

The Ally Challenge

Warwick Hills Golf & Country Club | Grand Blanc, Michigan | September 13-15, 2019

Second-Round Notes

Saturday, September 14, 2019

Course Setup: Par 72 / 7,104 yards (R2 average: 71.065, Cumulative: 71.347)

Weather: Sunny with a high in the mid-70s. Wind from the W at 12-18 mph, with gusts up to 25 mph.

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	Player	To Par	Scores
1.	Jerry Kelly	-12	67-65 – 132
T2.	Scott McCarron	-11	66-67 – 133
T2.	Woody Austin	-11	68-65 – 133
T4.	Bernhard Langer	-9	68-67 – 135
T4.	Tom Gillis	-9	66-69 – 135
T4.	Jerry Smith	-9	66-69 – 135

Quick Links:

- [Leaderboard](#)
- [Final-round tee times](#) (Golf Channel coverage: 3-6 p.m. ET, tape delayed)
- [PGATOURmedia.com](#) (transcripts and other resources available for download)

Jerry Kelly, 67-65 – 132 (-12)

- Kelly made five birdies in a row (Nos. 10-14) and shot 7-under 65, tied for the day's best round.
- Through two rounds, he has hit 27 of 28 fairways; his only missed fairway was No. 13 on Saturday.
- He is 7-under on the par 4s this week, tied for best in the field. On the season, he ranks No. 3 on Tour in par-4 scoring (3.95 average).
- Kelly will start the final round as a leader/co-leader for the fifth time and first since the 2018 U.S. Senior Open. He has converted one of these leads into a victory (2017 Boeing Classic).
- This marks the third time Kelly will play in Sunday's final group this season.
 - Principal Charity Classic: final-round 66 (-6), finished third
 - U.S. Senior Open: final round 69 (-1), finished T2
- He had one top-10 (T8/2004) in four starts at the Buick Open.
- Kelly has nine top-10s this season, including a win at the American Family Insurance Championship in his hometown of Madison, Wisconsin, and is No. 2 in the Charles Schwab Cup.

Second-Round Lead Notes

- This season, 10 players have led/co-led entering the final round and gone on to win. The last player to do so was Doug Barron at the DICK'S Sporting Goods Open.
- At last year's Ally Challenge, Tom Lehman, Jeff Maggert and Scott McCarron shared the 36-hole lead at 10-under. Paul Broadhurst, the eventual winner, was T4 at 9-under through two rounds.

Scott McCarron, 66-67 – 133 (-11)

- McCarron birdied four of his last five holes Saturday en route to a 5-under 67. On Nos. 16-18, he has five birdies and one par this week.
- This marks the sixth time McCarron will play in Sunday's final group this season. He played in Sunday's final group in all three of his wins this year.
- At last year's inaugural Ally Challenge, McCarron was in a three-way tie for the lead after two rounds, but he finished T33 after a final-round 77, tied for the worst score of his PGA TOUR Champions career.
- McCarron has led the [Charles Schwab Cup standings](#) since he won the Mitsubishi Electric Classic in April, a streak of 14 consecutive weeks. He leads the Tour in scoring (69.36 average), birdies (4.24 per round) and top-10s (12), and he's coming off his third runner-up finish of the season at the Shaw Charity Classic.

Woody Austin, 68-65 – 133 (-11)

- After a bogey on the par-5 first hole, Austin closed with a back-nine 30 and shot a 7-under 65.
- Austin will play in Sunday's final group for the second time this season. At The Senior Open Championship, he closed with a final-round 73 and finished T7.
- Austin (1995) is one of nine Buick Open champions in this week's field, and seven of his 52 top-10s on the PGA TOUR came at Warwick Hills. If he goes on to win, it would be the 18th time a player has won a PGA TOUR and PGA TOUR Champions event on the same golf course.

Other Notes

- There are three players bogey-free through 36 holes: **Bernhard Langer** (T4/-9), **David Toms** (T7/-8) and **Gene Sauers** (T11/-7).
- This week, Langer is T2 in driving accuracy (26 of 28) and T5 in greens in regulation (30 of 36). The Ally Challenge is one of nine tournaments on this year's schedule that Langer has not won. He finished T8 at this event last year.
- **Tom Gillis**, the only player from Michigan (Lake Orion) in the field, is T4 at 9-under after rounds of 66-69. He has two top-10s and is 47th in the Charles Schwab Cup.
- If Gillis goes on to win, he would be the third player to win near his hometown this year. Bernhard Langer won the Oasis Championship in Boca Raton, Florida, and Jerry Kelly won the American Family Insurance Championship in Madison, Wisconsin.
- **Jerry Smith** is the third player tied for fourth at 9-under (67-68). He is looking for his first top-five finish since he tied for second at the 2018 Sanford International, and first win since the 2015 Encompass Championship.
- Defending champion **Paul Broadhurst** is T43 after rounds of 71-73 – 144.
- Two days after he turned 50 years old, **Angel Cabrera** is T43 after carding rounds of 72-72 – 144.
- The field includes nine players that won the Buick Open when it was played at Warwick Hills.
 - **Woody Austin** (1995) – T2, 68-65 – 133 (-11)
 - **Kenny Perry** (2001, 2008) – T7, 70-66 – 136 (-8)
 - **Fred Couples** (1994) – T22, 70-70 – 140 (-4)
 - **Rocco Mediate** (2000) – T47, 72-73 – 145 (+1)
 - **Larry Mize** (1993) – T47, 72-73 – 145 (+1)
 - **Dan Forsman** (1992) – T52, 76-70 – 146 (+2)
 - **Vijay Singh** (1997, 2004, 2005) – T52, 76-70 – 146 (+2)
 - **Billy Mayfair** (1998) – T59, 74-73 – 147 (+3)
 - **Tom Pernice Jr.** (1999) – T70, 75-74 – 149 (+5)
- The nine-hole celebrity shootout was a two-man scramble skins game.
 - Jack Nicklaus and Kid Rock won \$18,000 for United Way of Genesee
 - Henrik Zetterberg and Dierks Bentley won \$7,000 for Habitat for Humanity