



Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship

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

Third Round Notes

Saturday, August 15, 2020

Course Setup: Par 70 / 7,400 yards (R3: 72.756; Cumulative: 73.670)

Weather: Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and a high of 81. Winds out of the SE 6-12 mph.

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	Player	To Par	Scores
1.	Jerry Kelly	-2	68-70-70—208
T2.	Woody Austin	-1	73-69-67—209
T2.	Scott Parel	-1	71-71-67—209
T2.	Colin Montgomerie	-1	72-69-68—209
5.	Miguel Angel Jimenez	+1	68-74-69—211

Quick Links:

- [Leaderboard](#)
- [Final-Round Tee Times](#) (Golf Channel coverage: 2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. ET)
- [PGATOURmedia.com](#) (transcripts and other resources available for download)

Jerry Kelly, 68-70-70—208 (-2)

- Kelly carded a third-round 2-under 70 to hold his lead by one stroke over Woody Austin, Scott Parel and Colin Montgomerie.
- It is just the second time Kelly has led headed into the final round of a major championship. Kelly led after 54-holes at the 2018 U.S. Senior Open Championship, but ultimately finished T2.
- Kelly's 54-hole total of 2-under 208 records as the highest in tournament history since Bernhard Langer led into the final round of the 2016 event at Philadelphia Cricket Club.
- 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.

- 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.
- The Wisconsin native 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.

Third-Round Lead Notes

- A 54-hole leader/co-leader has won this tournament 21 times in 37 years, including six of the last 10 years: Mark O'Meara (2010), Fred Couples (2011), Joe Daley (2012) and Bernhard Langer (2014, 2015, 2016).
- The largest final-round come-from-behind victory in Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS history is six shots, recorded by Raymond Floyd (2000, TPC Michigan) and Scott McCarron (2017, Caves Valley Golf Club). There are currently 15 players within six shots of Kelly's lead.

Woody Austin, 73-69-67—209 (-1)

- Making his sixth start at the Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship, Austin moved 24 places up the leaderboard to sit T2 after a third-round 3-under 67.
- Austin ranks T1 in the field in putting with 1.81 putts per GIR.
- Austin's best finish at the event came in 2019 when he recorded rounds of 71-71-70-68 for a T7 finish.
- Austin held a second-place standing following 54-holes of play at the 2019 Senior Open Championship presented by Rolex, but ultimately finished T7. He is seeking his first major championship title.
- The Florida native owns four victories on PGA TOUR Champions, with his latest coming at the Dominion Energy Charity Classic in 2018.
- Austin's three individual victories were come-from-behind wins. His largest was at the 2016 Mitsubishi Electric Classic when he came from four strokes back to defeat Wes Short Jr.
- This season, Austin has secured five top-10 finishes in six appearances. He finished runner-up at the Cologuard Classic, two strokes shy of Bernhard Langer.

Scott Parel, 71-71-67—209 (-1)

- Parel carded a third-round 3-under 67 with six birdies and three bogeys to sit T2 alongside Austin and Montgomerie.
- Parel owns three victories on PGA TOUR Champions but is seeking his first major championship title.
- Each of Parel's three victories have been come-from-behind wins. In his first win at the 2018 Boeing Classic, Parel entered the final round five strokes off the lead, but carded a final round 9-under 63 to secure the victory.

- The Georgia native won this year's Chubb Classic to take the lead in the Charles Schwab Cup standings for the first time in his career and eclipsed \$5 million in career earnings on PGA TOUR Champions.
- The winner of the Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS will compete at the 2021 PLAYERS Championship, Parel is seeking the opportunity to play in the event for the first time.

Colin Montgomerie, 72-69-68—209 (-2)

- Montgomerie started Saturday's third round in a tie for second (three shots back of overnight leader Jerry Kelly) before making five birdies for a 2-under 68 to reach 1-under for the week, one clear of Kelly entering Sunday's final round.
- The Scotsman 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

Other Notes

- Spain's **Miguel Angel Jiménez** enters the final round in fifth place after a 1-under 69 third round. Jiménez owns nine victories on PGA TOUR Champions, and two senior major championship titles.
- Defending champion, **Retief Goosen** recorded rounds of 75-75-70 to enter Sunday T33.
- In his first start at the Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship, Charles Schwab Cup leader **Brett Quigley** enters Sunday T22 after rounds of 73-72-72. 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 T58 after rounds of 71-75-78.
- **Tommy Armour III** withdrew prior to the third round due to injury.