



Dominion Energy Charity Classic - Second-Round Notes

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26th of 28 PGA TOUR Champions events in the 2024 Season

The Country Club of Virginia - James River Course | Richmond, Virginia

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- **Course Setup:** Par 72 / 6,867 yards
- **Round 2 Scoring Average:** 71.303
- **Weather:** Sunny, with a high of 71. Win NNE 6-12 mph.
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Second-Round Leaderboard

| Pos. | Player | To Par | Scores |
|------|------------------|--------|-----------|
| 1 | Ken Duke | -9 | 69-66—135 |
| 2 | Ricardo Gonzalez | -8 | 69-67—136 |
| T3 | Retief Goosen | -7 | 66-71—137 |
| T3 | Steve Flesch | -7 | 67-70—137 |

Things to Know

- Coming off T7 finishes with one another at last week's SAS Championship, **Ken Duke** and **Ricardo Gonzalez** find themselves Nos. 1 and 2, respectively, after 36 holes of this week's Dominion Energy Charity Classic, the first of three Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs events.

Ken Duke (1st/-9)

- With just two pars on his first nine holes (six birdies, one bogey), carded a 5-under 66 to reach 9-under 135 a week removed from a T7 finish at the SAS Championship.
- Is 0-for-2 when attempting to convert a 36-hole lead/co-lead into victory on PGA TOUR Champions.
- Began the week at No. 29 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings; projected No. 9 through 36 holes before next week's Simmons Bank Championship in his home state of Arkansas.
- Through 36 holes, he has hit 23-of-28 fairways and 27-of-36 greens in regulation.
- His only top-30 finish in four previous Dominion Energy Charity Classic starts was T17 in his first start of 2019.
- Most recent of five top-10 finishes this season came at last week's SAS Championship, where he finished T7 with Ricardo Gonzalez, who is one shot back through 36 holes this week.
- His lone PGA TOUR Champions victory in 133 starts before this week: 2023 Rogers Charity Classic.

Other Notes

- In his Dominion Energy Charity Classic debut, Argentina’s **Ricardo Gonzalez** offset a double-bogey at the par-4 11th with seven birdies to sign for a 5-under 67 and reach solo-second at 8-under 136; his most recent of four top-10 finishes came at last week’s SAS Championship, finishing T7 with this week’s 36-hole leader, **Ken Duke**.
- Making his fifth Dominion Energy Charity Classic start, 18-hole leader and World Golf Hall of Fame member **Retief Goosen** followed an opening-round 6-under 66 with a 71 in round two to drop to T3 at 7-under 137; two previous top-10 finishes in the event (2019/T10, 2020/T6) in addition to a win at The Galleri Classic in March, has four top-10 finishes this season, including a T4 at the Constellation FURYK & FRIENDS in his most recent start before this week.
- **Steve Flesch** birdied the par-5 18th to end his round with a 7-under 70 and move to T3 at 7-under 137; in five previous Dominion Energy Charity Classic starts, a T8 in 2019 stands as his best.; he comes off a T11 at last week’s SAS Championship.
- A week removed from his runner-up finish at last week’s SAS Championship, World Golf Hall of Fame member **Padraig Harrington** birdied each of the last four holes for a 6-under 66 and will begin the final round three strokes back at 6-under 138; in two previous Dominion Energy Charity Classic starts, finished T3 in 2022 and T7 in 2023; with victories this season at the Hoag Classic and DICK’S Open, he looks to join World Golf Hall of Fame member Ernie Els as a three-time winner in 2024.
- Beginning the week just outside the top 54 in the Charles Schwab Cup (No. 55), **Tim O’Neal** followed a 1-under 71 in round one with a 5-under 66 in Saturday’s second round to reach T5 at 6-under 138; through two rounds, he is projected at No. 42 in the standings (only the top 54 advance to next week’s Simmons Bank Championship); he remains in search of his first PGA TOUR Champions title in his 50th start this week.

Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs

- This week’s Dominion Energy Charity Classic is the first of the three Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs events and features the top-72 available in the standings. The top-54 after this week advance to next week’s Simmons Bank Championship in Little Rock, Arkansas. Only the top 36 from the Simmons Bank Championship advance to the season-ending Charles Schwab Cup Championship in Phoenix, Arizona (November 7-10).

Top-54 in/out projections after round two:

| Player | R2 Position/Score | Schwab Cup Standings | |
|----------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------|
| | | Before R1 | After R2 |
| Tim O’Neal | T5/-6 | 55 | 42 |
| David Bransdon | T10/-5 | 56 | 53 |
| Paul Goydos | T10/-5 | 59 | 54 |
| Chris DiMarco | T38/+1 | 51 | 55 |
| Angel Cabrera | T38/+4 | 54 | 57 |
| Kirk Triplett | T57/+4 | 53 | 58 |

*in (green) | *out (red)