



# **Ascension Charity Classic presented by Emerson**

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

# **Final-Round Notes**

Sunday, September 12, 2021

Course Setup: Par 71 / 6,918 yards (R3: 71.188; Cumulative: 71.001)

Weather: Sunny skies with highs near 90 and SSW winds at 6-12 mph with gusts between 18-20 mph.

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**Summary:** - **David Toms** beat **Dicky Pride** with a par on the first playoff hole to win the inaugural Ascension Charity Classic. It was the second title of Toms' PGA TOUR Champions career.

	Player	To Par	Scores	Money	Charles Schwab Cup
1.	David Toms*	-10	68-69-66 – 203 (-10)	\$300,000	14th
2.	Dicky Pride	-10	69-67-67 – 203 (-10)	\$176,000	26th
T3.	Woody Austin	-9	69-70-65 – 204 (-9)	\$131,500	16th
T3.	Jay Haas	-9	68-69-67 – 204 (-9)	\$131,500	55th

<sup>\*</sup> Won with even-par on the first hole (No. 18) of a sudden-death playoff.

### **Quick Links:**

- Final standings
- <u>PGATOURmedia.com</u> (transcripts and other resources available for download)

#### David Toms, 68-69-66 - 203 (-10)

- Starting the day T10, Toms carded a bogey-free 5-under 66 in the final round. With a par on the first playoff hole against **Dicky Pride**, Toms secured the second PGA TOUR Champions title of his career.
- It was Toms' first win in 1,169 days dating back to his major championship victory at the 2018 U.S. Senior Open (The Broadmor in Colorado Springs, Colorado).
- Today's playoff was the sixth of the 2020-21 season:
  - Miguel Angel Jimenez defeated Fred Couples and Ernie Els at the 2020 Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai
  - Shane Bertsch defeated Glen Day, Bernhard Langer and Kenny Perry at the 2020 Charles Schwab Series at Bass Pro Shops Big Cedar Lodge
  - o Jim Furyk defeated Jerry Kelly at the 2020 PURE Insurance Championship
  - o Kevin Sutherland defeated Paul Broadhurst at the 2020 Charles Schwab Cup Championship
  - o Alex Cejka defeated Steve Stricker at the 2021 Regions Tradition

- In 28 starts this season, Toms now has one title, one runner-up finish and ten top-10 finishes.
- The Shreveport, Louisiana native earned 13 titles on the PGA TOUR including a major victory at the 2001 PGA Championship (Atlanta Athletic Club).
- With his victory today, Toms moved from No. 19 to No. 14 in Charles Schwab Cup standings.

## Dicky Pride, 69-67-67 – 203 (-10)

- After sinking a 20-foot putt on the par-4 No. 18, Pride carded a 4-under 67 on Sunday to force a playoff with Toms.
- The 51-year-old earned his first PGA TOUR Champions victory in May at the 2021 Mitsubishi Electric Classic at TPC Sugarloaf in Duluth, Georgia after gaining entry in the field via Monday qualifying. With the victory he became:
  - The 14<sup>th</sup> open qualifier to win on PGA TOUR Champions and the first since Doug Barron (2019 DICK'S Sporting Goods Open). Pride shot 68 on Tuesday to lead all qualifiers.
  - The 18<sup>th</sup> player to win at least once on the PGA TOUR, PGA TOUR Champions and Korn Ferry Tour.
    - Earned one win on the PGA TOUR (1994 FedEx St. Jude Classic) and notched 21 top-10s in 478 starts.
    - Earned one win on the Korn Ferry Tour (2015 WinCo Foods Portland Open presented by Kraft Heinz) and notched 14 top-10s in 186 starts.
- He moved from No. 32 to No. 26 on the Charles Schwab Cup leaderboard following today's tournament.

## Jay Haas, 68-69-67 - 204 (-9)

- Haas carded a bogey-free 4-under par 67 on Sunday and shot his age or better for the fifth time in his career and the third time this year:
  - 2021 (age 67): Ascension Charity Classic (67, Rd. 3), American Family Insurance Championship (67, Rd. 2); Chubb Classic (67, Rd. 3)
  - o 2019 (age 65): The Ally Challenge (65, Rd. 2); Chubb Classic (64, Rd. 1)
- It was the two-time Charles Schwab Cup winner's 334<sup>th</sup> career start on PGA TOUR Champions. Haas has now climbed to No. 5 on most combined PGA TOUR and PGA TOUR Champions career starts.

Top 10 combined career starts (thru 2021 Ascension Charity Classic)						
Player	Champions	PGA TOUR	Combined			
1. Barber, Miller	603	711	1314			
2. Eichelberger, Dave	476	784	1260			
3. Kite, Tom	436	714	1150			
4. Irwin, Hale	481	661	1142			
5. Haas, Jay	334	798	1132			
6. Douglass, Dale	600	531	1131			
7. Coody, Charles	481	629	1110			
8. Gilder, Bob	449	660	1109			
9. Snead, J.C.	465	632	1097			
10. Colbert, Jim	505	586	1091			

### **Other Notes**

- Carding rounds of 71-68-68, New Zealand native Steven Alker (T9) earned a berth into next week's event, the Sanford International in Sioux Falls, South Dakota (Sept. 13-19) for his top-10 finish. It extends his streak of consecutive gained entries to four:
  - Sanford International (via T9-place finish at the Ascension Charity Classic)

- Ascension Charity Classic (via third-place finish at The Ally Challenge)
- The Ally Challenge (via T7 at the Boeing Classic)
- Boeing Classic (via Monday qualifying)
- After posting rounds of 71-67-69, current Charles Schwab Cup leader **Bernhard Langer** (T9) has now extended his streak of rounds of par or better to 18.
- Six players in the field had ties to Missouri, here is where they finished:
  - o John Daly (attended high school in Jefferson City): T33 (-2)
  - Jay Delsing (St. Louis native): 80 (+17)
  - O Jay Haas (St. Louis native): T3 (-9)
  - Jeff Maggert (born in Columbia): T47 (+1)
  - O Tom Pernice, Jr. (Kansas City native): 76 (+12)
  - Jay Williamson (St. Louis native): T78 (+14)
- Fred Funk withdrew prior to the start of the final round due to a back issue.