



Hoag Classic

Newport Beach Country Club | Newport Beach, California | March 8-10, 2019

Second-Round Notes

Saturday, March 9, 2019

Course Setup: Par 71 / 6,552 yards (R2: 70.067; Cumulative: 70.829)

Weather: Mixture of sunshine and clouds. Winds out of the WSW at 10-15 mph.

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	Player	To Par	Scores
1.	Fran Quinn	-11	64-67—131
T2.	David McKenzie	-8	68-66—134
T2.	David Toms	-8	67-67—134
T4.	Kirk Triplett	-7	70-65—135
T4.	Esteban Toledo	-7	70-65—135
T4.	Woody Austin	-7	68-67—135

Quick Links:

- [Leaderboard](#)
- [Final Round Tee Times](#) (10:25 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. PT)
- [PGATOURmedia.com](#) (transcripts and other resources available for download)

Fran Quinn, 64-67—131 (-11)

- Quinn carded six birdies including on Nos. 17 and 18 to finish at 4-under 67 to lead by three-shots entering the final round.
- It is the first time in his PGA TOUR Champions career he has led/co-lead entering the final round on PGA TOUR Champions.
- The Massachusetts native is making his second start at the Hoag Classic and is playing on a sponsor's exemption. Last year, after gaining entry as an alternate when **Doug Garwood** withdrew due to the flu, Quinn exited the opening round T2, ultimately finishing T6 after rounds of 67-70-69--206 (-7).
- This year, Quinn's best finish through three events is T25 at the Chubb Classic.
- Quinn owns two third-place finishes, six top-10 finishes and 19 top-25 finishes on PGA TOUR Champions. He never won on the PGA TOUR, but owns four victories on the Web.com Tour (led the 2010 Panama Championship entering the final round).

Second-Round Notes

- So far this year a leader/co-leader heading into the final round has gone on to win 50 percent of the time (two in four tournaments).
- This year's champions have come out of Sunday's final group three times. Miguel Angel Jimenez at the Chubb Classic played in the sixth-to-last group.
- Five-strokes is the largest 36-hole lead in tournament history (1996, Jim Colbert; 2016, Jay Haas).

- The largest come-from-behind victory at the Hoag Classic was by five strokes twice (1998, Hale Irwin; 2001, Jose Maria Canizares).
- Two sponsor exemptions (Fran Quinn and Esteban Toledo) are in contention entering the final round. The last sponsor exemption to go on to win was John Daly at the 2017 Insperity Invitational.

David McKenzie, 68-66—134 (-8)

- Australian David McKenzie carded six birdies en route to a 5-under 66, his lowest round since shooting a 7-under 63 at the 2018 Sanford International.
- This is McKenzie's second start at the Hoag Classic. He finished in 65th place last year.
- It is the first time McKenzie has entered the final round in second place. He co-led the second round of the 2017 Pacific Links Bear Mountain Championship, but ultimately finished T3.
- In 2018, McKenzie finished T3 at the Rapisan Systems Classic and the Invesco QQQ Championship. This year, McKenzie best finish is T11 at the Chubb Classic,

David Toms, 67-67—134 (-8)

- Toms carded five birdies on the back nine, including back-to-back birdies on Nos. 17 and 18 to finish at 4-under 67 to match his opening round score.
- He is making his second start at the Hoag Classic. Last year he finished in fifth place.
- Toms has recorded every round under par this season (14), his longest streak since joining the Tour in 2017.
- Toms opened the season with a runner-up finish at the Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai followed by a fourth-place finish at the Oasis Championship. Last week, Toms finished T6 at the Cologuard Classic.
- Toms owns one victory (2018 U.S. Senior Open), two runner-up finishes and 21 top-10 finishes on PGA TOUR Champions.

Kirk Triplett, 70-65—135 (-7)

- Triplett carded seven birdies en route to a 6-under 65, his lowest of the year. He enters the final round T4..
- Triplett is making his sixth start at the Hoag Classic. His best finish came in 2014 when he carded rounds of 66-67-68 for a 12-under 201 finish (T10).
- Last week at the Cologuard Classic, Triplett finished runner-up. He has posted three top-10 finishes in four starts this year.
- In 2018, Triplett won the Bass Pro Shops Legends of Golf with Paul Broadhurst, finished runner-up at the Shaw Charity Classic and PURE Insurance Championship and posted nine finishes in the top 10.

Esteban Toledo, 70-65—135 (-7)

- Playing as a sponsor exemption, Toledo carded a bogey-free 6-under 65 in the second round to sit T4.
- Resident of Irvine, California, Toledo is making his sixth appearance at the Hoag Classic. He has finished every year but one inside the top 20 (T39, 2015).
- In 2018, Toledo posted one finish inside the top 10 (8th, Shaw Charity Classic) and eight finishes in the top 25. This year, Toledo finished T46 at the Oasis Championship and T34 at the Chubb Classic.
- Toledo has a strong connection to the Hoag Classic, as he met his wife at Newport Beach Country Club and his daughter was born at Hoag Hospital.

Woody Austin, 68-67—135 (-7)

- Austin carded a bogey-free 4-under 67 to enter the final round T4.
- It is the seventh time on PGA TOUR Champions he has entered the final round T4. He has converted that position into a victory twice (2016 Cologuard Classic; 2018 Dominion Energy Charity Classic).
- Austin is making his fourth start at the Hoag Classic. He has not carded a round over par at Newport Beach Country Club and has not finished outside the top 25. His best finish came in his first appearance in 2015 (T9).
- In four starts this year, Austin has two finishes in the top five (T5, Oasis Championship; T4, Chubb Classic).
- In 2018, Austin won the Dominion Energy Charity Classic, finished runner-up at the Principal Energy Charity Classic and posted 10 finishes in the top 10.

Other Notes

- **Jeff Maggert** carded a career-best 8-under 63 for the lowest round in the field when he landed eagles on Nos. 10 and 15 and four birdies (T19).
- The field includes five members of the World Golf Hall of Fame:
 - **Fred Couples:** T15 (-4)
 - **Tom Kite:** T73 (+12)
 - **Sandy Lyle:** T60 (+3)
 - **Jose Maria Olazabal:** T43 (Even)
 - **Mark O'Meara:** T55 (+2)
- The field includes four past champions of the Hoag Classic:
 - **Duffy Waldorf (2015):** T25 (-2)
 - **Fred Couples (2010, 2014):** T15 (-4)
 - **David Frost (2013):** 72 (+9)
 - **Loren Roberts (2012):** T64 (+5)