



## 2023 Ascension Charity Classic

### Final-Round Notes

Sunday, September 10, 2023

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

21<sup>st</sup> of 28 PGA TOUR Champions events in the 2023 Season

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- **Course Setup:** Par 71 / 6,992 yards
- **Round 3 Scoring Average:** 70.133
- **Weather:** Sunny skies. Low to mid-80s. Wind NNE 5-10 mph.
- **Interviews:** [Transcripts](#)
- [Final Results](#)
- [PGATOURMedia.com](http://PGATOURMedia.com)

Pos.	Player	To Par	Score	Money	Charles Schwab Cup
1	Steve Flesch	(-19)	66-66-62—194	\$300,000	No. 21
2	Kevin Sutherland	(-16)	64-66-67—197	\$176,000	No. 29
T3	Brett Quigley	(-13)	68-64-68—200	\$132,000	No. 12
T3	Y.E. Yang	(-13)	64-66-70—200	\$132,000	No. 14

#### Things to Know

- The Ascension Charity Classic 18-hole tournament record (62) and 54-hole tournament record (194) was established by 2023 winner **Steve Flesch**; the tournament low 36-hole score (130) was also posted this week by **Kevin Sutherland** and **Y.E. Yang**
- **Flesch** matches his low 18-hole score on PGA TOUR Champions, shooting 62 for the third time in 416 rounds
- **Kevin Sutherland** posts his first and only bogey of the week at his 49<sup>th</sup> hole (No. 13)
- **Y.E. Yang** has finished runner-up (2022) and T3 (2023) in two appearances at the Ascension Charity Championship

#### Steve Flesch – 66-66-62—194 (-19)

- Four-time PGA TOUR winner captures his fourth PGA TOUR Champions title in his 139<sup>th</sup> start: 2018 Mitsubishi Electric Classic, 2022 Mitsubishi Electric Classic, 2022 Pure Insurance Championship, 2023 Ascension Charity Classic
- Moves from No. 37 to No. 21 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings
- Opens the final round with seven consecutive 3s on his scorecard en route to a 9-under 62, the 18-hole tournament record
- Equals his low round on PGA TOUR Champions: 62, twice, most recently 2020 Charles Schwab Series – at Ozarks National in Branson, Missouri
- 194 (-19) marks the 54-hole tournament record (previous record: 199, Pdraig Harrington, 2022)
- Final-round 62 comes after previous final-round scores of 72 in both 2021 (T23) and 2022 (T24) at the Ascension Charity Classic
- Caddie this week is son, Griffin, who caddied for Fred Couples when he shot 60 in the final round en route to victory at the 2022 SAS Championship

#### Additional Notes

- **Kevin Sutherland** makes his first and only bogey of the week at his 49<sup>th</sup> hole (No. 13) before closing with birdies on Nos. 17 and 18 to finish solo second, his first top-five finish this season; all nine rounds in three starts at Norwood Hills Country Club have been under par (T9/2021, T16/2022, 2<sup>nd</sup>/2023); is 29-under par in three starts at this event

- **Brett Quigley** matches his best finish this season and posts his fourth top-five result this season (T3/Trophy Hassan II, 4<sup>th</sup>/Mitsubishi Electric Classic, T5/DICK'S Sporting Goods Open, T4/U.S. Senior Open, T3/Ascension Charity Classic)
- In search of his first PGA TOUR Champions title, **Y. E. Yang** shoots his lowest 54-hole total (200) for the third time on PGA TOUR Champions, and the second time at this event; now has three top-five finishes in 45 starts, with two of the three coming at this event (2<sup>nd</sup>/2022 Ascension Charity Classic, 4<sup>th</sup>/2023 Senior PGA Championship, T3/Ascension Charity Classic); his six rounds at Norwood Hills Country Club: 68-66-66-64-66-70
- Following a T9 in his last start at the Shaw Charity Classic, World Golf Hall of Fame member **Colin Montgomerie** (T5/-12) posts top-10s in back-to-back starts for the second time this season (T3/Insperity Invitational, T10/Mitsubishi Electric Classic)
- 2021 Ascension Charity Classic champion **David Toms** finishes T5 at 12-under 201; now has finishes of Win-T16-T5 at this event and is 29-under with all nine rounds in the 60s at Norwood Hills Country Club
- **Ken Duke** (T5/-12) posts nine pars on his last nine holes to shoot a final-round 70 for the third consecutive time at the Ascension Charity Classic
- With a final-round 66 to finish T10 at 10-under, World Golf Hall of Fame member **Bernhard Langer** notches his 220<sup>th</sup> top-10 on PGA TOUR Champions and moves to No. 2 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings, surpassing **Stephen Ames** (T45/-2)
- First-round co-leader and Ascension ambassador **Tim O'Neal** finishes T8 at 11-under and eight strokes back for his third top-10 finish this season and best of his PGA TOUR Champions career
- **Tom Lehman** withdrew before the final round