



CHAMPIONS

SAS Championship

Prestonwood Country Club | Cary, North Carolina | October 11-13, 2019

Second-Round Notes

Saturday, October 12, 2019

Course Setup: Par 72 / 7,237 yards (R2 average: 71.282, Cumulative: 71.840)

Weather: Sunny with a high of 80. Wind from the SW at 5-10 mph.

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	Player	To Par	Scores
T1.	Doug Barron	-10	66-68 – 134
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3.	Jerry Kelly	-9	68-67 – 135
T4.	Stephen Ames	-7	71-66 – 137
T4.	Retief Goosen	-7	69-68 – 137

Quick Links:

- [Leaderboard](#)
- [Final-round tee times](#) (Golf Channel coverage: 1:30-4 p.m. ET)
- [PGATOURmedia.com](#) (transcripts and other resources available for download)

Doug Barron, 66-68 – 134 (-10)

- Barron [chipped-in for eagle on No. 12](#) to get to 11-under. He played the last six holes in 1-over and is tied for the lead after a second-round 68.
- Through 36 holes at the DICK'S Sporting Goods Open, Barron led by two at 11-under. He closed with a 6-under 66 and won by two over Fred Couples. He became the 13th open qualifier to win on Tour and first since Willie Wood won the 2012 DICK'S Sporting Goods Open.
- Barron has led/co-led after five of his 21 rounds on PGA TOUR Champions. Should he win, he would become the seventh player with multiple victories this season.
- He leads the field in putting average (1.538 putts per GIR). When he won the DICK'S Sporting Goods Open, he was 11th in the field with a 1.702 average.
- In his four starts since his victory, Barron's best finish was T21 at The Ally Challenge. He is currently 38th in the Charles Schwab Cup.

Woody Austin, 67-67 – 134 (-10)

- After a three-putt bogey on No. 13, Austin birdied Nos. 14, 17 and 18 to post a 5-under 67 and earn a share of the lead at 10-under.
- Austin leads the field with 20 one-putts through 36 holes and he is No. 2 in putting average (1.545 putts per GIR). He also tops the field with 15 birdies and leads the field in Par 4 Scoring (10-under).

- This is the first time Austin is a leader/co-leader entering the final round on PGA TOUR Champions (individual stroke play). His only 54-hole lead on the PGA TOUR was at the 2005 Valero Texas Open; he closed with a 1-under 69 and finished T3.
- Austin will play in Sunday's final group for the third time this season. Most recently, Austin and Jerry Kelly were in the final group at The Ally Challenge; Austin shot 3-under 69 and finished second to 36-hole leader Kelly, who closed with a 68 and won by two.
- Austin has nine top-10s this season and is No. 9 in the Charles Schwab Cup, and he is the defending champion of next week's Dominion Energy Charity Classic.

Second-Round Lead Notes

- This season, 11 players have led/co-led entering the final round and gone on to win. The last player to do so was Jerry Kelly at The Ally Challenge.
- In the 18-year history of the SAS Championship, 11 second-round leaders/co-leaders have gone on to win, including Bernhard Langer in 2018.

Jerry Kelly, 68-67 – 135 (-9)

- Kelly has hit 30 of 36 Greens in Regulation, best in the field. Entering this week, he was No. 3 on Tour in that category (71.72%).
- Kelly will play in Sunday's final group for the fourth time this season. On the first three occasions, he carded final rounds of 66, 69 and 68, and he won The Ally Challenge after his 4-under 68.
- This season, he has 11 top-10s, including wins at the American Family Insurance Championship and The Ally Challenge, and he has been No. 2 in the Charles Schwab Cup the last five weeks.

Other Notes

- **Stephen Ames** birdied his last four holes and posted a bogey-free 66, tied for his best score in 17 rounds at the SAS Championship. He is T4 at 7-under.
- **Retief Goosen** birdied Nos. 16 and 17 en route to a 4-under 68, breaking a streak of four consecutive second rounds of par or worse. He is T4 at 7-under.
- After [eagling No. 17](#), defending champion **Bernhard Langer** three-putted for bogey on No. 18 and posted a second-round 69. He is T6 at 6-under.
- Charles Schwab Cup leader **Scott McCarron** carded a second-round 67 and is T17 at 4-under. Regardless of how he finishes, McCarron will top the standings when the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs begin next week.
- In his tournament debut, **Davis Love III** is T31 after rounds of 73-70.

Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs

The fourth-annual Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs begin next week, and Wildcard Weekend at the SAS Championship offers another opportunity for players to earn one of the 72 postseason berths. Should a player post a top-10 finish this week but finish the regular season outside the top-72 on the Charles Schwab Cup money list, he will earn the Wildcard and qualify for the Playoffs.

- **Rod Pampling** carded a 3-under 69 and is T6. Pampling was 110th in the Charles Schwab Cup at the start of the week, and there are two ways he can qualify for the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs:
 - Win enough money to be among the top-72 players in the standings at the end of the week. As the tournament stands through two rounds, a T4 finish (one stroke better) would move him inside the top-72.
 - Finish in the top-10 of the tournament, but outside the top-72 of the final regular season standings. He is currently T6 (five-way) and projected to earn \$68,040 this week and move to 81st in the standings. If he was one stroke worse, he would be T11 for the tournament and would not earn the Wildcard.
- **Sandy Lyle** began the week 72nd in the standings. He is T63 after rounds of 72-76, and he is projected to finish 72nd in the standings and he would be the last player to qualify for the Playoffs.
- **Joey Sindelar** began the week 73rd in the standings, \$4,688 behind Lyle. After 36 holes, Sindelar is T67 at 5-over, one stroke behind Lyle.
- In all, this week's field includes 14 players outside the top-72 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings.