



## KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship

Southern Hills Country Club | Tulsa, Oklahoma | May 27-30, 2021

### Third-Round Notes

Saturday, May 29, 2021

**Course Setup:** Par 70 / 6,785 yards (R3: 73.103; Cumulative: 73.730)

**Weather:** Mostly sunny skies with highs in the lows 70s. Winds from the NE 10-15.

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	Player	To Par	Thru
1.	Steve Stricker	-6	69-68-67 – 204
2.	Alex Cejka	-5	67-70-68 – 205
3.	Mike Weir	-3	68-65-74 – 207
T4.	K.J. Choi	-1	72-69-68 – 209
T4.	Tim Petrovic	-1	68-70-71 – 209

**Quick Links:**

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

**Steve Stricker, 69-68-67 – 204 (-6)**

- Trailing by four at the start of the day, Stricker made five birdies and two bogeys en route to posting the lowest round of the day, a 3-under 67.
- On the most difficult hole of the week so far, the par-4 No. 16 (+0.476), Stricker chipped in from the greenside bunker to secure his fifth birdie of the day.
- Stricker held the solo 54-hole lead for both of his major wins on PGA TOUR Champions (2019 Regions Tradition, U.S. Senior Open).
- He'll play in the final group for the third time this season:
  - 2020 Sanford International, T3
  - 2021 Regions Tradition, 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Stricker converted 8-of-14 54-hole leads/co-leads on the PGA TOUR into a victory. He's successfully converted 4-of-10 final-round leads on PGA TOUR Champions.

- Stricker earned his sixth PGA TOUR Champions title earlier this season at the Chubb Classic after posting a 16-under to win by one over Cejka and Robert Karlsson.
- A 12-time PGA TOUR winner, Stricker has made five of seven cuts on TOUR since January, including a T4 finish at the Waste Management Phoenix Open in February. He finished T44 at last week's PGA Championship.
- His brother-in-law and agent, Mario Tiziani, is caddying for him this week. Tiziani, who spent a full season on the PGA TOUR in 2005 and turned 50 last July, received a sponsor exemption to play in his first Champions Tour event at the upcoming American Family Insurance Championship (June 11-13). The tournament is located in Stricker's hometown of Madison, Wisconsin and benefits The Steve Stricker American Family Insurance Foundation.

### **Alex Cejka, 67-70-68 – 205 (-5)**

- After bogeying his first two holes of the day, Cejka carded four birdies en route to posting a 2-under 68, his 14<sup>th</sup> round of par or better in his rounds on PGA TOUR Champions.
- Earlier this month, Cejka beat Stricker in a one-hole playoff to win the first major of the 2021 calendar year, the Regions Tradition.
  - The victory came in his third start on PGA TOUR Champions.
  - Playing with limited status, Cejka gained entry into the field as first alternate when Jay Haas withdrew on Monday of tournament week.
  - With the victory, Cejka became fully exempt on PGA TOUR Champions until the end of the 2022 season.
- 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.
- 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 represented Germany at the 2016 Olympics with Martin Kaymer.

### **Mike Weir, 68-65-74 – 207 (-3)**

- Starting the day with a four-shot lead, Weir carded a 1-under 34 on the front, but finished at 4-over 74 after a double bogey on No. 12 and bogeys on Nos. 13, 15 and 16.
- It's the fourth time Weir will play in the final group this season:
  - 2020 Dominion Energy Charity Classic: 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - 2021 Cologuard Classic: 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Insperty Invitational: Win
- With a win tomorrow, Weir would become the first Canadian to win the Senior PGA Championship.
- In 15 starts on PGA TOUR Champions, Weir has posted six top-10s and is currently ranked No. 10 in Charles Schwab Cup standings.

### **Other Notes**

- Jerry Kelly carded the only bogey-free round of the day with his 1-under 69.
- Bob Sowards, who held a share of the first-round lead with Cejka, leads the group of nine PGA professionals to make the 36-hole cut at T10 (+2).
- The largest come-from-behind win in the history of the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship is six strokes by Chi Chi Rodriguez (1987).
- Three players in the field have previously won an event at Southern Hills Country Club, here is where they stand after 54 holes:
  - Retief Goosen, 2001 U.S. Open: T8 (+1)
  - Billy Mayfair, 1995 TOUR Championship: T49 (+9)
  - Tom Lehman, 1996 TOUR Championship: T44 (+8)