



## **Sanford International**

Minnehaha Country Club | Sioux Falls, South Dakota | September 11-13, 2020

# **Final-Round Notes**

Sunday, September 13, 2020

**Course Setup:** Par 70 / 6,659 yards (R3 average: 68.123, Cumulative: 69.210)

Weather: Sunny with a high of 82. Wind from the SSW at 6-12 mph.

Summary: Words

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	Player	To Par	Scores	Money	Schwab Cup
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#### **Quick Links:**

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

### Steve Stricker, 67-64 - 131 (-9)

- Stricker's 6-under 64 was one of six bogey-free rounds on Saturday. It was his eighth straight round in the 60s.
- This marks the sixth time Stricker will start the final round as the leader/co-leader. He is 4-for-5 in converting those leads into victories, including when he won the 2018 Sanford International.
- In 26 starts on PGA TOUR Champions, Stricker has five victories and 13 top-three finishes. This season, he has three top-10s and is 19th in the Charles Schwab Cup.
- As the winner of the 2019 U.S. Senior Open, Stricker will play in next week's U.S. Open at Winged Foot. In 21 starts at the U.S. Open, Stricker has posted four top-10s, including a T6 in 2006 at Winged Foot.

#### Miguel Angel Jiménez, 65-66 – 131 (-9)

- After bogeys on Nos. 13 and 14, Jiménez birdied three of his last four holes to post a 4-under 66 and join Stricker atop the leaderboard at 9-under.
- Sunday will be the 12th time he starts the final round as a leader/co-leader. He is 4-for-11 in converting those leads into victories.
- Jiménez won the season-opening Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai. It was his ninth career victory and extended his streak to seven straight seasons with a win on PGA TOUR Champions, the second-longest active streak on Tour (14, Bernhard Langer).
- He has three top-five finishes this season, the most recent being a T3 at the Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship, and he is fifth in the Charles Schwab Cup.

#### Fred Couples, 68-64 – 132 (-8)

- Couples made five birdies and holed out for eagle on the par-4 ninth (97 yards, 54-degree wedge). He bogeyed the par-5 12th, the easiest hole through Saturday (4.481 average), but rebounded with birdies on four of his last six holes en route to a 6-under 64.
- He has 13 career wins on PGA TOUR Champions but is looking for his first since the 2017 American Family Insurance Championship, a span of 30 starts without a victory.
- Couples posted five straight top-10s to start this season. He finished T18 in his last start at the Charles Schwab Series at Bass Pro Shops Big Cedar Lodge, and he is currently No. 8 in the Charles Schwab Cup.

#### Darren Clarke, 70-62 - 132 (-8)

- Clarke carded seven back-nine birdies, including his last four holes, en route to a tournament-record score of 8under 62. It is his best round in PGA TOUR-sanctioned competition; his previous best was 63 (most recent: 2006
  Bay Hill Invitational).
- This matches Clarke's best position entering the final round on PGA TOUR Champions. He was T3 through two rounds at the 2019 Mastercard Japan Championship, and he finished T4 after a 3-under 69 in the final round.
- He has five top-10s in 35 starts on the Champions Tour, and his best finish was T2 at the 2019 Cologuard Classic.

#### Kevin Sutherland, 68-64 - 132 (-8)

- Sutherland birdied his last three holes and posted a 64 to join the three-way tie for third at 8-under.
- Sutherland is the only player to shoot 59 on PGA TOUR Champions (2014 DICK'S Sporting Goods Open) and he leads the Tour with a final-round scoring average of 67.11 this season.
- Winner of the 2017 Charles Schwab Cup, Sutherland is tied with Bernhard Langer with seven top-10s this season and he's No. 6 in the season standings.

#### **Other Notes**

- **Bernhard Langer** hit 17 of 18 Greens in Regulation and shot a 5-under 65 Saturday. He leads the field with just one bogey through 36 holes, and he's part of the five-way tie for sixth at 7-under.
- First-round co-leader David Toms carded a 2-under 68 Saturday and is 7-under, tied with Langer, Rod Pampling,
   Glen Day and Woody Austin.
- John Daly is T11 at 6-under after he bogeyed his last two holes to finish with a second-round 66.
- Defending champion Rocco Mediate is T35 after rounds of 70-68.
- Tom Byrum, who was born in Onida, South Dakota, shot 4-under 66 on Saturday and is T35 at 2-under.