

**TOSHIBA**



**CHAMPIONS**

## Toshiba Classic

Newport Beach Country Club | Newport Beach, California | March 9-11, 2018

### Second-Round Notes

Saturday, March 10, 2018

**Course Setup:** Par 71 / 6,584 yards (R2 scoring average: 70.705, Cumulative: 71.026)

**Weather:** Scattered showers all day. High in the upper 50s with wind from the S at 5-10 mph.

	Player	To Par	Scores
1	Tom Pernice Jr.	-8	64-70 – 134
T2	Joe Durant	-7	69-66 – 135
T2	Scott McCarron	-7	67-68 – 135
T4	Vijay Singh	-6	68-68 – 136
T4	Scott Verplank	-6	67-69 – 136

#### Quick Links:

- [Leaderboard](#)
- [Tee Times](#) – Final-round tee times will run from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. off the Nos. 1 and 10 tees
- [PGATOURmedia.com](#) (transcripts and other resources available for download)
- Golf Channel coverage – Sunday, 5:30-8:00 p.m. ET

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#### Tom Pernice Jr., 64-70 – 134 (-8)

- A day after making birdie on all three par 5s, Pernice played them in 1-over on Saturday, including a bogey on the 510-yard 18th. He also took eight more putts (30 on Saturday, 22 on Friday).
- This marks the sixth time Pernice has been a leader/co-leader entering the final round. He has converted a Saturday-night lead into a victory four out of five times. His win at the 2014 Principal Charity Classic is the only time he has won without being the leader at the start of the final round.
- Should Pernice go on to win, he would be the tournament's third wire-to-wire victor, joining David Frost (2013) and Nick Price (2011). He would be the second wire-to-wire winner this season, joining Mark Calcavecchia (Boca Raton Championship).
- He has two top-10s in six previous starts at the Toshiba Classic, with his best finish being a T8 in 2011.
- Pernice has five wins on PGA TOUR Champions, with his most recent coming at the 2016 PowerShares QQQ Championship. This season, his best finish was a T10 at the Boca Raton Championship and he is No. 28 in the Charles Schwab Cup.

#### Second-Round Lead Notes

- This marks the 20th time there has been a solo leader after 36 holes at the Toshiba Classic. There have been co-leaders just three times (2004, 2006, 2009).
- The last time there were 36-hole co-leaders was when Bernhard Langer and Mark O'Meara shared the lead in 2009. Since then, the 36-hole leader has held a multi-shot lead in six of the last eight tournaments.
- In all, the 36-hole leader/co-leader has won 13 of 22 Toshiba Classics.

- This season, a second-round leader/co-leader has won two of the four tournaments (Mark Calcavecchia – Boca Raton Championship, Joe Durant – Chubb Classic).
- All four of this year’s winners have played in Sunday’s final group.

#### **Joe Durant, 69-66 – 135 (-7)**

- Durant posted a bogey-free 66 Saturday and improved from T15 to T2 at 7-under. Since bogeying Nos. 4 and 5 in the first round, he has eight birdies and 23 pars over his next 31 holes.
- He has hit 28 of 36 greens in regulation, third best in the field.
- He will play in Sunday’s final group for the second time this season. He was the 36-hole leader at the Chubb Classic, and he went on to win after shooting a final-round 67.
- His win at the Chubb Classic was his first since the 2016 3M Championship. His career includes one win on the Web.com Tour, four wins on the PGA TOUR and three wins on PGA TOUR Champions. He is one of 13 players with wins on all three tours.
- He is currently No. 4 in the Charles Schwab Cup with \$308,534.

#### **Scott McCarron, 67-68 – 135 (-7)**

- McCarron made back-to-back birdies three times on Saturday, and his six birdies offset three bogeys in his 3-under 68. He leads the field with 12 birdies this week.
- In two previous starts at the Toshiba Classic, he finished T10 in 2016 and T9 in 2015.
- McCarron will play in Sunday’s final group for the first time this season. Last year, he was in the final group four times, and he emerged victorious on three of those occasions.
- He has started this season with two top-10s in four starts, with the best being a T6 at the Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai. He is currently No. 13 in the Charles Schwab Cup with \$146,989.
- In 2017, McCarron won four times, including his first major at the Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship, and he finished third in the Charles Schwab Cup.

#### **Other Notes**

- The season’s first four events have been won by players from the United States, marking the first time that trend has occurred since 2012. Through 36 holes, there are 11 U.S. players in the top-13, with **Vijay Singh** (Fiji) and **David Frost** (South Africa) being the international players. Singh is T4 at 6-under, and Frost is T8 at 4-under.
- Singh was part of a brief five-way tie for the lead at 7-under. His only bogey of the tournament came on the par-3 17th, and he is T4 at 6-under after shooting 68 for the second day in a row.
- A day after he shot 4-over 75, **Brandt Jobe** carded the best second-round score, a 6-under 65, and improved from T68 to T26.
- **Steve Jones**, an eight-time PGA TOUR winner and the 1996 U.S. Open champion, is making his first start on PGA TOUR Champions since the 2015 Toshiba Classic. He is T6 at 5-under after rounds of 68-69.
- **Fran Quinn** earned entry when Doug Garwood (flu) withdrew on Tuesday. Quinn is T6 at 5-under after rounds of 67-70.
- **Scott Verplank** carded a 2-under 69, his 11th straight round under-par, and is T4 at 6-under.
- **Bernhard Langer** shot a second-round 75 and is T66 at 5-over. Six of his last seven rounds have been in the 70s (72.67 average), including each of his last four, and two of his last four rounds have been over-par. In his career, just 13.7 percent of his rounds on PGA TOUR Champions have been over-par (93 of 670). Last week he finished T54 at the Cologuard Classic, his worst finish in 213 starts on PGA TOUR Champions.