



Regions Tradition

Greystone Golf and Country Club (Founders Course) | Birmingham, Ala. | May 17-20, 2018

Second-Round Notes

Friday, May 18, 2018

Course Setup: Par 72 / 7,277 yards (R2 scoring average: 71.132; Cumulative: 71.124)

Weather: Partly sunny skies. High near 80 and wind from the S-SE at 5-10 mph.

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	Player	To Par	Scores
T1	Miguel Angel Jimenez	-11	64-69-133
T1	Gene Sauers	-11	66-67-133
T3	Jerry Kelly	-9	66-69-135
T3	Kevin Sutherland	-9	69-66-135
T3	Scott McCarron	-9	67-68-135

Quick Links:

- [Leaderboard](#)
- [Tee Times](#) – Third-round tee times will run from 9:15 a.m. –11:15 a.m. off the No. 1 and 10 tees
- [PGATOURmedia.com](#) (transcripts and other resources available for download)

Miguel Angel Jimenez, 64-69- 133 (-11)

- Jimenez followed his course record tying 8-under-par 64 on Thursday, with a 4-under-par 69 in Friday's second round, making four birdies and his first bogey of the tournament on the par-4 No. 3.
- Last year, in his first appearance at the Regions Tradition, he followed his 7-under-par 65 with a 71 and was T4 through 36 holes, but ultimately finished the week at T20.
- This is the first time he has been a second-round leader/co-leader in a major championship through 36 holes.
- In 11 major championship starts on PGA TOUR Champions, Jimenez has six top-five finishes including a pair of T2 finishes in 2016 (U.S. Senior Open and Constellation Energy Senior Players Championship).
- Jimenez has notched four top-10 starts so far this season and is currently ranked 15th in Charles Schwab Cup standings.
- As a native of Malaga, Spain Jimenez would become just the sixth international player to win the Regions Tradition in its 30-year history. He would join Bernhard Langer (Germany), David Frost (South Africa), Mark McNulty (Zimbabwe), Eduardo Romero (Argentina), and Graham Marsh (Australia).

Gene Sauers, 66-67- 133 (-11)

- Sauers carded a birdie on the first hole en route to a bogey-free round for the second day in a row. Sauers 5-under-par 67 day paired with his 6-under-par 66 opening round set him up for his second lowest 36-hole score shot in a major championship (132, 2016 U.S. Senior PGA Championship).
- This is the fifth time Sauers has been a second-round leader/co-leader in a tournament and the first time he has led/co-lead half-way through a major championship.

- This standing is Sauers highest entering the weekend at this event. His previous best came in 2016 when he exited 36-holes at T4 and went on to finish that year T12.
- In nine starts this season, Sauers has finished inside the top-10 a total of four times including T2 at the Cologuard Classic. If Sauers were to go on to win, it would be just his second victory on PGA TOUR Champions (2016 U.S. Senior Open).

Other Notes

- Nine 36-hole leaders/co-leaders have gone on to win the Regions Tradition. Most recently, **Jeff Maggert** held at least a share of the lead after every round en route to his win in 2015.
- At the majors in 2017, both **Bernhard Langer** (Senior PGA Championship) and **Kenny Perry** (U.S. Senior Open) went on to win after leading/co-leading through 36 holes.
- **Jerry Kelly** shot a 3-under-par 69 to add to his first round 6-under-par 66. This 36-hole 9-under-par 135 score is his best in a PGA TOUR and a PGA TOUR Champions major championship. He is in a three-way tie for third entering the weekend.
- Reigning Charles Schwab Cup champion **Kevin Sutherland**, who finished T13 last year, owned the greens hitting 17 of 18 (ranks first) with 29 putts (ranks first) en route to a bogey-free 6-under 66 on Friday. Making his fourth start at the Regions Tradition, the round was his best since the tournament's move to Greystone Golf and Country Club.
- **Scott McCarron** carded a 4-under-par 68 to total a 36-hole 135, the same score entering the weekend from when he finished runner-up in the 2017 Regions Tradition. In nine events competed in this year, McCarron has four top-10 finishes including a runner-up finish at the Toshiba Classic. His latest win came at the 2017 Shaw Charity Classic.
- **Jeff Sluman** authored the best turnaround of the day, finishing the day at 6-under-par 66 to move 31 places up the leaderboard. This is his lowest round of the year and one stroke over his best score shot at the Regions Tradition (2017/Rd. 1). Sluman sits at T15 entering the weekend.
- With his 2-under-par 70, **Steve Stricker** extended his consecutive rounds of par or better to 27, the longest active streak on PGA TOUR Champions.
- For the second day in a row, the easiest hole was No. 2, yielding 24 birdies and playing to a 4.658 average. The hardest hole was No. 3, yielding nine birdies, 18 bogeys and four double bogeys, and playing to a 4.224 average.
- Leading the field of eight past champions through 36 holes is 2014 winner **Kenny Perry**. Over the first two days, he carded a 7-under-par 137 to sit T9. This is Perry's third event played in this season due to shoulder surgery. Defending champion **Bernhard Langer** finished the day even-par and is currently T39.
- **Steve Flesch** withdrew after six holes on Friday due to a shoulder injury.