



# SAS Championship

## Final-Round Notes

**Sunday, October 16, 2022**

Prestonwood Country Club | Cary, North Carolina

24th of 27 PGA TOUR Champions events in the 2022 Season

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- **Course Setup:** Par 72 / 7,226 yards
- **Round 3 Scoring Average:** 70.831
- **Cumulative Scoring Average:** 71.442
- **Weather:** Partly cloudy with temps in the high-70s
- [Final Results](#)
- [PGATOURMedia.com](http://PGATOURMedia.com)

	Player	To Par	Scores	Money	Charles Schwab Cup
1	Fred Couples	-20	68-68-60 – 196	\$315,000	34th
2	Steven Alker	-14	72-66-64 – 202	\$184,800	1st
3	Jerry Kelly	-12	68-69-67 – 204	\$151,200	4th
4	Rocco Mediate	-11	65-72-68 – 205	\$126,000	35th

### Things to Know

- **Fred Couples** birdied 12 of his last 14 holes, including Nos. 5-9 and 12-18, en route to a six-stroke victory at the SAS Championship. The 63-year-old shot his age or better (60) for the first time on PGA TOUR Champions and snapped a winless streak of more than five years to earn his 14th win.

### Fred Couples, 68-68-60 – 196 (-20)

- 63-year-old shot his age or better for the first time on PGA TOUR Champions
  - Matched the second-lowest round in PGA TOUR Champions history
    - Marked the 14th round of 60 in PGA TOUR Champions history
      - It is the lowest third-round score in Champions Tour history
      - Last 60 on PGA TOUR Champions: Kevin Sutherland (R2/2018 Boeing Classic)
    - Note: The lowest round in Champions Tour history is 59 (Kevin Sutherland/R2/2014 DICK'S Sporting Goods Open)
  - Shot his lowest round on PGA TOUR Champions (421 rounds)
    - Previous low 18-hole score: 61 (R3/2014 Shaw Charity Classic)
  - Set the course record at Prestonwood Country Club
    - Previous record: 61 (Tom Kite/2003)
  - Marked the low 18-hole score on PGA TOUR Champions this season
    - Previous: 62 (three times)
- Earned his 14th win on PGA TOUR Champions (137th start)
  - Moves into T17 on the Champions Tour all-time wins list
  - Ranks third among active players on the Champions Tour, behind Bernhard Langer (43) and Jay Haas (18)
- Matched the low 54-hole score by any player this season on PGA TOUR Champions (196)
  - Previous instances: Steve Stricker (Sanford International), Robert Karlsson (Sanford International)
- Matched the largest margin of victory in SAS Championship history (6)
  - Previous instance: Bernhard Langer (2018)
- Matched the largest margin of victory this season on PGA TOUR Champions (6)
  - Previous instances: Steven Alker (Rapisan Systems Classic), Steve Stricker (Regions Tradition)
- At 63 years and 13 days becomes the fourth-oldest winner in PGA TOUR Champions history

- Snapped a winless streak of 5 years, 3 months, 21 days (or 1,939 days), dating back to the 2017 American Family Insurance Championship
- Made 12 birdies on Sunday to match his most in a round on PGA TOUR Champions
  - His seven consecutive birdies on Nos. 12-18 marked the longest streak by any player this season on PGA TOUR Champions

### Most Wins on PGA TOUR Champions by Active Players

Overall Rank	Player	Wins
2	Bernhard Langer	43
T14	Jay Haas	18
T17	Fred Couples	14
T21	Miguel Angel Jimenez	13

### Other Notes

- Charles Schwab Cup leader **Steven Alker** closed with 8-under 64 to finish runner-up at 14-under. This is Alker's seventh top-two finish this season (20 starts).
- Charles Schwab No. 4 **Jerry Kelly** finished third at 12-under for his fifth top-3 of the season (23 starts).
- First-round leader **Rocco Mediate** finished fourth at 11-under for his best finish of the season (21 starts).
- Charles Schwab No. 5 **Miguel Angel Jimenez** finished T5 at 10-under, along with **Alex Cejka**.
- Overnight co-leader **Y.E. Yang** closed with 1-over 73 to finish T13.
- **Paul Broadhurst** and **Bob Estes** withdrew before the start of the final round.
- None of the players in the field earned the "[Wildcard](#)" spot into next week's Dominion Energy Charity Classic.

### Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs Bubble Watch

Ranking Entering the Week	Final Regular Season Ranking
70. Duffy Waldorf	70. Duffy Waldorf
71. Jeff Sluman	71. Michael Allen
72. Michael Allen	72. Jeff Sluman
73. Mark Walker	73. Mark Walker
74. Kent Jones	74. Kent Jones