



## Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship

Firestone Country Club | Akron, Ohio | August 12 – 16, 2020

### Second Round Notes

Friday, August 14, 2020

**Course Setup:** Par 70 / 7,400 yards (R2: 74.291; Cumulative: 74.127)

**Weather:** Mostly cloudy with a high of 88. Winds out of the NE 6-12 mph.

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	Player	To Par	Scores
1.	Jerry Kelly	-2	68-70—138
T2.	Robert Karlsson	+1	70-71—141
T2.	Colin Montgomerie	+1	72-69—141
T2.	Steve Stricker	+1	68-73—141
T2.	Rod Pampling	+1	68-73—141

#### Quick Links:

- [Leaderboard](#)
- [Third-Round Tee Times](#) (Golf Channel coverage: 3 p.m. – 5 p.m. ET)
- [PGATOURmedia.com](#) (transcripts and other resources available for download)

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#### Jerry Kelly, 68-70—138 (-2)

- Kelly posted a 2-under 68 in the opening round to join a five-way tie for the lead. On Friday, he posted an even-par second round to lead the field by three strokes as the only player in the field under par.
- Kelly's 36-hole total of 2-under 138 records as the highest in tournament history since 1993 when three players tied for the lead at 5-under 139 at TPC Michigan.
- Should Kelly go on to win, his 36-hole 2-under 138 records as the highest by a winner in tournament history. Jim Colbert (1993) was 5-under following 36-holes and Arnold Palmer (1985) was 6-under following 36-holes. Both went on to win the event.
- Kelly competed in the World Golf Championships-FedEx St. Jude Classic four times at Firestone Country Club. His best finish came in his last appearance in 2009 where he recorded rounds of 71-65-69-72 to finish T11.

- The Wisconsin native is seeking his first major championship victory. This is the second time he has led after the second round in a major championship. The first was the 2018 U.S. Senior Open Championship when he finished T2.
- This week marks Kelly's 15th major championship appearance since joining the Tour in 2017. In his first 14 starts he has placed in the top-five five times, highlighted by second place finishes in back-to-back years at the U.S. Senior Open Championship (2017, 2018).
- Kelly is making his fourth start at the Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship. His best finish was T4 in 2018 when the major championship was played at Exmoor Country Club in Highland Park, IL.
- Kelly has competed in two PGA TOUR events (Sony Open, The Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide) and six PGA TOUR Champions events this season. He ranks No. 24 in the Charles Schwab Cup.
- Kelly owns six victories, six runner-up finishes and 36 finishes in the top 10 in four years on PGA TOUR Champions.
- The winner of the Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS will compete at THE PLAYERS Championship in 2021. Kelly has competed at THE PLAYERS 22 times and has posted two top 10 finishes. His most recently made the cut at the event in 2016 and finished T19.

### **Second-Round Lead Notes**

- Through two rounds, only 10 of 159 rounds (6.29%) have been under par.
- The second-round field scoring average of 74.291 records as the highest scoring average in tournament history since 2003 (74.291, Rd.2)
- In 1991, Tom Purtzer shot a 1-under 279 recording as the highest winning score in Firestone Country Club's history hosting professional golf.
- Defending champion Retief Goosen is the last 36-hole leader to win the Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship.

### **Robert Karlsson, 70-71—141 (+1)**

- Making his fifth start on PGA TOUR Champions, Karlsson carded rounds of 70-71-141 in his Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS debut.
- Karlsson is looking to become the 11th player in tournament history to win in their debut and ninth player to win their first senior title at the event.
- In just four prior starts on PGA TOUR Champions, he has finished in the top-10 twice (8th, Cologuard Classic; T2, Hoag Classic).
- The Swede made 132 starts on the PGA TOUR from 1995-2016, owns two runner-up finishes, 12 finishes in the top 10 and 30 finishes in the top 25.

### **Colin Montgomerie, 72-69—141 (+1)**

- Moved up 19 places on the leaderboard with a second round 1-under 69 to enter the weekend T2.
- Montgomerie is making his eighth appearance at the Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship. He owns three finishes in the top 10 and a tournament best T3 finish in 2015.
- Montgomerie made eight starts at Firestone Country Club at the World Golf Championships-FedEx St. Jude Classic and posted a tournament best fourth-place finish in 2001 after round of 66-71-66-70.
- A three-time senior major championship winner, Montgomerie is seeking his fourth major title and first SENIOR PLAYERS title.

- 2015, KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship
- 2014, U.S. Senior Open Championship
- 2014, KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship

### **Steve Stricker, 68-73—141 (+1)**

- Making just his second start on PGA TOUR Champions this season, Stricker sits T2 with a 1-over par 141 36-hole total.
- Stricker has made 10 starts this year on the PGA TOUR and five since golf's return in June. His best finish came with round of 73-67-77-73 at The Memorial Tournament Presented by Nationwide for a T18 finish.
- Stricker had four top-10s in nine starts at Firestone Country Club on the PGA TOUR. He had a 69.69 scoring average and 19 of his 36 rounds were in the 60s (best: 64, R4/2012 World Golf Championships-Bridgestone Invitational).
- Stricker is seeking his third major championship title. He has recorded four top-10 finishes in six major starts, including wins at the 2019 Regions Tradition and 2019 U.S. Senior Open Championship.
  - T13, 2017 Regions Tradition
  - T2, 2018 Regions Tradition
  - 1st, 2019 Regions Tradition
  - T41, 2019 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship
  - 1st, 2019 U.S. Senior Open Championship
  - 6th, 2019 Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship

### **Other Notes**

- Making his tournament debut, **Rod Pampling** exits 36-holes of play just three strokes off the lead. Pampling has six starts at Firestone Country Club and owns three finishes in the top 25. His best finish came in 2005 with rounds of 71-70-71-67 for a T13 finish. Pampling has competed in seven events on PGA TOUR Champions and is seeking his first victory.
- Defending champion, **Retief Goosen** recorded back-to-back rounds of 5-over 75 to enter the weekend T46.
- In his first start at the Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship, Charles Schwab Cup leader **Brett Quigley** sits T21 after round of 73-72. Quigley won the inaugural Morocco Champions and finished runner-up in his last start at The Ally Challenge.
- Reigning Charles Schwab Cup Champion and winner of the 2017 Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship, **Scott McCarron** sits T28 after rounds of 71-75.
- **Scott Hoch** withdrew following 7 holes of play in the second round due to injury.