

2023 Invited Celebrity Classic

Final-Round Notes

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Las Colinas Country Club | Irving, Texas

7th of 28 PGA TOUR Champions events in the 2023 Season



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- **Course Setup:** Par 71 / 6,576 yards
- **Round 3 Scoring Average:** 70.883
- **Cumulative Scoring Average:** 70.508
- **Weather:** Mostly cloudy with showers and temps in the mid-50s with winds NE at 8-14 mph
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	Player	To Par	Scores	Money	Charles Schwab Cup
1	Mark Hensby*	-12	66-65-70 – 201	\$300,000	3rd
2	Charlie Wi	-12	69-64-68 – 201	\$176,000	28th
3	Alex Cejka	-11	66-64-72 – 202	\$144,000	8th
T4	Richard Green	-10	70-68-65 – 203	\$108,000	18th
T4	Jerry Kelly	-10	69-67-67 – 203	\$108,000	16th

*-won on the fourth playoff hole

Things to Know

- **Format:** The Invited Celebrity Classic featured 78 PGA TOUR Champions professionals (playing 54 holes of stroke play) along with 40 celebrities (playing 54 holes of modified Stableford).
- **Mark Hensby** captured his first win on PGA TOUR Champions in a four-hole playoff over **Charlie Wi**.
- After tying each of the first three playoff holes (Nos. 18, 18, 17) with pars, Hensby made par on the fourth playoff hole (No. 18), while Wi made double bogey after hitting his second shot into the penalty area.
 - This was the first playoff of the 2023 season on PGA TOUR Champions
- In the celebrity competition, last year's runner-up **Tony Romo** took the title by defeating defending champion **Mardy Fish** by five points.

Mark Hensby, 66-65-70 – 201 (-12)

- The 51-year-old earned his first win on PGA TOUR Champions (15 starts)
 - Previous best finish: 2nd (2023 Trophy Hassan II)
- This was his first win in 6,475 days (or 17 years, 8 months, 23 days), dating back to the 2005 Scandinavian Invitation (DP World Tour)
- This was his first win on a PGA TOUR-sanctioned Tour since the 2004 John Deere Classic, his lone win on the PGA TOUR
 - Also won three times on the Korn Ferry Tour, most recently in 2003
- Becomes fully exempt on PGA TOUR Champions through the end of the 2024 season and earns a spot in the 2024 Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai
- Moved up to No. 3 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings after collecting his third top-3 of the season (five starts)
- Becomes the first player this season to earn his first win on PGA TOUR Champions
- This was his low 54-hole score on PGA TOUR Champions (201)
 - Previous low: 204 (2023 Cologuard Classic)
- Earned the 35th win by a player from Australia on PGA TOUR Champions, joining Bruce Crampton (20), Graham Marsh (6), David Graham (5), Rodger Davis (1), Bruce Devlin (1) and Rod Pampling (1)

Other Notes

- **Charlie Wi**, who started the week as fifth alternate, finished runner-up after falling to Hensby in the playoff. This was Wi's first top-10 on PGA TOUR Champions (nine starts).
- 36-hole leader **Alex Cejka** carded 1-over 72 to finish third at 11-under. This was his ninth top-3 finish on PGA TOUR Champions (52 starts).
- **Richard Green** (T4) and **Steve Jones** (T11) matched for low round of the day with 7-under 65.
- In addition to Green, **Jerry Kelly** also finished T4 at 10-under after carding 67 in the final round.
- Making his PGA TOUR Champions debut, **Arjun Atwal** finished T11 at 5-under 208.
- **Joe Durant** (wrist) withdrew before the start of the final round.

Celebrity Competition

	Player	Points
1	Tony Romo	107
2	Mardy Fish	102
3	Annika Sorenstam	101
4	Mark Mulder	100

- Last year's runner-up **Tony Romo** (former Dallas Cowboys quarterback) came from behind to capture the celebrity competition title with 107 points. Romo scored 40 points in the modified Stableford format on Sunday, the most of any celebrity in the final round.
- Defending champion and 36-hole leader **Mardy Fish** (former professional tennis player) finished runner-up with 102 points after scoring 29 in the final round.
- World Golf Hall of Fame member **Annika Sorenstam** finished third with 101 points.
- The top-3 finishers at this year's Invited Celebrity Classic are the same as the inaugural event last year. In 2022, Fish won in a playoff over Romo, while Sorenstam finished third.

Invited Clubs Members Competition

- 10 Invited Clubs members went through a qualification process and earned the opportunity to play alongside the stars during the official tournament rounds.
- In the modified Stableford format, **Jake Short** (Braemar Country Club) won the Net Division (86 points), while **Michael Samp** (Hackberry Country Club) won the Gross Division (56 points).

Scoring System for Celebrities and Invited Members

- Double Eagle: 10 points
- Hole-in-One: 8 points
- Eagle: 5 points
- Birdie: 3 points
- Par: 2 points
- Bogey: 1 point
- Double Bogey: 0 points