



# **Principal Charity Classic**

Wakonda Club | Des Moines, Iowa | May 31 - June 2, 2019

# Final-Round Notes Sunday, June 2, 2019

Course Setup: Par 72 / 6,813 yards (R3 scoring average: 70.910; Cumulative: 70.932)

Weather: Mostly sunny with a high in the mid-70s. Wind from the NNE at 6-12 mph.

Summary: Kevin Sutherland shot a course-record 62 and erased an eight-shot deficit, the third largest in PGA TOUR Champions history, to win on the second playoff hole at the Principal Charity Classic. Sutherland made eight back-nine birdies to catch first- and second-round leader Scott Parel, who shot a final-round 70 and was unable to match Sutherland's birdie on the second extra hole.

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Note: Lift, clean and place was in effect.

	Player	To Par	Scores	Money	Schwab Cup
1.	Kevin Sutherland*	-17	72-65-62 - 199	\$277,500	3rd
2.	Scott Parel	-17	63-66-70 - 199	\$162,800	5th
3.	Jerry Kelly	-16	67-67-66-200	\$133,200	8th
4.	David Toms	-13	67-68-68-203	\$111,000	7th

\*Won with a birdie on the second playoff hole (No. 18).

## **Ouick Links:**

- Leaderboard •
- PGATOURmedia.com (transcripts and other resources available for download)

#### **Playoff information:**

- Kevin Sutherland improved his playoff record to 2-2. At the Rapiscan Systems Classic in March, he defeated • Parel on the seventh playoff hole.
- Scott Parel's playoff record fell to 0-3. ٠
- It's the fourth playoff in 19 years at the Principal Charity Classic, and first since 2014 when Tom Pernice, Jr. defeated Doug Garwood with a birdie on the second playoff hole.

#### Kevin Sutherland, 72-65-62 – 199 (-17)

- Playing in the third-to-last group, Sutherland birdied every hole on the back nine except No. 16, where he made par after he missed a five-foot birdie putt. He birdied No. 18 to earn a share of the lead with Scott Parel, who at the time had just teed off on No. 17.
- Sutherland started the final round T9 at 7-under, eight shots behind Parel. It is the third largest final-round . comeback in PGA TOUR Champions history.
  - o 10 strokes Jay Sigel (over Jim Colbert), 1994 GTE West Classic
  - o 9 strokes Allen Doyle (over Loren Roberts, Craig Stadler), 2005 U.S. Senior Open

- Sutherland's back-nine 28 is the fourth time he has broken 30 on PGA TOUR Champions.
  - 28 2019 Principal Charity Classic (back nine, final round)
  - o 28-2014 DICK'S Sporting Goods Open (front nine, second round)
  - 29 2018 Boeing Classic (back nine, second round)
  - 29 2017 Shaw Charity Classic (front nine, first round)
- His back-nine 28 is the second sub-30 nine this season. Mark O'Meara shot an 8-under 28 on the front nine in the first round of the Cologuard Classic.
- His 10-under 62 broke the course record, which was tied on Friday by Parel (63).
- His 17-under 199 total is the best 54-hole score since the tournament moved to Wakonda Club in 2013.
- It's the fifth time Sutherland has shot 62 or better on PGA TOUR Champions and it's his lowest final-round score. This marks the first time he has shot 62 or better and won.
- He opened with an even-par 72 and was T46 after the first round. It's the highest opening score by a winner at a non-major since the 2016 Mitsubishi Electric Classic (72/Woody Austin).
- Sutherland has two wins and six top-10s this season and improved to No. 3 in the Charles Schwab Cup.

#### Scott Parel, 63-66-70 - 199 (-17)

- After back-to-back bogey-free rounds, Parel bogeyed No. 2 on Sunday and was 1-over through five. He birdied Nos. 12 and 13 to get to 18-under and build a four-shot lead over Jerry Kelly and Sutherland. However, Parel played the last five holes 1-over and fell into a playoff with Sutherland.
- After needing just 23 putts in his first-round 63, Parel had 29 putts on Saturday and Sunday.
- This is his third runner-up finish of the year. He lost a seven-hole playoff to Sutherland at the Rapiscan Systems Classic and he finished two shots behind Scott McCarron at the Insperity Invitational.

### Jerry Kelly, 67-67-66 - 200 (-16)

- Trailing Sutherland and Parel by two with one hole to play, Kelly hit his 65-yard approach on the 18th hole to one foot. The tap-in birdie capped off a bogey-free 66 and a 16-under total.
- Kelly played the last 40 holes without a bogey, as his only blemish was on No. 5 (his 14th hole) on Friday.
- Kelly has four top-10s in his last five starts and improved to No. 8 in the Charles Schwab Cup.

#### **Other Notes**

- Three-time champion **Jay Haas** finished T8 and become the first player to earn more than \$1 million at the Principal Charity Classic. He earned \$53,033 and brought his total to \$1,049,426.66.
- Defending champion **Tom Lehman** carded rounds of 71-69-71 to finish T33 at 5-under. It's his first finish outside the top 10 in eight starts in Des Moines.
- Scott McCarron, Charles Schwab Cup leader and winner of the 2016 Principal Charity Classic, closed with an even-par 72 and finished T21 at 7-under. He maintained his lead for the sixth week and has a \$476,958 edge over Ken Tanigawa.
- Next week, 53 of 78 players from the field will compete in the Mastercard Japan Championship, held at Narita Golf Club-Accordia Golf in Narita-shi, Chiba, Japan.