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The Senior Open Championship presented by Rolex

Sunningdale Golf Club (Old Course) | Berkshire, England | July 22 – 25, 2021

Final-Round Notes

Sunday, July 25, 2021

Course Setup: Par 70 / 6,641 yards

Weather: Mostly cloudy with highs in the high-60s and winds N at 9-12 mph

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Summary: Stephen Dodd birdied the 72nd hole of The Senior Open Championship presented by Rolex to edge Miguel Angel Jimenez by one stroke and earn his first win on PGA TOUR Champions.

	Player	To Par	Scores
1.	Stephen Dodd	-13	66-71-62-68 – 267 (-13)
2.	Miguel Angel Jimenez	-12	69-67-67-65 – 268 (-12)
3.	Darren Clarke	-11	65-67-70-67 – 269 (-11)
4.	Bernhard Langer	-9	66-67-70-68 – 271 (-9)

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- Final Standings
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Stephen Dodd, 66-71-62-68 – 267 (-13)

- Dodd, who held a two-stroke lead entering the final round, was tied with Miguel Angel Jimenez at 12-under heading to the 18th hole on Sunday. After finding the rough off the tee, Dodd hit his approach on the green and made the putt for birdie and a one-stroke win.
- In addition to No. 18, Dodd birdied Nos. 1, 9 and 14 during the final round, while bogeying Nos. 8 and 13 en route to 2-under 68.
- This is Dodd's first win on PGA TOUR Champions (10 starts). In nine previous starts, Dodd had three top-25 finishes, all of which he earned at The Senior Open (T14/2016; T18/2018; T18/2019).
- Making his fifth appearance at The Senior Open in 2021, Dodd's third-round 62 was his best 18-hole score (20 rounds).
- Dodd snapped a winless streak of three years and 10 days dating back to his win at the 2018 WINSTONgolf Senior Open Invitational on the Legends Tour.

- The 2021 Senior Open is Dodd's fourth win since joining The Legends Tour in 2016 (2017 Farmfoods European Senior Masters, 2016 Senior Italian Open).
- Dodd becomes fully exempt on PGA TOUR Champions through the end of the 2022 season, earns a berth into next year's Open Championship at St. Andrews and gains a five-year exemption into The Senior Open and the season-opening Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai.
- Dodd becomes the second player from Wales to earn a victory on PGA TOUR Champions, joining World Golf Hall of Fame member Ian Woosnam (2015 Insperity Invitational).
- Dodd is the first Welshman to win The Senior Open since Brian Huggett (1998).
- A native of Wales, Dodd owns three titles on the European Tour (2006 Porsche European Open, 2005 Dubai Duty Free Irish Open and 2004 Volvo China Open) and won the 2005 ISPS Handa Melbourne World Cup of Golf with partner Bradley Dredge in Algarve, Portugal.

Miguel Angel Jimenez, 69-67-65 - 268 (-12)

- Jimenez birdied three of his first four holes and added another one on No. 9 to shoot 32 on the front nine. After bogeying the 10th, Jimenez birdied Nos. 12, 14 and 17 to shoot 33 on the back nine and post 12-under.
 - o Jimenez's 65 matched the low round of the day (Michael Long).
 - o It matched Jimenez's lowest round at The Senior Open (28 rounds).
- Making his seventh appearance at The Senior Open, Jimenez notched his fourth top-five at this event. In addition to winning The Senior Open in 2018, Jimenez has six top-10s. His worst finish is T11 (2017).
- Jimenez owns two major titles on PGA TOUR Champions (2018 Regions Tradition, 2018 The Senior Open).
- This is Jimenez's fifth top-10 in his last seven starts on PGA TOUR Champions. In 26 appearances this season,
 Jimenez has two wins (2020 Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai, 2020 Sanford International) and 12
 top-10s.
- Since joining PGA TOUR Champions in 2014, Jimenez has 10 victories. He has at least one win in each of his seven seasons on the Champions Tour, including three consecutive two-win seasons.

Other Notes

- **Darren Clarke**, who held the 36-hole lead, finished third at 11-under. After making four birdies in a bogey-free 31 on the front nine on Sunday, Clarke played the back nine in 1-over 36 to post 67.
 - Clarke, the 2011 Open Champion, earned his best finish in 10 starts on PGA TOUR Champions since back-to-back wins at the 2020 TimberTech Championship and 2021 Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai.
- Four-time Senior Open champion **Bernhard Langer** finished fourth at 9-under to earn his third consecutive top-10 on PGA TOUR Champions.
 - This is Langer's 10th top-five finish at The Senior Open in 13 appearances. He has 12 top-10s at this
 event and his worst finish is T12 (2011).
- 2016 Senior Open champion **Paul Broadhurst** finished fifth at 8-under. This is Broadhurst's second-best finish of the season on PGA TOUR Champions (28 starts).
- Starting the final round two strokes behind Dodd, **Jerry Kelly** shot 2-over 72 to finish sixth at 7-under. It is Kelly's eighth top-10 finish in his last nine starts on PGA TOUR Champions.
 - Kelly was the only player on PGA TOUR Champions to finish in the top 10 in all six majors of the 2020-21 wrap-around season.