



## Charles Schwab Cup Championship

Phoenix Country Club | Phoenix, Arizona | November 11-14, 2021

*Tournament 3 of 3 in the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs*

### Second-Round Notes

Friday, November 12, 2021

**Course Setup:** Par 71 / 6,834 yards (R2: 68.486; Cumulative: 68.314)

**Weather:** Sunny with highs in the high-80s and winds E/NE at 5-10 mph

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|     | Player         | To Par | Scores      | Schwab Cup Standings |           |
|-----|----------------|--------|-------------|----------------------|-----------|
|     |                |        |             | Start                | Projected |
| 1.  | Kirk Triplett  | -13    | 65-64 — 129 | 32nd                 | 15th      |
| 2.  | Steven Alker   | -11    | 66-65 — 131 | 22nd                 | 17th      |
| T3. | Jim Furyk      | -10    | 65-67 — 132 | 2nd                  | 1st       |
| T3. | Phil Mickelson | -10    | 65-67 — 132 | 29th                 | 24th      |
| 5.  | K.J. Choi      | -9     | 66-67 — 133 | 21st                 | 20th      |

**Charles Schwab Cup:** With the winner of the Charles Schwab Cup Championship receiving 880,000 points, four players are mathematically capable of winning the Charles Schwab Cup: Bernhard Langer, Jim Furyk, Miguel Angel Jimenez and Ernie Els.

#### Quick Links:

- [Leaderboard](#)
- [Third-Round Tee Times](#) (Golf Channel: 2:00-4:30 p.m. MT)
- Charles Schwab Cup: [Standings](#) | [Scenarios](#)
- [PGATOURmedia.com](http://PGATOURmedia.com) (transcripts and other resources available for download)

#### Kirk Triplett, 65-64 – 129 (-13)

*Charles Schwab Cup standings – Start: 32nd / Projected: 15th*

- Triplett birdied Nos. 1, 2, 5, 6, 11, 12 and 14 en route to a bogey-free 7-under 64 for the low round of the day. He enters the third round with a two-stroke lead over Steven Alker.
- This matches Triplett's fourth-lowest 18-hole score on PGA TOUR Champions (643 rounds).
- Triplett matched his lowest 36-hole score on PGA TOUR Champions (129, 2017 U.S. Senior Open).
- This is the third time Triplett has been the solo leader through 36 holes on PGA TOUR Champions and the first time since the 2014 SAS Championship.
  - This marks Triplett's first time holding at least a share of the lead through 36 holes since the 2019 Sanford International.
  - This is Triplett's fifth time holding at least a share of the lead through 36 holes on PGA TOUR Champions, and he is 2-of-4 converting those into victories.
- Making his 10th start at the Charles Schwab Cup Championship, this is Triplett's lowest 36-hole score at the event. (Note: Phoenix Country Club has been the host site since 2017)
  - Triplett has one top-10 finish at the Charles Schwab Cup Championship (T6/2015).
  - His best finish in four previous appearances at Phoenix Country Club is T24 (2018).
- Triplett and Jerry Kelly are the only players who are bogey-free entering the third round.
  - Kelly (-8) has posted 67-67, with four birdies each day
- A Scottsdale resident, Triplett owns eight victories on PGA TOUR Champions since joining the Tour in 2012. His last win was the 2019 PURE Insurance Championship.
  - A win on Sunday would break a streak of 777 days without a PGA TOUR Champions victory.
- Making his 35th start of the season, Triplett has five top-10s, including a runner-up finish at the 2021 Mitsubishi Electric Classic. In the first two Charles Schwab Cup Playoff events, he finished T16-T6.

#### **Steven Alker, 66-65 – 131 (-11)**

*Charles Schwab Cup standings – Start: 22nd / Projected: 17th*

- Alker made six birdies on the front nine, including Nos. 7-9, en route to 6-under 30. He added birdies on his last two holes to shoot 6-under 65.
- Alker, who won last week's TimberTech Championship, leads the field in birdies (14) after two rounds.
- Alker's 131 total matches his lowest 36-hole score on PGA TOUR Champions (2021 TimberTech Championship).
- Alker, who sits in 2nd, matches his best position on the leaderboard after two rounds on PGA TOUR Champions (T2/2021 TimberTech Championship).
- Alker has been inside the top 5 after each of his last eight rounds on PGA TOUR Champions (1st-T2-T4-T5-3rd-1st-T4-2nd).
- Alker's scoring average on PGA TOUR Champions is 68.14. He has carded rounds of par or better in 28 of his 29 rounds, including 19 rounds in the 60s.
- Making his 10th start as a rookie on PGA TOUR Champions, Alker has eight top-10s, including a victory at last week's TimberTech Championship. A native of New Zealand, Alker currently resides in the Phoenix area.
- Alker, who entered the week ranked No. 22 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings, was the lone player to advance to the last two Playoff events from outside of the bubble.
  - Starting the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs 55th in the standings, Alker's T4 at the Dominion Energy Charity Classic moved him to 46th, as the top-54 advanced to the TimberTech Championship.
  - Starting the TimberTech Championship 46th in the standings, Alker's victory moved him to 22nd, as the top-36 advanced to the Charles Schwab Cup Championship.

#### **Other Notes**

- **Jim Furyk**, who entered the week No. 2 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings, sits T3 after shooting 4-under 67. Furyk, who attended the University of Arizona, would win the Charles Schwab Cup with a victory this week. He can also win the Charles Schwab Cup with a high finish if he gets help from points leader Bernhard Langer.

- Current Projection (with Furyk at T3 and Langer at 31st): No. 1 Furyk (3,609,272 points), No. 2 Langer (3,594,749 points)
- If Furyk won the Charles Schwab Cup, he would become the first player to win both the FedExCup (2010) and Charles Schwab Cup.
- **Phil Mickelson**, who entered the day tied for the lead, shot 4-under 67 and sits T3. Looking to become the second player in PGA TOUR Champions history to win four of his first six starts, Mickelson has been inside the top 3 after 11 of his 17 rounds on the Champions Tour.
- Charles Schwab Cup points leader **Bernhard Langer** shot 1-over 72 and sits 31st.
- **Miguel Angel Jimenez**, who entered the week No. 3 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings, posted 5-under 66 and sits T14.
- **Ernie Els**, who entered the week No. 4 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings, is in 32nd after carding 2-over 73.