

# 2023 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship



## Third-Round Notes

**Saturday, May 27, 2023**

Fields Ranch East | Frisco, Texas

11<sup>th</sup> of 28 PGA TOUR Champions events in the 2023 Season

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- **Course Setup:** Par 72 / 7,193 yards
- **Round 3 Scoring Average:** 72.99
- **Weather:** Partly cloudy, with a high of 87. Wind SE 6-12 mph.
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Pos.	Player	To Par	Scores
1	Padraig Harrington	-16	64-68-68—200
2	Steve Stricker	-15	70-67-64—201
3	Stewart Cink	-13	68-68-67—203
T4	Robert Karlsson	-9	68-73-66—207
T4	Y.E. Yang	-9	69-69-69—207
T4	Darren Clarke	-9	69-69-69—207

### Things to Know

- In his bid for a fifth career PGA TOUR Champions title and second PGA TOUR Champions major crown, **Padraig Harrington** birdies the par-5 18<sup>th</sup> to shoot 4-under 68 and maintain the outright lead for a third consecutive round in the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship
- **Harrington's** only blemish of the week came in the form of a double-bogey-six at No. 17 in round three.
- As he continues his ascent up the leaderboard, **Steve Stricker** fires a bogey-free 8-under 64 to extend his PGA TOUR Champions record of consecutive rounds of par-or-better to 48; is now a collective 128-under par in 28 total rounds on PGA TOUR Champions this season.
- On the strength of an ace at the par-3 13<sup>th</sup> from 191 yards en route to a 5-under 67, **Stewart Cink** looks to become the 21<sup>st</sup> player to win in his PGA TOUR Champions debut, as well as the youngest to win on PGA TOUR Champions (50 years, 7 days Sunday); in addition to the ace, Cink made eagle-3 at No. 3.
- In an effort to become the fourth player to successfully defend a KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship title and first since **Colin Montgomerie** in 2015, **Steven Alker** will begin the final round solo-seventh at 8-under 208.

### Padraig Harrington (1<sup>st</sup>/-16)

- Making his second start in the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship (T20/2022), Harrington followed bogey-free scores of 64-68 in rounds one and two, respectively, with a 4-under 68 in Saturday's third round.
- On PGA TOUR Champions, Harrington's record of converting a lead/co-lead with one round remaining is a perfect 3-for-3 (72-hole events: 2022 U.S. Senior Open Championship, 2022 Charles Schwab Cup Championship. 54-hole events: 2022 Ascension Charity Classic)
- Through three rounds, Harrington maintains his lead in the Greens in Regulation category, with 47-of-54.
- Harrington seeks a second PGA TOUR Champions major (2022 U.S. Senior Open Championship).
- Harrington has finished inside the top five in all but one event this season, most recently at the season's first PGA TOUR Champions major, the Regions Tradition (T5).
- In his rookie year of 2022, Harrington won four times in 19 starts, resulting in PGA TOUR Champions Rookie of the Year honors.

### Steve Stricker (2<sup>nd</sup>/-15)

- Making his third start in the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship (T41/2019, T11/2020), Stricker birdied four of his first seven and four of his last six holes to card a bogey-free 8-under 64.
- Stricker's 64 in round three ties his low round of the season from round three of the Regions Tradition in his most recent start before this week, a four-round event he won by six strokes.
- With his 8-under 64, the Charles Schwab Cup leader extends his PGA TOUR Champions record of consecutive par-or-better rounds to 48 and a perfect 28-for-28 this season; the streak started with a 6-under 65 in the final round of the 2022 U.S. Senior Open last June.
- Stricker seeks a 14<sup>th</sup> career victory on PGA TOUR Champions and sixth PGA TOUR Champions major crown.

### Other Notes

- **Stewart Cink's** ace at the par-3 13<sup>th</sup> in round three was the fifth of the season and first since Steve Stricker at the Mitsubishi Electric Classic; Cink also becomes the 10<sup>th</sup> player this season to make two eagles in a round.
- With a victory Sunday, **Cink** would become:
  - the youngest player to win on PGA TOUR Champions (50 years, 7 days); the current record is 50 years, 10 days (Mark Wiebe and Bobby Wadkins).
  - the second consecutive champion of the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship to win in his first start in the event, joining **Steven Alker**.
  - the 20<sup>th</sup> player to win on the Korn Ferry Tour, PGA TOUR and Champions Tour; Mark Hensby became the 19<sup>th</sup> last month with his win at the Invited Celebrity Classic.
- Highlighted by an eagle-3 at No. 18, Robert Karlsson posted a 6-under 66 and moves to T4 at 9-under 207.