# **DICK'S Sporting Goods Open**

Second-Round Notes Saturday, June 24, 2023

En-Joie Golf Club | Endicott, New York 14<sup>th</sup> of 28 PGA TOUR Champions events in the 2023 Season

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Course Setup: Par 72 / 6,994 yards
Round 2 Scoring Average: 70.948

• Weather: cloudy, with a high of 77. Wind W 4-8 mph

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Pos.	Player	To Par	Scores
T1	Miguel Angel Jimenez	-12	68-64—132
T1	Brett Quigley	-12	68-64—132
T1	Ernie Els	-12	67-65—132
4	Joe Durant	-11	64-69—133
T5	Thongchai Jaidee	-9	69-66—135
T5	Padraig Harrington	-9	69-66—135

#### Things to Know

- In search of a fourth consecutive top-10 finish in the DICK'S Sporting Goods Open, and 10<sup>th</sup> of the season (12 starts), **Miguel Angel Jimenez** ties the low round of the day with a bogey-free 8-under 64 to reach 12-under 132
- **Brett Quigley** birdies his last four holes in round two, good for a bogey-free 8-under 64 and share of the lead at 12-under 132 with Jimenez and Ernie Els
- Looking to join Steve Stricker, Stephen Ames and David Toms as a multiple winner this season (Hoag Classic),
   World Golf Hall of Fame Member Ernie Els posted a 7-under 65 in his third DICK'S Sporting Goods Open
- On the strength of a second-round 6-under 66, defending champion Padraig Harrington sits T5 and three strokes back at 9-under 135
- In his bid for a PGA TOUR Champions record 46<sup>th</sup> title, World Golf Hall of Fame member & 2014 DICK'S Sporting Goods Open champion Bernhard Langer is T15 at 6-under 138

## Miguel Angel Jimenez - 68-64-132 (-12)

- On the strength of hitting 17-of-18 greens in regulation, Miguel Angel Jimenez made eight birdies and no bogeys, good for an 8-under 64 (and share of the day's low score)
- His 64 ties his low round of the season and marks his third 8-under 64 in his last six rounds on PGA TOUR Champions (R3/Principal Charity Classic/T6, R2/American Family Insurance Championship/T31)
- In 54-hole events on PGA TOUR Champions, Jimenez is 5-of-13 when attempting to convert a 36-hole lead/colead into victory
- Making his sixth start in the DICK'S Sporting Goods Open, Jimenez comes off top-10 finishes in each of his last three starts at En-Joie Golf Club: T10/2022, T3/2021, T6/2019
- In 11 PGA TOUR Champions starts this season before this week, he has finished top 10 on every occasion, with the exception of a T31 in his most recent start at the American Family Insurance Championship
- Jimenez is in search of his 14th career PGA TOUR Champions title and first since the 2022 Boeing Classic



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## Brett Quigley - 68-64-132 (-12)

- In his second DICK'S Sporting Goods Open start (T37/2022), Brett Quigley birdied his last four holes to tie the low round of the day of 8-under 64 and claim a share of the 36-hole lead at 12-under 132
- Quigley seeks a second career PGA TOUR Champions title in his 75<sup>th</sup> start and first since the 2020 Morocco Champions
- Quigley's most recent of four top-10 finishes this season was T9 at the Principal Charity Classic three weeks ago
- Quigley is 0-for-3 when attempting to convert a 36-hole lead/co-lead into victory on PGA TOUR Champions

## Ernie Els - 67-65-132 (-12)

- Making his third start in the DICK'S Sporting Goods Open, World Golf Hall of Fame Member reeled off four straight birdies on Nos. 9-12 before signing for a bogey-free 7-under 65
- Two previous starts in the event: 2<sup>nd</sup>/2021, T15/2022
- A top-10 finish this week would be Els' third straight this season and ninth overall in 12 starts
- Looks to become the fourth player to claim multiple wins this season, joining Steve Stricker (4), Stephen Ames (3) and David Toms (2); Els won the Hoag Classic earlier this season in Newport Beach, California
- Seeks a fourth career PGA TOUR Champions title in his 70<sup>th</sup> start this week
- Is 1-for-5 when attempting to convert a 36-hole lead/co-lead into victory on PGA TOUR Champions in 54-hole events (2020 Hoag Classic)

#### **Additional Notes**

- **Joe Durant**, who led by three strokes after round one, made 10 straight pars to start his second round before signing for a 3-under 69; he heads into the final round solo-fourth at 11-under 133
- Defending champion Padraig Harrington offset one bogey (par-3 14th) with seven birdies to post a 6-under 66 and move to T5 at 9-under 135; with a win Sunday, he would become the first player in DICK'S Sporting Goods Open history to successfully defend his title, as well as the first to achieve the feat this season
- After opening the week with a 1-over 73, World Golf Hall of Fame member Retief Goosen made eagles on the par-5 12<sup>th</sup> and par-4 16<sup>th</sup> in round two to sign for a 6-under 66 and move to T20 at 5-under 139; he becomes the 11<sup>th</sup> player to make multiple eagles in a single round this season; in his most recent of two DICK'S Sporting Goods Open starts before this week, finished T3 in 2021
- Past DICK'S Sporting Goods Open champions in the field: Padraig Harrington/2022 (T5/-9), Scott McCarron/2017 (T51/+1), Paul Goydos/2016 (T43/-1), Jeff Maggert/2015 (T51/+1), Bernhard Langer/2014 (T15/-6), Willie Wood/2012 (T71/+8), John Huston/2011 (T7/-8)