

## 2024 Hoag Classic



### Second-Round Notes

Saturday, March 23, 2024

Newport Beach Country Club | Newport Beach, California  
5<sup>th</sup> of 28 PGA TOUR Champions events in the 2024 Season

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- **Course Setup:** Par 71 / 6,821 yards
- **Round 2 Scoring Average:** 70.701
- **Weather:** Cloudy, with light, morning showers; partly cloudy in the afternoon. High of 61. SW winds 8-12 mph, gusting to 20 mph in the afternoon.
- **Interviews:** [Transcripts](#)
- [Leaderboard](#)
- [PGATOURMedia.com](http://PGATOURMedia.com)

|    | Player               | To Par | Score     |
|----|----------------------|--------|-----------|
| 1  | Padraig Harrington   | -12    | 63-67—130 |
| 2  | Thongchai Jaidee     | -11    | 62-69—131 |
| T3 | Paul Broadhurst      | -9     | 63-70—133 |
| T3 | Miguel Angel Jimenez | -9     | 65-68—133 |
| T5 | Steve Stricker       | -8     | 67-67—134 |
| T5 | Y.E. Yang            | -8     | 68-66—134 |
| T5 | Woody Austin         | -8     | 66-68—134 |

#### Things to Know

- Beginning the day a shot off the lead, 2024 World Golf Hall of Fame inductee **Padraig Harrington** played his last four holes in 4-under en route to a 4-under 67 to claim a one-stroke lead in his bid for a seventh win on PGA TOUR Champions
- Making his second start in the Hoag Classic (T2/2023), reigning Charles Schwab Cup champion **Steve Stricker** is T5 at 8-under 134 after starting with back-to-back 4-under 67s; having not finished outside the top 10 in back-to-back starts since January 2019, he comes to this week's Hoag Classic after a T32 showing in his most recent start at the Cologuard Classic

#### Padraig Harrington (1<sup>st</sup>/-12)

- Following a bogey at No. 14, played his last four holes in 4-under (eagle-par-birdie-birdie), good for a 4-under 67 and one-stroke lead
- When holding at least a share of the 36-hole lead on PGA TOUR Champions in 54-hole events, has converted for the win on both occasions (2022 Ascension Charity Classic, 2023 TimberTech Championship)
- In his only previous Hoag Classic start, finished T7 in 2023
- Seeking a seventh win on PGA TOUR Champions and first since the 2023 TimberTech Championship
- 2024 World Golf Hall of Fame inductee amassed six wins on the PGA TOUR, including the 2007 and 2008 Open Championship, as well as the 2008 PGA Championship

#### Other Notes

- After tying his career-low score of 9-under 62 in round one, 18-hole leader **Thongchai Jaidee** signed for a 2-under 69 and will begin the final round a stroke off Padraig Harrington's lead; seeks a third PGA TOUR Champions victory (2022 American Family Insurance Championship, 2023 PURE Insurance Championship)
- With three birdies and an eagle, **Miguel Angel Jimenez** played his last six holes in 5-under before signing for a 3-under 68; at 9-under 133, is vying for his 14<sup>th</sup> win on PGA TOUR Champions and first since the 2022 Boeing Classic

- **Jerry Kelly**, who was not feeling well early in the week, has opened with matching 3-under 68s to reach T11 at 6-under 136; best of four previous Hoag Classic starts was T21 in his most recent start of 2022
- **Ricardo Gonzalez**, who won the Trophy Hassan II last month, overcame an opening-round 1-over 72 with the low round of the day, a bogey-free 7-under 64; will enter Sunday's final round T11 at 6-under 136
- 2020 and 2023 Hoag Classic champion **Ernie Els** improved on his opening 1-under 70 with a 3-under 68 in round two, putting him at 4-under 138; the defending champion will begin Sunday's final round eight strokes back
- Citing "injury," **Fred Couples** withdrew after nine holes in round two