



## Regions Tradition

Greystone Golf & Country Club (Founders Course) | Birmingham, AL | May 3-9, 2021

### Final-Round Notes

Sunday, May 9, 2021

**Course Setup:** Par 72 / 7,048 yards (R4: 73.238; Cumulative: 73.019)

**Weather:** Warm and breezy with highs in the mid 80s. Winds from the SW at 15-25 mph.

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**Summary:** In his third start on PGA TOUR Champions, Alex Cejka beat defending champion Steve Stricker with a 9-foot birdie putt on the first hole of a playoff.

	Player	To Par	Scores	Money	Schwab Cup
1	Alex Cejka*	-18	68-69-66-67– 270 (-18)	\$375,000	No. 31
2	Steve Stricker	-18	68-69-65-68– 270 (-18)	\$220,000	No. 12
3	Robert Karlsson	-14	71-70-64-69– 274 (-14)	\$180,000	No. 7
T4	Ernie Els	-11	69-69-73-66– 277 (-11)	\$133,750	No. 2
T4	Jerry Kelly	-11	67-70-70-70– 277 (-11)	\$133,750	No. 4

\* Won with a birdie on the first hole (No. 18) of a sudden-death playoff.

#### Quick Links:

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

#### Alex Cejka, 68-69-66-67– 270 (-18)

- Starting the day one back, Cejka recovered from a bogey on the first hole with two birdies en route to carding a 5-under 67 and force a playoff with Steve Stricker.
- Cejka started the week as first alternate and gained entry after Jay Haas withdrew from the field on Monday.
- With the victory, Cejka becomes fully exempt on PGA TOUR Champions until the end of the 2022 season. He gains a five-year exemption into the Regions Tradition and season-opening Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai in Hawaii.
- The win comes in Cejka's third start on PGA TOUR Champions after finishing runner-up at the Chubb Classic and T38 at the Cologuard Classic.
- It was the fifth playoff of the 2020-21 season and 10<sup>th</sup> in Regions Tradition history
- A native of Czechoslovakia who grew up in Germany, Cejka is the seventh international player to win the Regions Tradition in its 33-year history. He joins Miguel Angel Jimenez (2018), Bernhard Langer (Germany), David Frost (South Africa), Mark McNulty (Zimbabwe), Eduardo Romero (Argentina), and Graham Marsh (Australia).

- Cejka, who turned 50 on December 2, is the seventh rookie to win during the 2020-21 season, joining Brett Quigley, Ernie Els, Shane Bertsch, Jim Furyk, Phil Mickelson and Mike Weir.
- It was Cejka's first professional win in 129 starts, dating back to the 2015 Puerto Rico Open, and breaks a winless streak of 6 years, 2 months and 1 day.
- Cejka won four times on the European Tour and becomes the second player from Germany to win on PGA TOUR Champions, joining 41-time winner Bernhard Langer.
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#### **Steve Stricker, 68-69-65-68– 270 (-18)**

- Defending champion Stricker entered Sunday's final round with a one-stroke lead, but after bogeys on Nos. 11 and 13, wound up one stroke back before making a 13-foot birdie putt on the final hole to force a playoff.
- The runner-up finish was the 25<sup>th</sup> time he's finished inside the top-10 in 30 starts on PGA TOUR Champions.
- Stricker extended his consecutive rounds under par streak to 19, which includes 18 rounds in the 60s.
- In 16 rounds at Greystone Golf and Country Club, Stricker holds a 68.13 scoring average and has recorded 10 rounds in the 60s.
- With his \$220,000 second place check, Stricker moves to No. 12 in Charles Schwab Cup standings.

#### **Other Notes**

- With his 6-under par 66 in the final round, Ernie Els (T4) moved to No. 2 in Charles Schwab Cup standings (\$1,696,330).
- Robert Karlsson finished with a 3-under par 69 on Sunday (T4) and now has nine top-10 finishes in 17 starts and is currently No. 7 in Charles Schwab Cup standings.
- Alabama native Dicky Pride posted a 5-over par 77 on Sunday to finish T13 in his 11<sup>th</sup> PGA TOUR Champions start.
- Two-time champion Bernhard Langer finished T6 after a final-round 71. He retains the top spot in the Charles Schwab Cup standings at \$1,806,245.