

The Ally Challenge

Warwick Hills Golf & Country Club | Grand Blanc, Michigan | September 14-16, 2018

Second-Round Notes

Saturday, September 15, 2018

Course Setup: Par 72 / 7,040 yards (R2 average: 70.250; Cumulative: 70.414)

Weather: Mostly sunny with a high in the low 80s. Wind from the NE at 4-8 mph.

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	Player	To Par	Scores
T1.	Scott McCarron	-10	71-63 – 134
T1.	Tom Lehman	-10	67-67 – 134
T1.	Jeff Maggert	-10	66-68 – 134
T4.	Mark O'Meara	-9	71-64 – 135
T4.	Tom Byrum	-9	69-66 – 135
T4.	Paul Broadhurst	-9	67-68 – 135
T4.	Esteban Toledo	-9	66-69 – 135

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- [PGATOURmedia.com](#) (transcripts and other resources available for download)

Scott McCarron, 71-63 – 134 (-10)

- McCarron birdied his last three holes of the day, including a [chip-in birdie](#) on the ninth hole, en route to a 9-under 63. It's the second time he shot 63 in his last three rounds, as he won the Shaw Charity Classic after carding a 7-under 63 on Sunday.
- Should he go on to win, McCarron would be the first player to win back-to-back events since Bernhard Langer, who did it twice in 2017.
- Entering this week, McCarron has four wins in nine tries when he starts the final round as a leader/co-leader. He is 0-for-2 when in that position this year (T3/KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship, T4/Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship).
- All eight of McCarron's wins on PGA TOUR Champions have been by one stroke or by playoff. In two of his victories, he opened with a score in the 70s (70/2018 American Family Insurance Championship, 71/2017 DICK'S Sporting Goods Open).
- McCarron will play in Sunday's final group for the fifth time in 20 starts this season.

Tournament	Final Round	Finish
Toshiba Classic	68 (-3)	T2
KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship	70 (-1)	T3
Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship	71 (-1)	T4
Boeing Classic	72 (E)	T6

- McCarron is one of four players with multiple wins this season (American Family Insurance Championship, Shaw Charity Classic) and he is No. 2 in the Charles Schwab Cup.
- If McCarron wins Sunday, he would overtake Miguel Angel Jimenez and claim the top spot in the Charles Schwab Cup for the first time in his career. Additionally, he would become the seventh player to lead the standings this season, tying the Tour record (seven players led in 2015).

Tom Lehman, 67-67 – 134 (-10)

- Lehman [birdied the 18th hole](#) to cap off a 5-under 67 and earn a share of the lead at 10-under through 36 holes.
- Entering the final round, Lehman has led/co-led eight times, and he has won on five of those occasions. The last time he was a leader/co-leader entering the final round was the 2014 Encompass Championship.
- Lehman will play in Sunday's final group for the first time since the 2017 Cologuard Classic, which he won after carding a final-round 66.
- In 10 starts at the Buick Open, Lehman posted three top-10s with his best being a T2 in 1999.
- In June, Lehman won the weather-shortened Principal Charity Classic, his 11th victory on PGA TOUR Champions. He has seven top-10s this season and is currently 16th in the Charles Schwab Cup.

Jeff Maggert, 66-68 – 134 (-10)

- Maggert is part of the three-way tie for the lead after carding a second-round 68. Before Saturday, Maggert had failed to break par in his last four second rounds. The last time he started with two under-par rounds was at the Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship.
- Maggert has started the final round as a leader/co-leader five times, and he has won twice. Most recently, he was a co-leader after 54 holes at this year's Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship; he ended up losing to Vijay Singh in a playoff.
- Maggert's last win was the 2015 DICK'S Sporting Goods Open, and a win Sunday would be his first in 67 starts.
- In 14 starts at the Buick Open, Maggert posted two top-10s with his best being a T6 in 2000.
- A five-time winner on PGA TOUR Champions, Maggert has five top-10s this season, including runner-up finishes at the Inseperity Invitational and the Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship. He is coming off a T13 finish at the Shaw Charity Classic and is currently 15th in the Charles Schwab Cup.

Mark O'Meara, 71-64 – 135 (-9)

- O'Meara, an Ally brand ambassador, started on No. 10 and birdied seven of his first eight holes en route to a 6-under 30. The round of 8-under 64 is one off his career-best on PGA TOUR Champions, and it's his best score since he shot 7-under 64 at the 2016 Pacific Links Bear Mountain Championship.
- His career-low round in 18 starts at the Buick Open was 64 (R3/1984), and his best finish was T2 in 2002.
- O'Meara is the fifth-oldest player in the field (he will be 61 years, 8 months, 3 days on Sunday). Should he go on to win, he would be the seventh-oldest winner in PGA TOUR Champions history. Entering this week, 19 players have won 26 tournaments at the age of 60 or older.
- O'Meara has two career wins on PGA TOUR Champions, the last being the 2010 Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship. If he wins Sunday, it would mark the second-longest gap between victories in Tour history (7 years, 11 months, 6 days).
- In 13 starts this year, his best finish was T13 at the Regions Tradition and Bass Pro Shops Legends of Golf, and he is currently 66th in the Charles Schwab Cup.

Paul Broadhurst, 67-68 – 135 (-9)

- Broadhurst birdied six of his first seven holes en route to a 5-under 31 on the front nine. He bogeyed Nos. 13 and 17 coming in and is T4 after a 4-under 68.
- Broadhurst is one of eight players in the field that did not play the Buick Open on the PGA TOUR.
- All four of his wins on PGA TOUR Champions have been final-round comebacks.
- Earlier this year Benton Harbor, Michigan, Broadhurst won the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship, his second senior major victory. Broadhurst is one of four players with multiple wins this season and he is No. 8 in the Charles Schwab Cup.

Other Notes

- So far this year, a leader/co-leader heading into the final round has gone on to win seven out of 20 tournaments.
- This year's champions have come out of Sunday's final group 13 times and the second-to-last group seven times.
- **Tom Byrum** is T3 at 9-under after carding a second-round 66, his best score this season. He was medalist at PGA TOUR Champions Q-School in December 2017 and earned fully-exempt status for this season. His best finish this year was T8 at the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship, and he's currently 43rd in the Charles Schwab Cup.
- Coming off a season-best eighth-place finish at the Shaw Charity Classic, **Esteban Toledo** is T4 at 9-under after carding a second-round 69.
- The field includes 10 players who won the Buick Open when it was played at Warwick Hills.
 - **Kenny Perry** – T10 (-7)
 - **Vijay Singh** – T10 (-7)
 - **Rocco Mediate** – T22 (-5)
 - **Dan Forsman** – T31 (-4)
 - **Woody Austin** – T36 (-3)
 - **Fred Couples** – T46 (-2)
 - **Billy Mayfair** – T46 (-2)
 - **Scott Verplank** – T46 (-2)
 - **Larry Mize** – T64 (+1)
 - **Tom Pernice Jr.** – T73 (+4)