

2023 Ascension Charity Classic

Second-Round Notes

Saturday, September 9, 2023



Ascension
CHARITY CLASSIC

presented by **EMERSON**

Norwood Hills Country Club – West Course | St. Louis, Missouri

21st of 28 PGA TOUR Champions events in the 2023 Season

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- **Course Setup:** Par 71 / 6,992 yards
- **Round 2 Scoring Average:** 70.184
- **Weather:** Partly cloudy to mostly sunny skies. Mid to upper 70s. Wind NNE 5-10 mph.
- **Interviews:** [Transcripts](#)
- [Final-Round Tee Times](#)
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Pos.	Player	To Par	Score
T1	Y.E. Yang	-12	64-66-130
T1	Kevin Sutherland	-12	64-66-130
3	Ken Duke	-11	66-65-131
T4	Brett Quigley	-10	68-64-132
T4	Steve Flesch	-10	66-66-132

Things to Know

- The Ascension Charity Classic is being contested for the third time, each time at Norwood Hills Country Club.
- Co-leader **Kevin Sutherland** is the only player bogey-free through 36 holes
- Co-leaders **Yang** and **Sutherland** are both 25-under par in all their rounds they've played at Norwood Hills Country Club (Sutherland – eight rounds, Yang – five rounds)
- **Kevin Sutherland** is 2-for-9 in converting previous second-round leads/co-leads, including his two most recent: (2020 Charles Schwab Cup Championship, 2019 Rapiscan Systems Classic)
- **Y.E. Yang**, **David Branshaw** and **Billy Mayfair** are the only players at 8-under or better who seek their first PGA TOUR Champions victory

Y.E. Yang – 64-66—130 (-12)

- 130 (-12) marks his best 36-hole total on PGA TOUR Champions; previous best: 134 (4 times, most recently 2022 Sanford International)
- Holds the 36-hole lead/co-lead for the second time in his career on PGA TOUR Champions (2022 SAS Championship/T13)
- Seeks his first PGA TOUR Champions title after finishing runner-up at this event in 2022, his lone top-three result in 44 prior starts on PGA TOUR Champions
- Both his PGA TOUR victories came in 2009 – The Honda Classic and the PGA Championship, where he defeated Tiger Woods by three strokes
- Makes second appearance at the Ascension Charity Classic (2nd/2022); five rounds at Norwood Hills Country Club: 68-66-66-64-66

Kevin Sutherland – 64-66—130 (-12)

- 130 total is one stroke shy of his best 36-hole score on PGA TOUR Champions (129, twice, 2017 Shaw Charity Classic, 2020 Charles Schwab Cup Championship)

- Holds the 36-hole lead/co-lead for the 10th time on PGA TOUR Champions; 2-for-9 in converting previous second-round leads/co-leads, including his two most recent: 2020 Charles Schwab Cup Championship, 2019 Rapisan Systems Classic)
- Seeks sixth PGA TOUR Champions title, but first since the 2021 Cologuard Classic
- Makes third appearance at the Ascension Charity Classic (T9/2021, T16/2022) with all eight rounds at Norwood Hills Country Club under par

Additional Notes

- **Ken Duke**, seeking his second PGA TOUR Champions title after winning the Shaw Charity Classic earlier this season, finishes with back-to-back bogeys after holing out from 143 yards for an eagle-3 on No. 16
- **Brett Quigley** posts a 7-under 64, the sixth time he has notched a 64 on PGA TOUR Champions, to match his low round and equal the 18-hole tournament record; most recent The Ally Challenge R3/2023
- Former champion **David Toms** sits T6 at 8-under 134
- **David Branshaw** sits T6 at 8-under and looks to become the fifth player this season to finish in the top-10 after Monday qualifying; (most recent: Jason Schultz/T9/Principal Charity Classic)
- Following an opening-round 71, World Golf Hall of Fame member **Colin Montgomerie** tied the tournament 18-hole scoring record with a 7-under 64 which included a hole-in-one at No. 12, marking his first ace on PGA TOUR Champions. Montgomerie made two aces on the PGA TOUR, with his most recent coming at the 2002 BellSouth Classic
- First-round co-leaders **Billy Mayfair** (T6) and **Tim O'Neal** (T10) are four strokes and five strokes back, respectively
- **John Daly** withdrew with injury after nine holes