



The Senior Open Championship presented by Rolex

Old Course at St. Andrews | St. Andrews, Scotland | July 26-29, 2018

Final Second-Round Notes

Saturday, July 28, 2018

Play resumed Saturday at 7 a.m. with six groups left to complete their second rounds. Third-round tee times will run from 9:35 a.m. – 1:45 p.m. BST, with groups of three teeing off the No. 1 tee.

Course Setup: Par 72 / 7,216 yards (R2 average: 73.079; Cumulative: 72.922)

Cut: 72 players made the cut at 1-over.

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	Player	To Par	Scores
T1.	Miguel Angel Jimenez	-9	68-67 – 135
T1.	Stephen Ames	-9	66-69 – 135
T3.	Bernhard Langer	-8	67-69 – 136
T3.	Kirk Triplett	-8	65-71 – 136
T3.	Jeff Sluman	-8	68-68 – 136

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Miguel Angel Jimenez, 68-67 – 135 (-9)

- After starting 2-over through four holes, Jimenez made five birdies and one eagle (No. 14) en route to a 67. His 31 on the inward nine is the best by any player through two rounds.
- Jimenez is a 36-hole leader/co-leader at a major for the second time this season. At the Regions Tradition in May, he shared the lead at the midway point and went on to win his first senior major.
- Jimenez and Jerry Kelly are the only two players with top-10s in each of the first four majors this year, and entering the week Jimenez led the Tour in scoring average at majors (68.25).
- He played in four Open Championships at St. Andrews, and his best finish was T26 in 2000.
- Jimenez has three top-10s in four starts at The Senior Open Championship, with his best being a T3 in 2016.
- In all, Jimenez has eight top-10s this season and is No. 3 in the Charles Schwab Cup.

Stephen Ames, 66-69 – 135 (-9)

- Ames began his second round at 5:20 p.m. and was 3-under through 17 holes when play was suspended due to darkness. After bogeying Nos. 2 and 3, Ames rebounded with birdies on Nos. 9-10 and 14-16. He completed his second round Saturday morning with a par on the 18th hole.
- In two previous starts at The Senior Open, Ames finished T18 in 2016 and T22 in 2015. In the 2005 Open Championship at St. Andrews, he missed the cut (76-74).
- Ames' best finish this season was a T10 at the American Family Insurance Championship, and he's currently No. 48 in the Charles Schwab Cup.

Bernhard Langer, 67-69 – 136 (-8)

- Langer carded a bogey-free 69 to move into a three-way tie for second. Through two rounds, he has hit 33 of 36 greens in regulation.
- If Langer goes on to win, he would become the second player in Tour history to win a major four times. Four of Hale Irwin's seven major titles came at the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship (1996, 1997, 1998, 2004).
- Langer's 10 major victories are the most all-time, and he is the only player to win all five majors and complete the "Senior Slam."
- This season, he has four runner-up finishes and a win at the In斯perity Invitational, his 37th career victory on Tour. The four-time Charles Schwab Cup champion is currently No. 4 in the standings.

Jeff Sluman, 68-68 – 136 (-8)

- Sluman carded a 31 on the outward nine, but a double bogey on No. 13 derailed his inward half and he finished with a second straight 68. Through two rounds, he has 11 birdies, one bogey and one double bogey.
- Since turning 50 in 2007, Sluman has played in every senior major – a streak of 56 consecutive starts. He has 14 career top-10s in majors, but only one at The Senior Open Championship (T9/2015).
- His best finish this season was a tie for eighth at the Mitsubishi Electric Classic, and he's currently No. 40 in the Charles Schwab Cup.

Kirk Triplett, 65-71 – 136 (-8)

- A bogey from the Valley of Sin on the 18th hole punctuated a second-round 71.
- Triplett is making his fourth start at The Senior Open and first since 2015. His best finish was T8 at Royal Porthcawl in 2014.
- In April at the Bass Pro Shops Legends of Golf at Big Cedar Lodge, Triplett holed a bunker shot for birdie on the first playoff hole to secure the victory with partner Paul Broadhurst. It was his sixth career win on PGA TOUR Champions. This season, he has three top-10s and is currently No. 19 in the Charles Schwab Cup.

Tom Watson, 69-68 – 137 (-7)

- Watson carded five birdies, including the 17th hole, en route to a second-round 68. Only 12 birdies have been made on No. 17 through two rounds.
- It is the ninth time Watson has shot or bettered his age on PGA TOUR Champions, and the third time this season. It marks the seventh time a player has shot or bettered his age at The Senior Open. Watson also shot his age (67) in the third round at last year's Senior Open.
- On Sunday, Watson will be 68 years, 10 months, 25 days old.
 - **Oldest player to win on PGA TOUR Champions:** Mike Fetchick (63 years to the day), 1985 Hilton Head Seniors Invitational
 - **Oldest player to win a senior major:** Jock Hutchison (62 years, 7 months, 5 days), 1947 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship
 - **Oldest player to win The Senior Open:** Gary Player (61 years, 8 months, 26 days), 1997
 - **Oldest player to finish top five in a senior major:** Hale Irwin (66 years, 11 months, 24 days) finished third at the 2012 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship
- Like Langer, Watson is a three-time Senior Open champion and with a win, he would become just the second player to win the same senior major four times.
- In all, Watson has six major titles and 14 wins on PGA TOUR Champions. His last win came at the 2011 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship at the age of 61 years, 8 months, 25 days.

Other Player Notes

- **Vijay Singh** carded a second-round 69 and is T5 at 7-under. He is coming off his first senior major win at the Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship, and if he goes on to win this week he'd be the first player to win back-to-back majors since Bernhard Langer (2017 Regions Tradition, KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship). On the PGA TOUR, he won in consecutive starts five times (once in 2008, three times in 2004, once in 1998).
- Sweden's **Jarmo Sandelin** is T6 at 7-under (68-69). The 51-year-old earned entry into the field by finishing No. 17 on the Staysure Tour's 2017 Order of Merit. This season on the Staysure Tour, his best finish is a T2 at the Swiss Seniors Open and he's No. 17 on the Order of Merit.

- Scotland's **Sandy Lyle** carded the day's best round, a 6-under 66, and is T12 at 5-under. His round included birdies on four of his first five holes, as well as an eagle on the par-5 14th. He played in eight Open Championships at St. Andrews, and his best finish was T14 in 1984.
- Lyle's fellow countryman **Colin Montgomerie** is also T12 after carding a bogey-free 68. A day after playing the last seven holes in 4-over, Montgomerie carded nine pars on the inward nine.
- **John Daly**, winner of the 1995 Open Championship at St. Andrews, is T45 at 1-under (69-74).
- **Nick Faldo**, winner of the 1990 Open Championship at St. Andrews, missed the cut after rounds of 76-73.