



Cologuard Classic

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Final-Round Notes

Sunday, March 3, 2019

Course Setup: Par 73 / 7,255 yards (R3: 72.566; Cumulative: 72.291)

Weather: Partly cloudy with a high of 77. Wind from the NW at 6-12 mph.

Summary: **Mark O'Meara** ended an eight-year drought when he won the 2019 Cologuard Classic by closing with a 7-under 66 for a four-shot victory. At 8 years, 4 months and 21 days, it is the second-longest gap between victories on Tour. The 62-year-old became the fourth-oldest winner in PGA TOUR Champions history.

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	Player	To Par	Scores
1.	Mark O'Meara	-17	66-70-66—202
T2	Willie Wood	-13	66-71-69—206
T2	Darren Clarke	-13	70-68-68—206
T2	Kirk Triplett	-13	68-69-69—206
T2	Scott McCarron	-13	67-70-69—206

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Mark O'Meara, 66-70-66—202

- O'Meara opened his week at the Cologuard Classic carding eight consecutive birdies in the first round to match the Tour record, followed by a 3-under 70 in the second round and a field-best 7-under 66 in the final round. He finished at 17-under 202 to claim his third victory on PGA TOUR Champions.
- O'Meara's 17-under-par total tied his lowest total in an individual event of his PGA TOUR Champions career. Previously, he posted 17-under at the 2007 Insperity Invitational (runner-up) and 2009 Boeing Classic (runner-up).
- 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 21 days ago. It is the second-longest length of time between victories on PGA TOUR Champions (first is Craig Stadler when he won the 2004 SAS Championship and 2013 Encompass Championship 8 years, 8 months and 28 days apart).
- While the victory is just the third of O'Meara's PGA TOUR Champions career, he owns 21 top-three finishes, with one falling at the 2015 Cologuard Classic (solo-third) where he wound up three back of winner Marco Dawson.

- O'Meara's first two victories on PGA TOUR Champions came via playoffs. The four-shot margin of victory on Sunday represented the second-largest of his career between 21 career wins on the PGA TOUR, European Tour and PGA TOUR Champions. O'Meara won his inaugural PGA TOUR title by five shots at the 1984 Greater Milwaukee Open.
- In nine career starts at the PGA TOUR's Tucson Open, O'Meara posted just one top-25 finish – a T2 effort in 1988 when he fell five shots short of winner David Frost at nearby TPC StarPass.
- It is just the second time on PGA TOUR Champions O'Meara has converted a 36-hole lead into a victory (2010 KitchenAid SENIOR PLAYERS Championship) and the second time this year a 36-hole leader has won (Bernhard Langer, Oasis Championship).
- In the five-year history of the Cologuard Classic, O'Meara joins Marco Dawson (2015) as the only 36-hole leader to go on and win the tournament.
- O'Meara now owns three victories on PGA TOUR Champions, 15 runner-up finishes, and 62 finishes in the top 10.
- At 62-years-old, 1 month, and 17 days, O'Meara becomes the fourth-oldest player in PGA TOUR Champions history to win.
 - The average age of a champion through the first four events is 59, up six years from the first four events in 2018.

Willie Wood, 66-71-69—206

- Wood carded a bogey-free 4-under 69 in the final round to compliment his 2-under 71 in the second round and 7-under 66 in the opening round. He finished at 13-under 206 in a four-way tie for second.
- Wood's T2 finish in Tucson is his best on PGA TOUR Champions since winning the 2012 Pacific Links Hawaii Championship – his second of two wins that year. In 139 career starts on Tour, he has only one other top-three finish.
- In four prior starts at the Cologuard Classic, Wood registered just one top-25 finish – a 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.

Darren Clarke, 70-68-68—206

- Clarke carded six birdies, including a 50-foot putt to make birdie on the final hole. He finished at 13-under 206 in a four-way tie for second.
- Clarke's T2 finish marks his first top-five effort in a PGA TOUR-sanctioned event since winning the 2011 Open Championship – a span of 7 years, 7 months and 14 days.
- Clarke made his PGA TOUR Champions debut last year at the Boeing Classic, where he posted a T24 finish, the best of his 2018 season. This year, he posted a T10 finish at the Oasis Championship and a T16 finish at the Chubb Classic.

Kirk Triplett, 68-69-69—206

- Triplett carded five birdies en route to a 4-under 69 for a 13-under 206 total and finish runner-up for the seventh time on PGA TOUR Champions.
- Triplett ranked second in the field in putting (1.674 putts per GIR).
- He has now posted three finishes in the top 20 in his first four starts in 2019. Triplett's best was a T13 finish at the Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai.
- Last year, Triplett 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, 67-70-69—206

- McCarron carded six birdies on his final nine holes en route to a 4-under 69 final round. He finished at 13-under 206 for his seventh runner-up finish on PGA TOUR Champions.

- McCarron has not recorded a round over par in four events this season (15 rounds), his longest-streak since joining PGA TOUR Champions in 2015.
- McCarron's success came on the par-5s as he was 12-under for the tournament.
- His T2 finish is his best finish in four starts at the Cologuard Classic.
- McCarron now owns eight victories, seven runner-up finishes and 40 finishes in the top 10 on PGA TOUR Champions.

Other Notes

- Defending champion, **Steve Stricker** carded a final-round 3-under 70 to finish at 11-under 208 in a four-way tie for sixth place. It was his best finish in three starts this year on PGA TOUR Champions.
- **David Toms** (T6) moved 10 places up the leaderboard when he carded a 6-under 67 in the final round. Toms finished 11-under 208 for his 21st top-10 finish in his PGA TOUR Champions career.
- **Brandt Jobe** (T6) carded a final-round 4-under 69 to finish at 11-under 208, for his best finish in four starts this year.
- **Kevin Sutherland** (T6) carded a bogey-free final-round 6-under 67 to finish at 11-under 208 for his fourth top-15 finish in four starts this year.
- First-round leader, **Kenny Perry** carded a final-round even-par to finish at 11-under 208 (T11), his best finish in four starts at the Cologuard Classic.
- Making his first of three start of the season, MLB Hall of Fame member **John Smoltz** carded rounds of 73-74-73—220 for a T53 finish.
- The field included two University of Arizona alums (both playing as sponsor exemptions):
 - **David Berganio Jr.**: 71-71-75—217 (T33)
 - **Robert Gamez**: 73-72-72—217 (T33)
- The field included four past champions of the Cologuard Classic:
 - **Steve Stricker** (2018): 73-67-68—208 (T6)
 - **Tom Lehman** (2017): 70-70-72—212 (T15)
 - **Woody Austin** (2016): 70-75-73—218 (T44)
 - **Marco Dawson** (2015): 70-77-72—219 (T47)
- The field included six winners of the former PGA TOUR event, the Tucson Open:
 - **Kirk Triplett** (2006): 68-69-69—206 (T2)
 - **Jeff Sluman** (1997): 71-74-74—219 (T47)
 - **Larry Mize** (1993): 74-70-73—217 (T33)
 - **Lee Janzen** (1992): 73-66-70—209 (10th)
 - **Robert Gamez** (1990): 73-72-72—217 (T33)
 - **David Frost** (1988): 72-76-77—225 (T68)
- 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 final round it played to a 4.197 average.