

2023 Regions Tradition

Second-Round Notes

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Greystone Golf & Country Club | Hoover, Alabama

10th of 28 PGA TOUR Champions events in the 2023 Season



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- **Course Setup:** Par 72 / 7,249 yards
- **Round 2 Scoring Average:** 71.551
- **Weather:** Mostly cloudy, with a high of 83. Wind SSE 5-10 mph
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	Player	To Par	Scores
1	Ernie Els	-10	68-66—134
2	Paul Broadhurst	-9	67-68—135
T3	Steve Stricker	-8	68-68—136
T3	Tim O'Neal	-8	67-69—136

Things to Know

- With T4 and T3 finishes in his two previous Regions Tradition starts of 2021 and 2022, respectively, **Ernie Els** ties the low round of the day with a 6-under 66 to position himself for a third top-10 finish in as many weeks and second win of the season (Hoag Classic)
- At 9-under 135 entering the weekend, 18-hole co-leader **Paul Broadhurst** is vying for a sixth career PGA TOUR Champions title and first since 2018
- Looking to become the fifth different player to successfully defend a Regions Tradition title and first since Bernhard Langer in 2017, **Steve Stricker** offsets a double-bogey-six at No. 3 with seven birdies to post a second consecutive 4-under 68
- Beginning the week as an alternate, 18-hole co-leader **Tim O'Neal** started round two with 10 straight pars before closing with a bogey-free 3-under 69 as he tries for a second consecutive top-10 finish this season (T10/Mitsubishi Electric Championship)
- With just one bogey through 36 holes, **Jerry Kelly** posts a bogey-free 4-under 68 in his bid for a fifth top-15 finish in as many Regions Tradition starts

Ernie Els (1st/-10)

- In an effort for a third consecutive top-5 finish in as many Regions Tradition starts, World Golf Hall of Fame member Ernie Els birdied his last two holes (Nos. 17 and 18) to post a 6-under 66, marking his 15th consecutive round of par-or-better this season (22-of-23 total)
- Els' 66 ties the day's low round with Robert Karlsson (T5/-7)
- Els' previous Regions Tradition finishes: T4/2021, T3/2022
- On the PGA TOUR (four-round events), Els is 9-for-15 when attempting to convert a 36-hole lead/co-lead into victory; this marks his first 36-hole lead/co-lead in a 72-hole event on PGA TOUR Champions
- Els is seeking his second win of the season (Hoag Classic) and fourth overall on PGA TOUR Champions

Other Notes

- In search of a sixth career PGA TOUR Champions title and third PGA TOUR Champions major crown, first-round co-leader **Paul Broadhurst** followed a 5-under 67 with a 4-under 68 in round two to reach 9-under 135

- 2021 Regions Tradition champion **Alex Cejka** improved on an opening-round 3-under 69 with a 4-under 68 in Friday's second round to move into the top five at 7-under 137 (T4)
- In his bid for a record 46th PGA TOUR Champions title and third at the Regions Tradition (2016, 2017), **Bernhard Langer** sits T22 at 3-under 141 through 36 holes; in 12 previous Regions Tradition starts, Langer has finished inside the top 10 on all but two occasions (T17/2009, 11th/2018)
- On his 53rd birthday, **Mike Weir** offset one bogey with five birdies to post a 4-under 68 and move to T10 at 6-under 138; Weir shares a birthday with **Jim Furyk**, who is at 2-over 146