



## SAS Championship

Prestonwood Country Club | Cary, North Carolina | October 9-11, 2020

### Final-Round Notes

Sunday, October 11, 2020

**Course Setup:** Par 72 / 7,204 yards (R3 average: 73.418, Cumulative: 72.268)

**Weather:** Cloudy with isolated showers. High of 68 and wind from the E at 3-6 mph, increasing to 10-15 mph. Overnight and through the morning, there was 0.78" of rainfall.

**Notes:** Lift, clean and place was in effect. Play was suspended from 8:33-10:35 a.m. due to unplayable course conditions.

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**Summary:** Ernie Els made a 40-foot birdie putt on the 18th hole to win by one over Colin Montgomerie at the SAS Championship. It was Els' second win of the season and he moved to No. 1 in the Charles Schwab Cup for the first time.

	Player	To Par	Scores	Money	Schwab Cup
1.	Ernie Els	-12	70-68-66 – 204	\$315,000	1st
2.	Colin Montgomerie	-11	68-67-70 – 205	\$184,800	13th
3.	Vijay Singh	-10	70-66-70 – 206	\$151,200	23rd
T4.	Five players	-9		\$90,300	

#### Quick Links:

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

#### Ernie Els, 70-68-66 – 204 (-12)

- Els started the day T9 at 6-under, three shots behind the 36-hole co-leaders. After starting 1-over through five holes, Els birdied Nos. 6-8 and earned a share of the lead for the first time. In all, 10 different players held at least a share of the lead at some point on Sunday.
- Playing in the fourth-to-last group, Els was 10-under and trailed Montgomerie by one with two holes to play. Els birdied Nos. 17 and 18, including a 40-foot birdie putt on the last hole, to shoot 6-under 66 and post the clubhouse lead at 12-under. Montgomerie parred the last four holes and finished one shot behind Els.
- Els becomes the third player with multiple victories this season, joining Miguel Angel Jiménez and Jim Furyk.
- He is the fourth member of the World Golf Hall of Fame to win the SAS Championship, joining Bernhard Langer (2012, 2018), Colin Montgomerie (2017) and Hale Irwin (2005).
- Els moved to No. 1 in the Charles Schwab Cup for the first time. He is the fourth rookie ever to top the standings, joining Bernhard Langer (2008), Fred Couples (2010) and Brett Quigley (2020).
- The victory is Els' sixth-straight top-10 and he has carded 15 consecutive rounds under par.

### **Colin Montgomerie, 68-67-70 – 205 (-11)**

- Montgomerie started the day 9-under and was one of the three 36-hole co-leaders. He birdied No. 14 to take a one-shot lead, his last solo lead of the day. He held at least a share of the lead the entire back nine, until Els took the outright lead with a birdie on No. 18.
- Winner of the 2017 SAS Championship, Montgomerie has four top-10s in eight starts at Prestonwood Country Club.
- It was his ninth career runner-up finish and his best result since winning the 2019 Invesco QQQ Championship. On the season, it was his second top-three finish and he improved to No. 13 in the Charles Schwab Cup.

### **Other Notes**

- The top-three finishers are all members of the World Golf Hall of Fame: **Ernie Els** (2011), **Colin Montgomerie** (2013) and **Vijay Singh** (2005/2006).
- The third-place finish for Singh is his best result in an individual event since he won the 2018 Charles Schwab Cup Championship.
- **Woody Austin** trailed by two with two holes to play. He hit his second shot into the penalty area on the par-5 17th, which led to a bogey on the easiest hole of the week. He parred the 18th for a final-round 72 and a T4 finish at 9-under. It was his seventh top-10 of the season and he moved to No. 10 in the Charles Schwab Cup.
- In his bid to win each of his first three starts on PGA TOUR Champions, **Jim Furyk** closed with a final-round 70 and finished T9 at 8-under. He birdied Nos. 7, 8, 10, 11 and 12 to get to 9-under and within one shot of the lead, but he played the last six holes in 1-over to finish four shots off the pace.
- **David Toms** was in a three-way tie for the lead at 10-under, but he double bogeyed No. 15 and fell off the pace. He finished T4 at 9-under after a final-round 71.
- **Gene Sauers** closed with a 5-under 67 and improved from T22 to T4, his second consecutive top-10.
- **Robert Karlsson** holed out for eagle on the par-4 18th, his second eagle of the day (par-5 No. 7), to post a 4-under 68 and finish T4 at 9-under. It was his fifth top-10 of the season and he is No. 9 in the Charles Schwab Cup.
- Defending champion **Jerry Kelly** closed with a 71 and finished T14 at 6-under. He has carded 24 consecutive rounds of par or better, the longest active streak on Tour and the longest streak of his career.
- **Mark Calcavecchia** (back) withdrew during the final round.