



Morocco Champions

Samanah Golf Club | Marrakech, Morocco | January 27 – February 1, 2020

Final Round Notes

Saturday, February 1, 2020

Course Setup: Par 72 / 7,369 yards (R3: 72.242; Cumulative: 71.348)

Weather: Sunny with a high of 78. Winds out of the NE 5-10 mph.

Summary: In just his second PGA TOUR Champions start, rookie Brett Quigley secured a one-stroke victory over Stephen Ames at the inaugural Morocco Champions. Quigley came from three strokes back to card a final-round 6-under 66 with an eagle, five birdies and a bogey.

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	Player	To Par	Scores
1.	Brett Quigley	-15	69-66-66—201
2.	Stephen Ames	-14	63-69-70—202
T3.	Scott Parel	-11	68-68-69—205
T3.	Doug Barron	-11	71-66-68—205

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Brett Quigley, 69-66-66—201 (-15)

- Quigley began the final round of his first event down by three strokes. He posted birdies on Nos. 2 and 4 and an eagle on No. 5 to own a one-stroke advantage. He birdied Nos. 7, 11 and 14 to take the lead by three, but a bogey on No. 15 and back-to-back birdies from Stephen Ames on Nos. 16 and 17 made it a one-stroke match with one hole to play. Both players parred the final hole and Quigley claimed his first victory on PGA TOUR Champions.
- Quigley posted two rounds of 6-under 66 scores in his final 36-holes of play, marking his lowest 18-hole score in a PGA TOUR-sanctioned event since he recorded a first-round 66 in the 2014 American Express.
- The victory came in Quigley's second start on PGA TOUR Champion. He debuted his PGA TOUR Champions career at the 2019 Shaw Charity Classic where he finished T64 (turned 50-years-old on August 18, 2019).
- The Rhode Island native made it to the final stage of PGA TOUR Champions Q-School in 2019 (T52). He entered this week's field under the All-Time Money category (\$11,061,631).
- Quigley is the first first-time winner since Doug Barron at the 2019 DICK'S Sporting Goods Open and first rookie to win since Retief Goosen at the 2019 Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship.
- Quigley entered Saturday's final round three strokes back, making it the second come-from-behind win in two events this season. Miguel Angel Jimenez won the Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai after entering the final round two strokes back.

- Quigley made five runner-up finishes over 408 starts during his time on the PGA TOUR. Three of those came in 2009, his winningest year, as he notched three runner-up finishes and advanced to the Duetsche Bank Championship in the FedExCup Playoffs. Quigley has made one start on TOUR during the 2019-20 season, missing the cut at the Bermuda Championship last fall.
- Quigley is the nephew of 11-time Champions Tour winner Dana Quigley.
- With \$320,000 in earnings, Quigley moves to No. 2 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings behind Miguel Angel Jimenez.
- Quigley earns an exemption on PGA TOUR Champions from today through the end of the 2021 season. The win also earned him a two-year exemption into the season-opening Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai.

Stephen Ames, 63-69-70—202 (-14)

- Making his 2020 season debut, Ames entered Saturday's final round with a three-stroke lead, but bogeys on Nos. 2 and 4 decreased to a one-shot lead. He carded birdies on Nos. 5 and 9 and again on Nos. 11 and 12 to hold his lead by two, but back-to-back bogeys on Nos. 14 and 15 allowed Quigley to take the lead. Ames moved within one shot of Quigley after birdies on Nos. 16 and 17, but a par on No. 18 left him one stroke short and with a runner-up finish.
- The runner-up finish records as Ames best since posting two T3 finishes during his 2018 season:
 - The Senior Open Championship presented by Rolex
 - Invesco QQQ Championship
- Ames, a four-time winner on the PGA TOUR, is coming off of a 2019 PGA TOUR Champions campaign in which he recorded four top-10 finishes en route to a 26th-place finish in the season-long Charles Schwab Cup.
- With \$176,000 in earnings, Ames moves to No. 4 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings.
- The Canadian competed in the Trophée Hassan four years (1993-1996).

Other Notes

- **Scott Parel** carded three consistent rounds of 68-68-69 to finish T3. Entering the week, not many players had played Samanah Golf Club before, except for Parel. He competed in the eGolf Tour's Samanah Classic in 2011, finishing T39 against a field that included future PGA TOUR winners Brian Harman, Chesson Hadley, Adam Long, Brice Garnett, Nick Taylor and Billy Hurley.
- **Doug Barron** moved six places up the leaderboard on Saturday to finish T3, posting his second top-10 finish in two starts this season. Barron claimed his first title on PGA TOUR Champions at the 2019 DICK'S Sporting Goods Open and went on to compete in all three Playoffs events, ultimately finishing No. 34 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings.
- **Bernhard Langer** carded rounds of 67-68 to enter Saturday's final round just three strokes back. Langer posted four birdies and three bogeys to finish T5, his second top-10 finish in just two events this season. Langer has now played 12 events since his last win on PGA TOUR Champions at the 2019 Senior Open Championship. The last time he went 12 or more events without a victory was following his win at the 2014 DICK'S Sporting Goods Open, when his next win didn't come until the 2015 Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS – a span of 14 tournaments.
- Season-opening Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai champion, **Miguel Angel Jiménez** finished T24 after a final-round 1-under 71. He remains the leader in the Charles Schwab Cup standings for the second week.