

Ascension Charity Classic presented by Emerson

Norwood Hills Country Club (West Course) | St. Louis, Missouri | September 10-12, 2021

Second-Round Notes

Saturday, September 11, 2021

Course Setup: Par 71 / 6,935 yards (R2: 70.469; Cumulative: 70.907)

Weather: Sunny skies with highs in the lower to mid-90s and SSW winds at 10-15 mph.

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	Player	To Par	Scores
T1	Ken Tanigawa	-8	69-65 – 134 (-8)
T1	Doug Barron	-8	66-68 – 134 (-8)
T3	Rod Pampling	-7	69-66 – 135 (-7)
T3	Alex Cejka	-7	68-67 – 135 (-7)
T3	Jim Furyk	-7	67-68 – 135 (-7)

Quick Links:

- [Leaderboard](#)
- [Final-Round Tee Times](#) (Golf Channel coverage: 3:30 – 6:00 p.m. ET)
- [PGATOURmedia.com](#) (transcripts and other resources available for download)

Ken Tanigawa, 69-65—134 (-8)

- Tanigawa posted two eagles (Nos. 2 & 8), three birdies and one bogey en route to carding the lowest round of the day, a 6-under 65.
- His second-round 65 matches his lowest round of the year (R1, 2020 Chubb Classic).
- It marks the fourth time on PGA TOUR Champions that Tanigawa has led/co-led entering the final round:
 - 2018 Boeing Classic (T3)
 - 2018 PURE Insurance Championship (Won)
 - 2019 Chubb Classic (T11)
- Tanigawa is a two-time winner on PGA TOUR Champions, most recently a major victory at the 2019 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship at Oak Hill Country Club in Rochester, New York.
- Tanigawa had brief stints on both the Korn Ferry Tour and Japan Golf Tour, before taking a 15-year hiatus from professional golf and reinstating his amateur status.
- The now 53-year-old turned professional again after earning medalist honors at PGA TOUR Champions Q-School in December 2017.
- His first PGA TOUR Champions victory came at the PURE Insurance Championship at Pebble Beach during a 2018 campaign that saw him earn a Rookie of the Year title.

- Making his 32nd start of the 2020-21 season, Tanigawa's lone top-10 came last month at the Boeing Classic (T7).
- He is currently ranked No. 50 in Charles Schwab Cup standings.

Doug Barron, 66-68 – 134 (-8)

- Barron recorded one eagle, four birdies and three bogeys en route to his 3-under 68.
- He has converted 2-for-4 when holding a lead/co-lead entering the final round on PGA TOUR Champions.
 - o 2019 DICK'S Sporting Goods Open (Won)
 - o 2019 SAS Championship (T3)
 - o 2021 Shaw Charity Classic (Won)
 - o 2021 The Ally Challenge (T4)
- Barron earned the second of his two PGA TOUR Champions titles last month at the Shaw Charity Classic in Calgary.
- Sunday will be the third time Barron has played in the last group of the final round this season on PGA TOUR Champions (2021 Shaw Charity Classic, Won; 2021 The Ally Challenge, T4).
- In 30 starts this season on PGA TOUR Champions, Barron has six top-10s and is currently ranked No. 17 in Charles Schwab Cup standings.
- With a win tomorrow, he would become the 10th player to earn two or more titles during the 2020-21 PGA TOUR Champions season.
- During his PGA TOUR career (1996-2009), Barron recorded 12 top-10 finishes, and his best was T3 at the 2005 AT&T Byron Nelson.

Rod Pampling, 69-71 – 135 (-7)

- Pampling led the field with seven birdies on Saturday finished the day with a 5-under 66 and extended his current streak of sub-par rounds to 10.
- Last month at the Boeing Classic in Snoqualmie, Washington, Pampling beat Tim Herron, Billy Mayfair and Jim Furyk by one stroke to claim his first title on PGA TOUR Champions.
- With a win tomorrow, he would become the 10th player to earn two or more titles during the 2020-21 PGA TOUR Champions season.
- Making his 28th start this season, the 51-year-old has one win (2021 Boeing Classic) and 8 top-10 finishes.
- Pampling owns three titles on the PGA TOUR:
 - o 2017 Shriners Children Open
 - o 2006 Arnold Palmer Invitational
 - o 2004 The INTERNATIONAL

Alex Cejka, 68-67 – 135 (-7)

- Cejka followed his first-round 68 with a 4-under 67 on Saturday and currently sits T3.
- In 12 starts this season, Cejka has two victories (2021 Regions Tradition and 2021 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship), one runner-up and four top-10 finishes.
- A native of Germany, Cejka is a four-time winner on the European Tour who earned a Korn Ferry Tour victory at the 2014 Colombia Championship and a PGA TOUR title at the 2015 Puerto Rico Open.
- Cejka fled Communist Czechoslovakia (now Czech Republic) at age 9 as a refugee, traveling by foot and train, by swimming and biking with his father to Yugoslavia, Italy and Switzerland before settling in Frankfurt, Germany.
- He is currently No. 15 in Charles Schwab Cup standings.
- Cejka has a local caddie on the bag this week, Chris Hartmann, who has worked at nearby Bellerive Country Club for 32 years.

Jim Furyk, 67-68 – 135 (-7)

- Furyk posted a 3-under par on Saturday and is currently T3 entering the final round.

- He is the first three-time winner this season on PGA TOUR Champions after winning the 2021 U.S. Senior Open Championship and his first two starts (2020 The Ally Challenge, 2020 PURE Insurance Championship).
- He has a total of 12 top-10s in 19 starts on PGA TOUR Champions and is currently No. 2 in Charles Schwab Cup standings.

Other Notes

- **Wes Short, Jr** led the field in greens in regulation (17 of 18) and posted a 2-under 69 (T6) on Saturday.
- A total of six players in the field this week have ties to Missouri, here is where they stand through 36 holes:
 - **John Daly (attended high school in Jefferson City):** T16 (-4)
 - **Jay Delsing (St. Louis native):** T72 (+6)
 - **Jay Haas (St. Louis native):** T10 (-5)
 - **Jeff Maggert (born in Columbia):** T63 (+3)
 - **Tom Pernice, Jr. (Kansas City native):** T69 (+5)
 - **Jay Williamson (St. Louis native):** T72 (+6)
- First-round co-leader **Paul Goydos** had four birdies and five bogeys to finish with a 1-over 72 on Saturday (T16).
- Two players in the field celebrated a birthday on Saturday (Sept. 11), **Jeff Sluman** turned 64 (T40) and **David Frost** turned 62 (81).