

U.S. Senior Open

Third-Round Notes

Saturday, June 25, 2022

Saucon Valley Country Club | Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

13th of 27 PGA TOUR Champions events in the 2022 Season



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- **Course Setup:** Par 71 / 6,940 yards
- **Round 3 Scoring Average:** 72.078
- **Cumulative Scoring Average:** 74.686
- **Weather:** Mostly sunny with temps in the high 80s
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	Player	To Par	Scores
1	Padraig Harrington	-11	71-65-66 – 202
T2	Gene Sauers	-6	72-67-68 – 207
T2	Rob Labritz	-6	69-69-69 – 207
4	Ernie Els	-4	72-70-67 – 209
T5	Steven Alker	-3	72-67-71 – 210
T5	Jay Haas	-3	67-72-71 – 210
T5	Steve Stricker	-3	68-69-73 – 210

Things to Know

- **Padraig Harrington** carded 5-under 66 to take a five-stroke lead into the final round of the U.S. Senior Open, as he seeks his first win on PGA TOUR Champions. 2016 champion **Gene Sauers** and reigning Champions Tour Q-School medalist **Rob Labritz** share second place.

Padraig Harrington, 71-65-66 – 202 (-11)

- Posted his lowest 54-hole score on PGA TOUR Champions (202)
- This is his first time leading/co-leading entering the final round on PGA TOUR Champions
 - Previous best position entering final round: T4 (2022 Regions Tradition)
- 50-year-old seeks his first win on PGA TOUR Champions (ninth start)
 - Has three runner-up finishes, each in his last five starts: T2 (2022 Rapiscan Systems Classic), T2 (2022 Mitsubishi Electric Classic), 2nd (2022 Regions Tradition)
- With a win on Sunday, he would snap a winless streak of 5 years, 8 months, 3 days (or 2,072 days), dating back to the 2016 Portugal Masters (DP World Tour).
 - Last win on the PGA TOUR: 2015 Honda Classic
 - Owns three major titles, including two Open Championships (2007, 2008) and the 2008 PGA Championship
- Will play in the last group of the final round for the first time on PGA TOUR Champions
- With a win on Sunday, he would become the first international winner of the U.S. Senior Open since 2014 (Colin Montgomerie)
- A win by Harrington on Sunday would be the 11th victory by a player from Ireland on PGA TOUR Champions, as he would join Mark McNulty (8) and Des Smyth (2)
- With a win on Sunday, he would become the second first-time winner on PGA TOUR Champions this season
- Currently No. 10 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings

Other Notes

- 2016 champion **Gene Sauers** sits T2 at 6-under 207 after posting 68 on Saturday. Sauers' best finish this season on PGA TOUR Champions is T2 (ClubCorp Classic). Making his 216th start on the Champions Tour, Sauer's lone victory is the 2016 U.S. Senior Open.
- Rookie **Rob Labritz**, who earned medalist honors at PGA TOUR Champions Q-School (Final Stage) in December, is T2 after posting three consecutive 69s. Making his 12th start on the Champions Tour, his best finish is T5 (2022 Rapisan Systems Classic).
- World Golf Hall of Fame member and two-time U.S. Open champion **Ernie Els** is T4 at 4-under after carding 67 in the third round.
- 2019 champion **Steve Stricker** posted 2-over 73 and sits T5 at 3-under, along with Charles Schwab Cup leader **Steven Alker** and 68-year-old **Jay Haas**.
 - The first two majors of the 2022 season were won by Stricker (Regions Tradition) and Alker (KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship).
 - In 16 previous appearances at the U.S. Senior Open, Haas' best finish is T3 (2004).
- 2018 champion **David Toms** is among the five players T8 at 2-under.
- Defending champion **Jim Furyk** matched Harrington for low round of the day with 5-under 66. Furyk sits T15 at even-par entering the final round.