

2023 Sanford International

Final-Round Notes

Sunday, September 17, 2023

Minnehaha Country Club | Sioux Falls, South Dakota

22nd of 28 PGA TOUR Champions events in the 2023 Season



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- **Course Setup:** Par 70 / 6,638 yards
- **Round 3 Scoring Average:** 69.333
- **Cumulative Scoring Average:** 69.051
- **Weather:** Sunny with temps in the low-70s and winds SE at 4-8 mph
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| | Player | To Par | Scores | Money | Charles Schwab Cup |
|---|-----------------|--------|----------------|-----------|--------------------|
| 1 | Steve Stricker | -16 | 62-66-66 – 194 | \$300,000 | 1st |
| 2 | K.J. Choi | -15 | 62-68-65 – 195 | \$176,000 | 14th |
| 3 | Joe Durant | -13 | 65-64-68 – 197 | \$144,000 | 19th |
| 4 | Bernhard Langer | -12 | 67-67-64 – 198 | \$120,000 | 2nd |

Things to Know

- Charles Schwab Cup leader **Steve Stricker** captured his sixth win of the 2023 season and defended his title at the Sanford International presented by First PREMIER Bank & Mastercard.

Steve Stricker, 62-66-66 – 194 (-16)

- The 56-year-old earned his 17th win overall on PGA TOUR Champions (62 starts)
 - Remains in 17th place on the PGA TOUR Champions all-time wins list
 - Improves his winning percentage on PGA TOUR Champions to 27.4%
- Earned his sixth win of the season, most among all players in 2023 (15 starts)
 - Moves into T9 on the PGA TOUR Champions single-season wins list
 - Becomes the third player since 2000 to win six or more times in a single season on PGA TOUR Champions, joining Bernhard Langer (seven wins in 2017) and Larry Nelson (six wins in 2000)
- Extended his lead in the Charles Schwab Cup standings to \$2,065,705 over No. 2 Bernhard Langer
 - With his finish this week, Stricker set the PGA TOUR Champions record for money earned in a season (\$3,956,127)
- Becomes the first three-time winner in the six-year history of the Sanford International (2018, 2022, 2023)
 - In five starts at the Sanford International, he has never finished outside of the top 6 (1st-T3-6th-1st-1st)
- Set the Sanford International 54-hole scoring record (194)
 - Previous: 196 (three times)
- This is the fifth successful title defense this season on PGA TOUR Champions
 - Previous instances in 2023: Bernhard Langer (Chubb Classic), Steven Alker (Insperity Invitational), Steve Stricker (Regions Tradition) and Pdraig Harrington (DICK'S Sporting Goods Open)
- Notched his 19th consecutive top-10 on PGA TOUR Champions, dating back to last season, which is the fourth-longest streak in Champions Tour history
- This is his 11th top-2 finish of the season (15 starts)

Other Notes

- Seeking his first win since 2021, **K.J. Choi** (15-under) finished runner-up at the Sanford International for the second time in three years (2021, 2023). This is Choi's third top-3 finish of the season (19 starts).

- **Joe Durant** birdied each of the last three holes en route to a third-place finish at 13-under. This is Durant's second top-3 finish of the season (20 starts).
- 66-year-old **Bernhard Langer** (4th) bettered his age with 64 on Sunday to finish at 12-under. This is Langer's 10th time shooting his age or better on PGA TOUR Champions (fourth time in 2023).
- **Paul Stankowski** and **Alex Cejka** each finished T5 at 11-under.
- **John Daly**, **David Toms** and **Paul Broadhurst** each finished T7 at 10-under.
- **Lee Janzen** (T12) carded the round of the day with 7-under 63.
- **Jerry Kelly** (T12) made a hole-in-one on No. 17 with a 6-iron from 186 yards.
- Making his debut on PGA TOUR Champions, South Dakota's **Ryan Jansa** finished T55 at even-par.
- 72-year-old open qualifier **Dick Mast** (T67) bettered his age for the third consecutive round with 1-over 71.

Most Single-Season Money Won in PGA TOUR Champions History

| Rank | Player | Season | Money |
|------|-----------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| 1 | Steve Stricker | 2023 | \$3,956,127 |
| 2 | Bernhard Langer | 2017 | \$3,677,359 |
| 3 | Steven Alker | 2022 | \$3,544,425 |
| 4 | Padraig Harrington | 2022 | \$3,293,255 |
| 5 | Bernhard Langer | 2020-21 | \$3,255,499 |

Most Single-Season Wins in PGA TOUR Champions History

| Rank | Player | Season | Wins |
|-----------|-----------------------|-------------|----------|
| T1 | Hale Irwin | 1997 | 9 |
| | Peter Thomson | 1985 | 9 |
| T3 | Bernhard Langer | 2017 | 7 |
| | Bruce Fleisher | 1999 | 7 |
| | Hale Irwin | 1998 | 7 |
| | Lee Trevino | 1990 | 7 |
| | Chi Chi Rodriguez | 1987 | 7 |
| | Bruce Crampton | 1986 | 7 |
| T9 | Steve Stricker | 2023 | 6 |
| | Larry Nelson | 2000 | 6 |
| | Gil Morgan | 1998 | 6 |
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| | Lee Trevino | 1994 | 6 |
| | Don January | 1983 | 6 |

Most Consecutive Top-10 Finishes in PGA TOUR Champions History

| Player | Consecutive Top-10s | Timespan |
|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Don January | 36 | 1980-84 |
| Hale Irwin | 23 | 1997-98 |
| Bernhard Langer | 20 | 2013-14 |
| Steve Stricker | 19 | 2022-present |
| Miller Barber | 17 | 1984-85 |
| Peter Thomson | 17 | 1985 |
| Chi Chi Rodriguez | 17 | 1985-86 |