

# 2024 Ascension Charity Classic

## Second-Round Notes Saturday, September 7, 2024



Norwood Hills Country Club – West Course | St. Louis, Missouri  
21<sup>st</sup> of 28 PGA TOUR Champions events in the 2024 Season

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- **Course Setup:** Par 71 / 6,874 yards
- **Round 2 Scoring Average:** 71.486
- **Weather:** Sunny skies. Temperatures in the mid-70s. Wind NNE at 18 mph.
- **Interviews:** [Transcripts](#)
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Pos.	Player	To Par	Score
T1	Stewart Cink	-8	67-67 - 134
T1	Y.E. Yang	-8	65-69 - 134
T3	Bernhard Langer	-6	69-67 - 136
T3	Rod Pampling	-6	68-68 - 136
T3	Kevin Sutherland	-6	66-70 - 136
T6	Four players tied	-5	137

### Things to Know

- The Ascension Charity Classic is being contested for the fourth time, each time at Norwood Hills Country Club
- **Stewart Cink** matched the round of the day with 4-under 67 and will play in the final group for the third time this season
- First-round leader **Y.E. Yang** carded 2-under and sits T1 with Stewart Cink
- Defending champion **Steve Flesch** sits T23 (140/-2) and six back entering the final round

### Stewart Cink – 67- 67 – 134 (-8)

- Played the back nine bogey-free highlighted by an eagle (No. 11) and two birdies (Nos. 10 and 16) en route to 4-under 67 in his first Ascension Charity Classic appearance
- His 67 equaled the low round of the day (Bernhard Langer/T3; Darren Clarke/T10)
- Holds the second-round lead/co-lead for the third time in his career on PGA TOUR Champions; 1-for-2 in converting previous second-round leads/co-leads into victories (T7/2024 Cologuard Classic, Won/2024 The Ally Challenge)
- The 51-year-old seeks his second win on PGA TOUR Champions in 14 days
  - Last win: 2024 Ally Challenge - became this season's third first-time winner on PGA TOUR Champions, joining Ricardo Gonzalez (Trophy Hassan II) and Richard Bland (KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship)
- With a win on Sunday, would join Ernie Els (Principal Charity Classic, American Family Insurance Championship) as players to win in consecutive starts this season

### Y.E. Yang – 65- 69 - 134 (-8)

- Seeks his first PGA TOUR Champions title in his 72<sup>nd</sup> start; owns two runner-up results (2022 Ascension Charity Classic, 2024 Kaulig Companies Championship)
- Holds the second-round lead/co-lead for the fourth time in his career on PGA TOUR Champions and for the second consecutive year at the Ascension Charity Classic; 0-for-3 in converting previous second-round leads/co-leads into victories
- Both his PGA TOUR victories came in 2009 – The Honda Classic and the PGA Championship, where he defeated Tiger Woods by three strokes
- Makes third appearance at the Ascension Charity Classic (2<sup>nd</sup>/2022, T3/2023); eight rounds at Norwood Hills Country Club: 68-66-66-64-66-70-65-69

#### **Additional Notes**

- In his fourth appearance at this event, World Golf Hall of Fame member **Bernhard Langer** posted a bogey-free 4-under 67; best finish at this event: 4<sup>th</sup>/2022; seeks his first win this season with his most recent victory coming at the 2023 U.S. Senior Open Championship to become the all-time wins leader (46)
  - Will play in the final group for the second time this season (T3/Principal Charity Classic)
- **Rod Pampling** seeks his first win at the Ascension Charity Classic and best finish in four starts (T33/2023, T51/2022, T23/2020) and first win of the 2024 season (Last: 2023 SAS Championship)
- In his 200<sup>th</sup> PGA TOUR Champions start, **Kevin Sutherland** seeks his sixth PGA TOUR Champions title, first since the 2021 Cologuard Classic
  - With a win on Sunday, it would be the second consecutive year that a player wins the Ascension Charity Classic with one of their children on the bag (son Keaton)
  - Last: 2023 Ascension Charity Classic (Steve Flesch, with son Griffin)
- After carding his age or better for the 20<sup>th</sup> time on PGA TOUR Champions in the first round, St. Louis, Missouri native **Jay Haas** posted 3-over in the second round and sits T44 (142/E)
- Monday qualifier and former University of Missouri golfer **Jason Schultz** sits T31 (141/-1) in his fourth PGA TOUR Champions start, while St. Louis, Missouri native **Jay Delsing** sits T70 (154/+12)