# **PURE Insurance Championship Impacting First Tee**

Final-Round Notes Sunday, September 25, 2022

Pebble Beach Golf Links | Pebble Beach, CA 22nd of 27 PGA TOUR Champions events in the 2022 Season



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Course Setup: Pebble Beach: Par 72 / 6,864 yards

**Weather:** The marine layer lifted to 400 feet above the surface of the ocean, resulting in a low overcast for Pebble Beach in the morning. The marine layer pulled back from the coast at times throughout the day but was otherwise a mostly cloudy day with light winds and afternoon temperatures in the 60s. Round two resumed at 7:30 a.m. and concluded at 10:13 a.m. Final-round tee times were between 11:15 a.m. – 1:27 p.m. off tee Nos. 1 and 10.

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Pos.	Player	Score	Course	Money
1	Steve Flesch	66-71-68—205 (-11)	SH-PB-PB	\$330,000.00
T2	Ernie Els	74-68-64—206 (-10)	SH-PB-PB	\$161,333.34
T2	Steven Alker	68-69-69—206 (-10)	SH-PB-PB	\$161,333.33
T2	Paul Stankowski	69-67-70—206 (-10)	PB-SH-PB	\$161,333.33
T5	Brian Gay	69-71-67—207 (-9)	PB-SH-PB	\$96,800.00
T5	Brett Quigley	68-70-69—207 (-9)	PB-SH-PB	\$96,800.00

## Things to Know

- With a clutch putt for birdie on the 54<sup>th</sup> hole, **Steve Flesch** wins the PURE Insurance Championship Impacting First Tee, marking his third PGA TOUR Champions title and second this season.
- **Ernie Els** fires a bogey-free 8-under 64, the field's low score of the week, to finish T2 at 10-under 206, his second top-5 finish in his third PURE Insurance Championship Impacting First Tee start.
- Charles Schwab Cup leader Steven Alker uses a second-consecutive 3-under 69 to finish T2, his second
  consecutive top-5 finish in the event.
- With just two bogeys all week, **Paul Stankowski** finishes T2, good for his best PGA TOUR Champions finish in his 26<sup>th</sup> start; comes off a T5 finish at the 2021 PURE Insurance Championship Impacting First Tee.

#### Steve Flesch (1st / -11 / SH-PB-PB)

- Following birdies on his first four holes, Steve Flesch sank a clutch putt for birdie on the 54<sup>th</sup> hole to post a 4-under 68 and claim a 1-stroke victory at 11-under 205.
- The birdie from approximately eight feet freed him from a 10-under tie with Ernie Els, Steven Alker and Paul Stankowski.
- Flesch converts for a fourth consecutive top-10 finish in the PURE Insurance Championship Impacting First Tee (2022/Won, 2021/9<sup>th</sup>, 2020/T6, 2019/T9) and second win this season (Mitsubishi Electric Classic).
- Flesch came to this week's event after T7 honors at last week's Sanford International.
- The victory marks his third on PGA TOUR Champions (2018, 2022 Mitsubishi Electric Classic).
- The most recent of four PGA TOUR victories came at the 2007 Turning Stone Resort Championship.

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#### **Other Notes**

- **Ernie Els** used a bogey-free 8-under 64, the field's low score of the week, to finish T2 at 10-under 206; marks his second top-5 finish in his third PURE Insurance Championship Impacting First Tee start (3<sup>rd</sup>/2020, T13/2021); the 64 falls a stroke shy of his career-low score on PGA TOUR Champions.
- Angling for a fourth PGA TOUR Champions win this season, Charles Schwab Cup leader Steven Alker followed birdies on his last four holes in round two with a birdie-eagle start in the final round (7-under through six holes); closed with a 3-under 69 to finish T2, good for is 14<sup>th</sup> top-10 finish in 19 starts this season.
- Coming off a T4 at last week's Sanford International, 52-year-old Oxnard, California native **Paul Stankowski** finished T2 in his bid for PGA TOUR Champions status; was making his third start at the PURE Insurance Championship Impacting First Tee and comes off a T5 last year.
- **Brett Quigley**, who came into the week a collective 13-over par in two previous PURE Insurance Championship Impacting First Tee starts, played this week in 68-70-69—207 (-9); the T4 marks his fifth top-10 finish this season and first since a solo-second at the Ally Challenge in August.
- **Ken Duke** followed bogey-free rounds of 5-under 67 and 3-under 69 with an even-par 72 to finish T7; with this week's scores of 67-69-72—208 (-8), extends his streak of par-or-better rounds on PGA TOUR Champions to 19.
- Tuesday qualifier **Mario Tiziani** (Steve Stricker's brother-in-law) birdied four of his first six holes en route to a 5-under 67 and T7 at 8-under 208; marks his first top-10 finish in his 12<sup>th</sup> PGA TOUR Champions start.

#### First Tee:

- The PURE Insurance Championship Impacting First Tee included 78 First Tee members from 54 chapters who were paired with, and mentored by, PGA TOUR Champions players and amateurs from the business world. To be selected, juniors were measured in both golf proficiency and life skills knowledge.
- **Megan Meng** won the First Tee portion of the event for the girls at 22-under 194 with a birdie putt on no. 18 to win by one stroke. At 18-under 198, **Bryson Hughes** emerged victorious for the boys' division.
- Three juniors have made hole-in-ones this week at Pebble Beach during practice rounds:
  - o Cooper Groshart from First Tee-Central Coast / No.7 (Wednesday).
  - o Theresa Shaw from First Tee–Greater Sacramento / No. 17 (Thursday).
  - Sophia Bardunias from First Tee-Tri-Valley / No. 5 at (Thursday).