



## Regions Tradition

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

### Final-Round Notes

Sunday, May 20, 2018

**Course Setup:** Par 72 / 7,277 yards (R4 scoring average: 70.444; Cumulative: 70.011)

**Weather:** Mixture of sun and clouds. High upper 80s and wind from the ESE at 5-10 mph..

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**Summary:** Miguel Angel Jimenez won the Regions Tradition for his first major title on PGA TOUR Champions after holding or sharing the lead after every round. His three-shot advantage headed into the final-round was what would secure his title as he closed with a 19-under-par 269, tying his lowest 72-hole score and marking his fifth PGA TOUR Championship victory. Joe Durant, Gene Sauers and Steve Stricker finished in a three-way tie for second.

Finish	Player	To Par	Scores	Earnings
1	Miguel Angel Jimenez	-19	64-69-66-70--269	\$360,000
T2	Joe Durant	-16	66-70-67-69--272	\$176,000
T2	Gene Sauers	-16	66-67-70-69--272	\$176,000
T2	Steve Stricker	-16	67-70-65-70--272	\$176,000

#### Quick Links:

- [Final standings](#)
- [Charles Schwab Cup standings](#)
- [PGATOURmedia.com](#) (transcripts and other resources available for download)

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#### Miguel Angel Jimenez, 64-69-66-70--269 (-19)

- In his second appearance at the Regions Tradition, Jimenez finished with a 19-under-par 269, matching his career-low 72-hole score on PGA TOUR Champions (2015 Senior Open Championship) to claim his first major victory on both PGA TOUR and PGA TOUR Champions.
- This is Jimenez's fifth victory in five seasons on PGA TOUR Champions, claiming one each year since turning the age of 50. He has 21 victories on the European Tour.
- In 70 major championship appearances during his PGA TOUR career, his best finish came in the 2000 U.S Open Championship at Pebble Beach where he finished T2 with Ernie Els to Tiger Woods' historic 15-stroke victory, the largest in championship history.
- This was the third time he has been a leader/co-leader entering the final round at PGA TOUR Champions major and the first time he has converted it to a victory. In previous attempts, he finished T3 (2016 Senior Open Championship) and T2 (2016 U.S. Senior Open Championship).
- He now has five top-10 finishes in nine events played in this year and moves from No. 15 up to No. 4 in the Charles Schwab Cup money list with \$670,872.08 in earnings. This matches his highest rank this year, going back to his opening tournament (Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai) when he started the season at No. 4.

- The 54-year-old native of Spain became the sixth international player to win the Regions Tradition in its 30-year history, joining **Bernhard Langer** (Germany), **David Frost** (South Africa), **Mark McNulty** (Zimbabwe), **Eduardo Romero** (Argentina) and **Graham Marsh** (Australia).

#### **Joe Durant, 66-70-67-69--272 (-16)**

- Durant moved his way into contention with two birdies on the front nine and two back-to-back birdies at the turn, but with a bogey on No. 16, pulled away to finish in a three-way tie for second, three-strokes behind the leader.
- This is Durant's best finish at the Regions Tradition in four starts and matches his best finish in a major championship (2016 Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship).
- He is the only player with top-10 finishes in each of the last six tournaments. Through 11 events, he ranks in the top-10 of nine statistical categories including birdie average (2nd, 4.64 per round), scoring average (2nd, 69.11) and driving accuracy (8th, 78.09%).
- Durant won the Chubb Classic in February and has notched a total of seven top-10s this year.
- The \$176,000 check for T2 that he received on Sunday moved him up a spot in the Charles Schwab Cup standings to third.
- Durant attended Huntingdon College in Montgomery, Alabama.

#### **Gene Sauers, 66-67-70-69--272 (-16)**

- Sauers carded a 3-under-par 69 en route to a 16-under-par 272 finish to land T2, his best finish in six appearances at the Regions Tradition.
- This is Sauers second runner-up finish of the year (Cologuard Classic) and eighth on PGA TOUR Champions.
- This is the second time Sauers has finished runner-up in a PGA TOUR Champions major (2014 U.S. Senior Open Championship), but owns the title to one major at the 2016 U.S. Senior Open Championship.

#### **Steve Stricker, 67-70-65-70--272 (-16)**

- Stricker worked his way into contention leading up to the finish, but a bogey on No. 17 moved him two-strokes off the lead. Jimenez birdied the final hole, pushing Stricker back by three to land in a three-way tie for second, his third runner-up finish in 11 appearances on PGA TOUR Champions.
- So far this season, Stricker has two wins (Cologuard Classic, Rapiscan System Classic), has finished inside the top-five in all five starts, and is currently ranked No. 2 in Charles Schwab Cup standings with \$806,235.00 in earnings.
- In 71 major starts on the PGA TOUR, Stricker's best finish was runner up to Vijay Singh in the 1998 PGA Championship at Sahalee Country Club.
- This was Stricker's 29th round under par on PGA TOUR Champions, the longest active streak and ranks third longest ever (36: Bernhard Langer, 31: Gil Morgan and Colin Montgomerie) in PGA TOUR Champions history. He has never carded a round over par on PGA TOUR Champions.

#### **Other Notes**

- The easiest hole for the tournament was No. 2, yielding 119 birdies and playing to a 4.612 average. The hardest hole was No. 3, yielding 40 birdies, 60 bogeys and 18 double bogey, and playing to a 4.197 average. Hole No. 3 also played the hardest across four rounds at Greystone Golf and Country Club in 2017.
- **Scott McCarron** carded a 5-under 67 final round to finish T5 for his highest finish since the Toshiba Classic where he finished T2. McCarron totaled a 15-under-par 273, to match the same final score as when he finished runner-up at the 2017 Regions Tradition.
- 2015 Regions Tradition champion **Jeff Maggert** entered the Regions Tradition off his best finish of the year coming in at T2 at the Inisperity Invitational. Sunday he carded a 8-under-par 64 to match both the best round of the week and course record at Greystone Golf and Country Club. Maggert moved up the leaderboard 17 places to finish T5, sitting in the top-five for the second time this year and 12th time on PGA TOUR Champions.
- Two-time defending champion, **Bernhard Langer** carded a bogey-free 5-under-par 67 final round to finish in 11th place. In 49 career starts in senior majors, Langer now has 38 top-10s and 10 wins with his worst finish coming for 23rd at the 2010 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship.

- The field includes eight past champions of the Regions Tradition, including two-time defending champions Bernhard Langer and Tom Lehman:
  - Jeff Maggert: T5, 68-73-68-64--273 (-15)
  - Bernhard Langer: 11th, 70-72-66-67--275 (-13)
  - Kenny Perry: T13, 68-69-72-68--277 (-11)
  - Tom Lehman: T27, 68-69-72-71--280 (-8)
  - Fred Funk: 42nd, 72-68-74-70--284 (-4)
  - David Frost: 67th, 76-76-71-73--296 (-6)
  - Tom Kit: 72nd, 79-78-78-75--310 (+22)
  - Loren Roberts: WD
- **John Daly** withdrew prior to the final round on Sunday due to injury.
- **Bart Bryant** was disqualified on No. 2 after playing the wrong ball and failing to rectify it before teeing off on the following hole.