# 2023 Regions Tradition

# Final-Round Notes

Sunday, May 14, 2023 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 3 Scoring Average: 70.831
- Weather: Partly cloudy, with a high of 91. Wind NNW 5-10, gusting to 15 mph. Due to inclement weather, play was suspended from 3-4 p.m. CT
- Interviews: <u>Transcripts</u> | <u>Videos</u>
- Final Results
- PGATOURMedia.com

Pos.	Player	To Par	Scores	Money	Charles Schwab Cup
1	Steve Stricker	-23	68-68-64-65—265	\$375,000	1 <sup>st</sup>
T2	Ernie Els	-17	68-66-72-65—271	\$200,000	4 <sup>th</sup>
T2	Robert Karlsson	-17	71-66-63-71—271	\$200,000	8 <sup>th</sup>
4	Jerry Kelly	-16	69-68-67-68—272	\$150,000	11 <sup>th</sup>

### Things to Know

- Steve Stricker's 23-under 265 supplants the tournament's low 72-hole score of 21-under 267 (set by Stricker in 2022) since moving to Greystone Golf & Country Club in 2016 and matches Doug Tewell's overall tournament record, established in 2001 at the Cochise Course at Desert Mountain in Arizona
- Steve Stricker becomes the sixth player to successfully defend the tournament's title and extends his perfect streak of top-10 finishes this season to eight
- With a final-round 7-under 65 to finish second at 17-under 271, **Ernie Els** collects a third top-5 finish in as many Regions Tradition starts (T4/2021, T3/2022)
- A day after setting the course record of 9-under 63, Robert Karlsson followed with a final round 1-under 71 to finish T2 in his third start in the Regions Tradition (3<sup>rd</sup>/2021, T57/2022); Karlsson was one of seven players who held the previous course record of 64

### Steve Stricker (1<sup>st</sup>/-23)

- After ending his third round with four consecutive birdies, Stricker began his final round with three straight birdies en route to a 7-under 65 and six-stroke victory at 23-under 265
- Stricker amassed 10 birdies on the 13-hole stretch from No.11 in round three through No. 5 in the final round
- The 2023 Regions Tradition marks Stricker's third victory in the event (2019, 2022, 2023), fifth major championship title and 13<sup>th</sup> overall win on PGA TOUR Champions (55 starts)
- Stricker has won each of his three Regions Tradition titles by six shots
- Stricker becomes the fifth different player to successfully defend a Regions Tradition title (Jack Nicklaus/1990-91, 1995-96, Gil Morgan/1997-98, Tom Lehman/2011-12 and Bernhard Langer/2016-17)
- When holding at least a share of the lead/co-lead heading into a final round on PGA TOUR Champions, Stricker has now converted for the win on nine of 13 occasions
- With top-10 finishes in all eight starts this season, Stricker is a perfect 25-for-25 with scores of par-or-better
- With his final-round 7-under 65, Stricker extends his stretch of sub-par scores at the Regions Tradition to a perfect 24-for-24 and moves to 106-under par:



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Year Finish		Scores	То				
			Par				
2023	1 <sup>st</sup>	68-68-64-65	-23				
2022	1 <sup>st</sup>	65-68-66-68	-21				
2021	2 <sup>nd</sup>	68-69-65-68	-18				
2019	1 <sup>st</sup>	68-64-70-68	-18				
2018	T2	67-70-65-70	-16				
2017	T13	71-71-70-66	-10				

## Steve Stricker at Regions Tradition

#### **Other Notes**

- **Jerry Kelly** birdied three of his last five holes en route to 5-under 67 and third consecutive bogey-free round; his fourth-place finish marks his fifth top-15 finish in as many Regions Tradition starts
- With **Padraig Harrington's** T5 finish at 15-under 273, he has now collected top-7 finishes in all but one of five starts this season; in his only other Regions Tradition start, Harrington finished second in 2022
- In his bid for a record 46<sup>th</sup> career PGA TOUR Champions title, 2016-17 Regions Tradition champion Bernhard Langer finished T18 at 9-under 279