

## The Ally Challenge

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

### Final-Round Notes

Sunday, September 15, 2019

**Course Setup:** Par 72 / 7,050 yards (R3 average: 71.697, Cumulative: 71.464)

**Weather:** Mostly cloudy with scattered showers. High in the mid-70s with wind from the SW at 10-15 mph.

**Summary:** Jerry Kelly closed with a bogey-free 68 to post a 16-under total and a two-stroke victory over Woody Austin at the second-annual Ally Challenge. It was Kelly's second win of the season and he inched closer to Charles Schwab Cup leader Scott McCarron, who finished T15.

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	Player	To Par	Scores	Money	Schwab Cup
1.	Jerry Kelly	-16	67-65-68 – 200	\$300,000	2nd
2.	Woody Austin	-14	68-65-69 – 202	\$176,000	9th
T3.	Tim Petrovic	-12	69-68-67 – 204	\$120,000	18th
T3.	Steve Flesch	-12	68-70-66 – 204	\$120,000	21st
T3.	David Toms	-12	70-66-68 – 204	\$120,000	4th

#### Quick Links:

- [Leaderboard](#)
- [PGATOURmedia.com](#) (transcripts and other resources available for download)

#### Jerry Kelly, 67-65-68 – 200 (-16)

- Kelly led by one after 36 holes, and he regained sole possession of the lead after Woody Austin bogeyed No. 5 to fall to 11-under. Kelly birdied No. 17 to stretch his lead to three, and a par on No. 18 capped a 4-under 68 and a two-stroke victory.
- Kelly was bogey-free Saturday and Sunday and played his last 45 holes without a bogey. A first-round bogey on No. 9 was his only blemish this week.
- Kelly ranked second in driving accuracy this week (38 of 42) and was sixth in putting (1.634 putts per GIR). He was 9-under on the par 4s this week, best in the field.
- This season, he has two wins, 10 top-10s and six top-three finishes. In 61 starts on PGA TOUR Champions, Kelly has five wins, 31 top-10s and 17 top-three finishes.
- Kelly won \$300,000 and maintained his No. 2 spot in the Charles Schwab Cup for the third straight week. He erased \$265,000 from his deficit behind leader Scott McCarron, who finished T15 and earned \$35,000. Kelly now trails by \$492,083 with three events remaining before the start of the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs.

### **Woody Austin, 68-65-69 – 202 (-14)**

- Austin birdied No. 3 and was tied for the lead with Kelly at 12-under. He birdied No. 14 and pulled to within one, but he was even-par on the last four holes and finished second at 14-under.
- Austin has top-20 finishes in each of his last eight starts, including five top-10s. In this span, he has a scoring average of 68.81 and he has improved from No. 15 to No. 9 in the Charles Schwab Cup.
- Austin (1995) was one of nine Buick Open champions in this week's field. Seven of his 52 top-10s on the PGA TOUR came at Warwick Hills.

### **Scott McCarron, 66-67-75 – 208 (-8)**

- McCarron played in Sunday's final group for the sixth time this season. His final-round 75 was just his third final-round score over-par this season, and he settled for a T15 finish.
- At last year's 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.
- At the start of the week, McCarron's Schwab Cup lead over Jerry Kelly was \$757,083. It is now \$492,083.

### **Other Notes**

- The day's best score was 6-under 66, shot by four players: **Steve Flesch** (T3/-12), **Retief Goosen** (6th/-11), **Angel Cabrera** (T21/-6) and **Scott Parel** (T26/-5).
- Flesch's T3 finish was his second straight third-place showing, and he has carded 12 consecutive rounds under par. He has four top-10s this year and is No. 21 in the Charles Schwab Cup.
- **David Toms** posted just one bogey this week (R3/No. 9) and finished T3 after rounds of 70-66-68. He has seven top-five finishes this season and is No. 4 in the Charles Schwab Cup.
- Toms (T5/2018, T3/2019), **Tom Lehman** (T3/2018, T7/2019) and **Bernhard Langer** (T8/2018, T7/2019) are the only three players with top-10s in the event's first two years.
- **Tim Petrovic** posted five back-nine birdies en route to a 5-under 67 and a T3 finish at 12-under. It was his fourth top-10 of the season and he's now No. 18 in the Charles Schwab Cup.
- **Tom Gillis**, the only player from Michigan (Lake Orion) in the field, shot a final-round 71 and finished T7 at 10-under. It was his third top-10 of the year and he's No. 44 in the Charles Schwab Cup.
- Defending champion **Paul Broadhurst** carded rounds of 71-73-70 – 214 and finished T41.
- The field includes nine players that won the Buick Open when it was played at Warwick Hills.
  - **Woody Austin** (1995) – 2nd, 68-65-69 – 202 (-14)
  - **Kenny Perry** (2001, 2008) – T12, 70-66-71 – 207 (-9)
  - **Fred Couples** (1994) – T12, 70-70-67 – 207 (-9)
  - **Rocco Mediate** (2000) – T33, 72-73-68 – 213 (-3)
  - **Vijay Singh** (1997, 2004, 2005) – T50, 76-70-71 – 217 (+1)
  - **Dan Forsman** (1992) – T57, 76-70-74 – 220 (+4)
  - **Tom Pernice Jr.** (1999) – T57, 75-74-71 – 220 (+4)
  - **Larry Mize** (1993) – T60, 72-73-76 – 221 (+5)
  - **Billy Mayfair** (1998) – T64, 74-73-75 – 222 (+6)
- **Olin Browne** (personal) withdrew prior to the start of the final round.