



Cologuard Classic

Omni Tucson National | Tucson, Arizona | March 1-3, 2019

Second-Round Notes

Saturday, March 2, 2019

Course Setup: Par 73 / 7,255 yards (R2: 72.447; Cumulative: 72.153)

Weather: Partly cloudy with a high of 82. Wind from the W at 10-20 mph.

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	Player	To Par	Scores
1.	Mark O'Meara	-10	66-70—136
T2.	Kirk Triplett	-9	68-69—137
T2.	Scott McCarron	-9	67-70—137
T2.	Willie Wood	-9	66-71—137
T5.	Darren Clarke	-8	70-68—138
T5.	Steve Stricker	-8	66-72—138
T5.	Kenny Perry	-8	65-73—138

Quick Links:

- [Leaderboard](#)
- [Final Round Tee Times](#) (10:10 a.m. – 12:10 p.m. MT off Nos. 1 and 10)
- PGATOURmedia.com (transcripts and other resources available for download)

Mark O'Meara, 66-70—136

- O'Meara carded five birdies en route to a 3-under 70 to compliment his 7-under 66 opening round.
- It is the fifth time O'Meara has led/co-led entering the final round. He has converted one of those leads into a victory (2010 KitchenAid SENIOR PLAYERS Championship).
- In four starts at the Cologuard Classic, O'Meara's best finish was third place in 2015.
- O'Meara's last victory on PGA TOUR Champions was the 2010 KitchenAid SENIOR PLAYERS Championship on October 10, 2010; 8 years, 4 months and 20 days ago. The longest time between victories on PGA TOUR Champions was Craig Stadler when he won the 2004 SAS Championship and 2013 Encompass Championship 8 years, 8 months and 28 days apart. Should O'Meara go on to win, his length of time would be the second longest in PGA TOUR Champions history.
- O'Meara owns two victories on PGA TOUR Champions, 15 runner-up finishes, and 61 finishes in the top 10.
- At 62-years-old, 1 month, and 17 days, O'Meara would become the fourth-oldest player in PGA TOUR Champions history to win. (O'Meara is second-oldest in the field behind Tom Kite, 69).

Second-Round Lead Notes

- The largest 36-hole lead in tournament history occurred in 2017 when a second-round 63 gave **Steve Stricker** a three-shot cushion heading into the final round. **Tom Lehman** ultimately won by one stroke.
- In the four-year history of the Cologuard Classic, **Marco Dawson** is the only 36-hole leader to go on and win the tournament. Dawson carded rounds of 67-67 to lead by one on his way to earning the title in 2015.
- Through three events, **Bernhard Langer** at the Oasis Championship is the only 36-hole leader to go on to win in 2019. In 2018, 10 leaders/co-leaders entering the final round went on to win.
- With **Tom Lehman** (United States), **Bernhard Langer** (Germany) and **Miguel Angel Jimenez** (Spain) winning the first three events of 2019, three different countries have been represented with each winner. The last time the first four events of a season were won by players from four different countries was in 1991:
 - Bruce Crampton – Australia (Infiniti Senior Tournament of Champions)
 - Gary Player – South Africa (Royal Caribbean Classic)
 - Bob Charles – New Zealand (GTE Suncoast Classic)
 - Lee Trevino – United States (Aetna Challenge)

Kirk Triplett, 68-69—137

- Triplett carded five birdies en route to a 4-under 69 for a 9-under 137 total, to move six places up the leaderboard and sit in a three-way tie for second entering the final round.
- It is the sixth time in his PGA TOUR Champions career that Triplett has been in second place or tied for second place entering the final round. He has never converted second place into a victory.
- In the second round, Triplett ranked T2 in the field for putting (26 on 15).
- Triplett posted two finishes in the top 20 in his first three starts in 2019. His best was a T13 finish at the Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai.
- Triplett owns six victories and seven runner-up finishes on PGA TOUR Champions. Last year, he won the Bass Pro Shops Legends of Golf at Big Cedar Lodge with Paul Broadhurst, finished runner-up at the Shaw Charity Classic and the PURE Insurance Championship and posted nine finishes in the top 10.

Scott McCarron, 67-70—137

- McCarron carded five birdies en route to a 3-under 70 to compliment his 6-under 67 opening round to move five places up the leaderboard and into a three-way tie for second place.
- Should he go on to win, it would be his fifth come-from-behind victory in the final round. Each time McCarron has won by one stroke.
 - 2016 Principal Charity Classic – he was T6 and trailed by two; he shot a final-round 65 and won by one.
 - 2017 Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship – he was T3 and trailed by six; he shot a final round 66 and won by one.
 - 2018 American Family Insurance Championship – he was T6 and trailed by two; he shot a final-round 64 and won by one.
 - 2018 Shaw Charity Classic – he was in fourth place and trailed by three; he carded a hole-in-one on the 14th hole with a 7-under 63 final round score.
- In addition to his two victories in 2018, McCarron finished runner-up at the Toshiba Classic and posted 13 finishes in the top 10.
- McCarron owns eight victories, six runner-up finishes and 30 finishes in the top 10 on PGA TOUR Champions.

Willie Wood, 66-71—137

- Wood carded three birdies in the second round en route to a 2-under 71 to compliment his 7-under 66 opening round. He sits in a three-way tie for second entering Sunday.
- Wood ranks first in the field in scrambling (13 of 14).
- It is the third time on PGA TOUR Champions he has been in second place or tied for second place entering the final round. He has never converted this position into a win.
- In four starts at the Cologuard Classic, Wood's best finish was T23 in 2017.

- Wood owns two victories on PGA TOUR Champions (2012 DICK'S Sporting Goods Open, 2012 Pacific Links Hawaii Championship), and 10 finishes in the top 10.

Other Notes

- First-round leader, **Kenny Perry** carded an even-par 73 in the second round to sit in a three-way tie for fifth place entering Sunday.
- **Lee Janzen** recorded the lowest round of the day with a 7-under 66. He sits T8 at 7-under 139.
- Making his first of three start of the season, MLB Hall of Fame member **John Smoltz** carded a 1-over 74 to sit T56 entering the final round.
- With a 2-over 75 in the second round, **Woody Austin** (2016 Cologuard Classic champion) ended his streak of 37 rounds consecutive rounds of par or better. He was one round away from breaking the Tour record (38). The streak dated back to his second-round 67 at the Boeing Classic in August 2018.
- The field includes two University of Arizona alums (both playing as sponsor exemptions):
 - **David Berganio Jr.**: 71-71—142 (T17)
 - **Robert Gamez**: 73-72—145 (T42)
- The field included four past champions of the Cologuard Classic:
 - **Steve Stricker** (2018): 66-72—138 (T5)
 - **Tom Lehman** (2017): 70-70—140 (T11)
 - **Woody Austin** (2016): 70-75—145 (T42)
 - **Marco Dawson** (2015): 70-77—147 (T56)
- The field includes six winners of the former PGA TOUR event, the Tucson Open:
 - **Kirk Triplett** (2006): 68-69—137 (T2)
 - **Jeff Sluman** (1997): 71-74—145 (T42)
 - **Larry Mize** (1993): 74-70—144 (T34)
 - **Lee Janzen** (1992): 73-66—139 (T8)
 - **Robert Gamez** (1990): 73-72—145 (T42)
 - **David Frost** (1988): 72-76—148 (T62)
- In 2018, the 469-yard, par-4 18th was the hardest closing hole on Tour (4.452 average) and it was the sixth-toughest hole overall. The second round it played to a 4.305 average.
- **Retief Goosen**, who will be inducted into the Hall of Fame in June, withdrew prior to his second round. Goosen fractured his ring finger on his right hand when he used driver teeing off on the 12th hole on Friday.
- **Tommy Armour III** withdrew after his 13th hole of the second round due to a neck injury.
- Oscar De La Hoya and Chuck Cecil (The Athletes) defeated Alfonso Ribeiro and Greg Kinnear (The Actors) in the Cologuard Classic Celebrity Challenge. Following the round Exact Sciences, makers of Cologuard, made a \$50,000 donation in the name of De La Hoya and Cecil to the Colon Cancer Alliance. De La Hoya announced Golden Boy Promotions, his boxing and mixed martial arts promotions firm, would match the donation to the Colon Cancer Alliance for a total donation of \$100,000.