

## 2023 Hoag Classic



### Second-Round Notes

**Saturday, March 18, 2023**

Newport Beach Country Club | Newport Beach, California  
5th of 28 PGA TOUR Champions events in the 2023 Season

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- **Course Setup:** Par 71 / 6,821 yards
- **Round 2 Scoring Average:** 69.090
- **Weather:** Mostly sunny, with a high of 67. Wind WSW 5-10 mph, gusting to 15 mph
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	Player	To Par	Scores
1	Bernhard Langer	-12	64-66—130
T2	Doug Barron	-11	65-66—131
T2	Miguel Angel Jimenez	-11	64-67—131
T4	Fred Couples	-10	66-66—132
T4	Brian Gay	-10	67-65—132

#### Things to Know

- In his bid for a PGA TOUR Champions record 46<sup>th</sup> title, 2008 champion **Bernhard Langer** plays his last five holes in 5-under to card a 5-under 66
- Following a T5 in last year's Hoag Classic, **Doug Barron** positions himself for a third PGA TOUR Champions title
- Seeking a fourth consecutive top-15 finish in the Hoag Classic, **Miguel Angel Jimenez** follows a 7-under 64 with a 4-under 67 in round two
- In his bid to become the first three-time winner of the Hoag Classic, **Fred Couples** opens with back-to-back 5-under 66s and is the only player bogey-free through 36 holes
- Making his eighth PGA TOUR Champions start, open qualifier **Harry Rudolph** birdies three of his last five holes to sign for a 6-under 65 and reach 8-under 134 (T7) headed into the final round
- Defending Hoag Classic champion **Retief Goosen** sits T35 at 4-under 138 in his bid to become the first player to successfully defend his Hoag Classic title

#### Bernhard Langer (1<sup>st</sup>/-12)

- Making his 12 start in the Hoag Classic, the 2008 champion played his last five holes in 5-under (birdie-eagle-par-birdie-birdie) to post a 5-under 66.
- Langer seeks a PGA TOUR Champions record 46<sup>th</sup> title, breaking his tie with Hale Irwin.
- In 54-hole events completed in their entirety, Langer has converted a 36-hole lead/co-lead into victory on 20 occasions, including each of his last three efforts (2022 Chubb Classic, 2022 TimberTech Championship and 2023 Chubb Classic).
- For the second consecutive round, Langer missed only two fairways.
- Langer is making his 12<sup>th</sup> start in the Hoag Classic and comes off a T8 in 2022.

#### Other Notes

- Following a T5 in last year's Hoag Classic, Memphis native **Doug Barron** (T2/-11) offset two bogeys with seven birdies to post a 5-under 66; Barron seeks a third career PGA TOUR Champions title in his 74<sup>th</sup> start this week (2019 DICK'S Sporting Goods Open, 2021 Shaw Charity Classic)

- With birdies on four of his last six holes, **Miguel Angel Jimenez** (T2/-11) carded a 4-under 67 in his bid for a fourth consecutive top-15 finish in the Hoag Classic (2019/14<sup>th</sup>, 2020/T13, 2022/T15); in three starts on PGA TOUR Champions this season before this week, Jimenez has not finished worse than T16 (Cologuard Classic).
- In his bid to become the Hoag Classic's first three-time winner, **Fred Couples** (T4/-10) opened his ninth Hoag Classic with back-to-back 5-under 66s and remains the only player without a bogey or worse; the 2010 and 2014 Hoag Classic champion has never finished outside the top-10 in the event.
- Making his eighth PGA TOUR Champions start, open qualifier and La Jolla, CA resident **Harry Rudolph** birdied three of his last five holes to sign for a 6-under 65 and sit T7 at 8-under 134; most recent player to win after earning a spot into the field via open qualifying was Dicky Pride at the 2021 Mitsubishi Electric Classic; Rudolph's best finish in seven previous starts was T34/2021 U.S. Senior Open Championship.
- 2022 Hoag Classic runner-up, **K.J. Choi**, offset one bogey with seven birdies to post a 6-under 65 and move to 8-under 134 (T7); Choi is in search of his second career PGA TOUR Champions title (2021 PURE Insurance Championship).
- Newly nominated World Golf Hall of Fame Member **Padraig Harrington** opened his first Hoag Classic with scores of 69-68 and will head into the final round T27 at 5-under 137.
- Defending Hoag Classic champion Retief Goosen is 4-under 138 (T35) in his bid to become the first player to successfully defend a Hoag Classic title.