwood	-9	69-68 – 137
T4	Gene Sauers	-9	67-70 – 137

#### Quick Links:

- [Leaderboard](#)
- [Tee Times](#) – Final round tee times will run from 10:05 a.m. – 12:05 p.m. off the No. 1 and 10 tees
- [PGATOURmedia.com](#) (transcripts and other resources available for download)

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#### Tommy Tolles, 65-70 – 135 (-11)

- Followed his opening round 8-under-par 65 with a 3-under-par 70 which included an eagle, three birdies and two bogeys.
- Through 36 holes, Tolles has made a total of 11 birdies, one eagle and two bogeys.
- This is the first time Tolles has been a leader entering the final round in his eight regular starts.
- He finished T61 at the Boca Raton Championship and T20 at the Chubb Classic in his two previous starts in 2018.
- The 51-year old is playing his first full season on PGA TOUR Champions after earning exempt status by finishing runner-up at the 2017 PGA TOUR Champions National Qualifying tournament in December.
- His best finish on PGA TOUR Champions is T16 at the DICK's Sporting Goods Open, his first top-20 in a TOUR-sanctioned event since at T3 at the Web.com Tour's Children's Classic in 2008.
- A native of Ft. Myers, Florida, he won twice on the Web.com Tour during a career that spanned from 1991-2009.
- Should Tolles go on to win tomorrow, he would become the first Q-school graduate to win since **Jerry Smith** at the 2015 Encompass Championship.

### **Scott Dunlap, 65-71 – 136 (-10)**

- Followed his opening round 8-under-par 65 with a 2-under-par 71 which included three birdies and one bogey.
- Dunlap currently leads the field in greens in regulation (32 of 36) through two rounds.
- He had four starts at the Tucson Open during his PGA TOUR career with his best rounds being a pair of 67s in 1997 (Rd. 1) and 2000 (Rd. 2).
- The 2014 PGA TOUR Champions Rookie of the Year has one Champions Tour title (2014 Boeing Classic) and two Web.com Tour wins.
- 54-year-old Dunlap is a resident of Duluth, Georgia.

### **Steve Stricker, 66-70 – 136 (-10)**

- After carding four consecutive birdies starting on No. 7 to grab the lead, Stricker hit his tee shot in the water on the par-4 No. 18 and closed the round with a double bogey.
- For the second year in a row at the Cologuard Classic, Stricker will play in Sunday's final group. In his PGA TOUR Champions debut at last year's event, he held a two-stroke advantage over **Tom Lehman** with three holes remaining, but finished one back after suffering a series of miscues down the stretch.
- He finished runner-up two weeks ago at the Chubb Classic in Naples, Florida, for a total of five top-three finishes in seven starts on PGA TOUR Champions.
- Since turning 50 on February 23, 2017, all 21 of his rounds on Tour have been under par.
- He competed in Tucson eight times in his PGA TOUR career with a best finish of T2 (1994).
- Stricker's last official win came at the 2012 Sentry Tournament of Champions. Since then, the 12-time PGA TOUR winner has made 87 official starts on the PGA TOUR and PGA TOUR Champions. He does have an unofficial victory in this span, as he partnered with Sean O'Hair to win the QBE Shootout in December.
- He's made two starts on the PGA TOUR this season, finishing T31 at the Waste Management Phoenix Open and T26 at the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am.

### **Other notes:**

- Starting the day at T45, **Rocco Mediate** fired a bogey-free 8-under 65 to jump to T4 entering Sunday's final round. It was Mediate's best round in four starts at the Cologuard Classic. Mediate has posted top-10s at the last two events (Boca Raton Championship and Chubb Classic) and extends his consecutive sub-par rounds this season to nine, dating back to the final round of the Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai.
- **Doug Garwood**, who's lone victory was at the 2016 SAS Championship, fired five consecutive birdies starting on the par-4 No. 5.
- **Bart Bryant** (T7) is the only player in the field to hit all 28 fairways.
- Dunlap, Tolles and Stricker will play in a threesome Sunday for the second straight day.
- Leading the field of past champions is 2016's **Woody Austin** who is currently T7. Defending champion **Tom Lehman** is T28 while 2015 winner **Marco Dawson** is T15.
- Scottsdale resident **Kirk Triplett** (T7) is the lone Arizona native inside the top-10 entering the final round.
- The 18<sup>th</sup> hole at Omni Tucson National continues to remain the most difficult at the Cologuard Classic. The scoring average after two rounds is 4.448. So far there have been 15 double bogeys and just 11 birdies. At last year's Cologuard Classic, it yielded just 16 birdies for the week, the fewest among all closing holes at full-field tournaments in 2017. Overall, it ranked as the third-hardest finishing hole last season (+0.338).