

# Invesco QQQ Championship

Sherwood Country Club | Thousand Oaks, CA | November 1-3, 2019

Tournament 2 of 3 in the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs

# Second-Round Notes Saturday, November 2, 2019

Course Setup: Par 72 / 6,983 vards (R2 average: 71.176; Cumulative: 71.00) Weather: Mostly sunny skies with a high of 81. Winds out of the NW 5-10 mph. Media Contacts: Laura Vescovi (904-465-5924); Jackie Servais (303-249-6439)

	Player	To Par	Scores	Schwab Cup Standings	
				Start	Projected
1.	Retief Goosen	-10	68-66—134	7th	3rd
T2.	Bernhard Langer	-9	70-65—135	4th	4th
T2.	Fred Couples	-9	70-65—135	32nd	19th
T4.	Scott Parel	-8	70-66—136	8th	5th
T4.	Miguel Angel Jimenez	-8	66-70—136	10th	8th

### **Quick Links:**

- Leaderboard
- Final round tee times (8:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. off No. 1)
- Final round Golf Channel coverage: 12:30 4:00 PST •
- PGATOURmedia.com (transcripts and other resources available for download)

# Retief Goosen, 68-66-134 (-10)

Charles Schwab Cup standings – Start:7th / Projected: 3rd

- Playing in the second Playoffs event for the first time in his career, Goosen carded a 4-under 68 in the opening round. On Saturday, he was bogey-free on the first nine holes with five birdies and in a three-way tie for the lead until birdieing the par-4 14<sup>th</sup> hole to take a solo-lead.
- It is the first time on PGA TOUR Champions he has lead/co-lead entering the final round. .
- On Sunday, Goosen will be 50 years, eight months, 21 days. When Goosen won his first title on PGA TOUR . Champions at this year's Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship he became the youngest player to win on Tour since Paul Goydos at the 2014 Pacific Links Championship.
- The youngest winner on Tour in 2019 is Doug Barron (51 years, 25 days) at the DICK'S Sporting Goods Open. PGA TOUR Champions has had at least one 50-year-old winner each year since the start of the 1983 season.
- In his first year on PGA TOUR Champions, Goosen has recorded one victory (Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship), one runner-up finish (American Family Insurance Championship) and 10 finishes in the top 10.
- Goosen won seven times during his Hall of Fame PGA TOUR career, including the 2004 TOUR Championship • and U.S. Open titles in 2001 and 2004.

- Sunday's pairing will mark the second time Goosen has played in the final group. The first time was at the Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship, where he went on to win.
- Sunday's final round will mark the eighth time Goosen and Langer will play together this season.

# Bernhard Langer, 70-65—135 (-9)

Charles Schwab Cup standings – Start:4th / Projected: 4th

- After opening with a 2-under 70 in the first round, Langer carded five birdies on the front nine followed by three on Nos. 10-12 at the turn to card a 7-under 65, matching the lowest round of the day.
- A win on Sunday would be...
  - His 41st victory in his 254th start on PGA TOUR Champions. He is second all-time behind Hale Irwin (45).
  - His ninth win at age 60 or older (age on Sunday: 62 years, 2 months, 7 days).
  - The ninth tournament he has won multiple times.
  - His eighth come from behind victory.
  - The seventh year on PGA TOUR Champions he has recorded three or more wins.
- Should Langer go on to win he would total 2,221,809 points, moving him into No. 3 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings, 61,556 points behind current No. 2 Jerry Kelly and 314,106 points behind Charles Schwab Cup leader Scott McCarron.
- Langer is the Tour's all-time money leader (current total \$28,335,313) and has won the money title 10 of the last 11 years. The five-time winner of the Charles Schwab Cup has two wins and 10 top-10s this season.

## Fred Couples, 70-65—135 (-9)

### Charles Schwab Cup standings – Start: 32nd / Projected: 19th

- Local favorite, Couples carded his lowest round at Sherwood Country Club with a bogey-free 7-under 65. The round is his best since carding a 63 in the second round of the Boeing Classic, his hometown event.
- Couples is competing at the Invesco QQQ Championship for the second time in his career. Last year he finished in 37th place.
- In 11 starts this season, Couples owns a runner-up finish (DICK'S Sporting Goods Open) and five finishes in the top 10.
- At No. 32 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings, Couples is looking to make his eighth appearance at the final event in Phoenix. Couples won the 2013 event and has only placed outside of the top 10 once (T12; 2017).

### Second-Round Lead Notes

- This season, 11 players have led/co-led heading into the final round and gone on to win. The last player to do so was Jerry Kelly at the Ally Challenge.
- A second-round leader/co-leader has won two of the last three years at the Invesco QQQ Championship. Last year, the eventual winner, Scott Parel was T2, one stroke back.
- Scott Parel (2018) is the only player to come from behind to win at the Invesco QQQ Championship. He was one stroke back of Miguel Angel Jimenez headed into the final round.

### **Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs Implications**

After Sunday's final round, the top-36 players in the standings will qualify for the Charles Schwab Cup Championship. Last year, Stephen Ames was the only player to start outside the top-36 and move into the top-36 and advance to the final event.

	Player	To Par	Scores	Schwab Cup Standings	
				Start	Projected
37	Tommy Tolles	-7	69-68—137	37th	26th
38	Tom Gillis	-5	67-72—139	38th	33rd
41	Gene Sauers	-6	67-71—138	41st	36th

- Charles Schwab Cup leader **Scott McCarron** (No. 1) carded an eagle on the par-5 2nd hole, followed by two birdies to finish the second round 3-under 69. He sits T8 at 5-under 139 and will hold his lead in the Charles Schwab Cup standings on Sunday.
- Defending champion **Scott Parel** (No. 8) carded two of the five par-5s to finish the second round 6-under 66. He will enter the final-round T4 at 8-under 136. Should he go on to win, it would be the first time in his career he has successfully defended a title.