



Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship

Firestone Country Club (South Course) | Akron, Ohio | June 24-27, 2021

Second-Round Notes

Friday, June 25, 2021

Course Setup: Par 70 / 7,109 yards (R2 average: 72.859)

Weather: Partly cloudy skies with highs in the lower to mid-80s and winds SSW at 7-14 mph.

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	Player	To Par	Scores
1.	Steve Stricker	-9	63-68—131 (-9)
2.	Paul Broadhurst	-4	67-69—136 (-4)
T3.	Marco Dawson	-2	69-69—138 (-2)
T3.	Ken Duke	-2	67-71—138 (-2)

Quick Links:

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

Steve Stricker, 63-68 – 131 (-9)

- After making par on each of the first nine holes, Stricker birdied Nos. 10 and 16 to card a bogey-free 2-under 68.
- Stricker has made nine birdies, tied with Ken Duke for most in the field, and he is the only player without a bogey in the tournament after 36 holes.
- This is Stricker's fourth 36-hole lead in a senior major (10th appearance). He is 2-for-3 converting those leads/co-leads into victories.
 - o At both of his major wins (2019 Regions Tradition, 2019 U.S. Senior Open), he led by two after two rounds and went on to win by six.
 - o At the Regions Tradition in May, he was one of four co-leaders through two rounds and went on to lose in a playoff to Alex Cejka.
- Stricker's five-stroke cushion matches the largest 36-hole lead in tournament history; J.C. Snead led by five after two rounds in 1992 but closed with rounds of 72-75 and finished T2 behind Dave Stockton.

- This is the largest lead through 36 holes at a Champions Tour major since Bernhard Langer led by seven midway through the 2014 Senior Open Championship.
- Making his third start at the Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship, Stricker was T2 after 36 holes in each of his first two appearances at this event. He finished sixth (2019) and T23 (2020).
 - Friday's round is the first time Stricker has broken par in the second round at this event. He previously shot 70 (2019) and 73 (2020).
- Making his 11th start of the season, Stricker has posted eight top-10s, including a win at the 2021 Chubb Classic.
- Stricker owns six wins on PGA TOUR Champions in 32 starts since joining in 2017. He has finished in the top three on 17 occasions (53%).

Paul Broadhurst, 67-69—138 (-4)

- Starting on No. 10, Broadhurst shot 1-over 36 on the back nine before making three birdies, including two of his last four holes, on the front nine to card 2-under 33.
- Broadhurst's 67-69 start is the first time he has posted consecutive rounds in the 60s since the 2020 Charles Schwab Cup Championship, where he carded rounds of 67-68-63 before losing in a playoff to Kevin Sutherland.
- This is the second time Broadhurst will be among the top two entering the weekend of a major. He shared the lead midway through the 2019 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship en route to a T3 finish.
- During both of his senior major victories, he was T15 through two rounds (2016 Senior Open Championship, 2018 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship).
- He has made just three bogeys, the second fewest in the field, after posting a bogey-free round on Thursday.
- Broadhurst leads the field in putts per round (25.0).
- His T16 finish last year was his best in four starts at the Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS.

Other Notes

- **Ernie Els** carded the day's best round, a 3-under 67, and improved from T24 to T5.
- **Marco Dawson** shot 1-under 69 for the second consecutive day and sits T3 at 2-under. After playing the first 12 holes in 3-under, Dawson bogeyed Nos. 13 and 18.
- **Ken Duke** is T3 at 2-under after rounds of 67-71 on the first two days. Duke has nine birdies this week, tied with Stricker for the most in the field.
- After missing the last five events with a back injury, **Kevin Sutherland** is 1-under and T5 after rounds of 70-69.
- Defending champion **Jerry Kelly** was the only player under-par through 36 holes last year, and this year he is T5 at 1-under after two rounds.
- Three Ryder Cup captains and two Presidents Cup captains are T5 or better.
 - 1st/-9, **Steve Stricker** (2021 Ryder Cup, 2017 Presidents Cup)
 - T5/-1, **Ernie Els** (2019 Presidents Cup)
 - T5/-1, **Jim Furyk** (2018 Ryder Cup)
 - T5/-1, **Jose Maria Olazabal** (2012 Ryder Cup)
- **Dudley Hart, Tommy Armour III** and **Scott Verplank** each withdrew during Friday's second round.