

2024 Kaulig Companies Championship



Third-Round Notes

Saturday, July 13, 2024

Firestone Country Club (South Course) | Akron, Ohio

16th of 28 PGA TOUR Champions events in the 2024 Season

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- **Course Setup:** Par 70 / 7,102 yards
- **Round 3 Scoring Average:** 70.650
- **Cumulative Scoring Average:** 71.274
- **Weather:** Partly cloudy with temps in the high-80s and winds WNW at 5-10 mph
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	Player	To Par	Scores
1	Steve Stricker	-9	66-68-67 – 201
T2	Ernie Els	-8	70-68-64 – 202
T2	Robert Karlsson	-8	70-66-66 – 202
T4	Michael Wright	-6	70-71-63 – 204
T4	Jerry Kelly	-6	71-66-67 – 204
T4	K.J. Choi	-6	69-68-67 – 204

Things to Know

- Looking to win the Kaulig Companies Championship for the third time in four years, **Steve Stricker** chipped in twice over his final five holes to take a one-stroke lead into the final round.
- World Golf Hall of Fame member **Ernie Els**, looking to become the first three-time winner of the 2024 season, and **Robert Karlsson**, seeking his first win on PGA TOUR Champions, each sit one stroke behind Stricker.

Steve Stricker, 66-68-67 – 201 (-9)

- This is his 20th time leading/co-leading entering the final round on PGA TOUR Champions
 - Is 12-for-19 converting those into victories (6-for-8 in 72-hole events)
- The 57-year-old seeks his 18th win on PGA TOUR Champions (73rd start)
 - A win would move him into T14 on the all-time PGA TOUR Champions wins list
 - Last win: 2023 Sanford International
- Seeks his eighth senior major title, which would move him into T3 on the all-time list
 - Last senior major win: 2023 Kaulig Companies Championship
- Looks to become the second three-time winner of the Kaulig Companies Championship (2021, 2023)
 - Would join Bernhard Langer (2014, 2015, 2016)
- Has led/co-led after nine of the last 15 rounds at the Kaulig Companies Championship, including finishes
- Has been inside the top 5 after 14 of the last 15 rounds at the Kaulig Companies Championship, including finishes
- Making his 10th start of the 2024 season, he has eight top-10 finishes and entered the week No. 4 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings
 - Best finish of 2024: 2nd (American Family Insurance Championship)
- Will play in the last group of the final round for the fourth time this season
 - Is 0-for-3 converting those into victories

Most Major Wins in PGA TOUR Champions History

Rank	Player	Major Wins
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1	Bernhard Langer	12
2	Gary Player	9
3	Jack Nicklaus	8
T4	Steve Stricker	7
T4	Hale Irwin	7
6	Tom Watson	6

Ernie Els, 70-68-64 – 202 (-8)

- Matched his low 18-hole score of the 2024 season (40th round)
 - Previous instances: KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship (2nd Round); American Family Insurance Championship (2nd Round)
- The 54-year-old seeks his sixth win on PGA TOUR Champions (94th start)
- Seeks his third win of the 2024 season (13th start)
 - Previous wins: Principal Charity Classic; American Family Insurance Championship
 - With a win, he would become the first three-time winner of the 2024 season on PGA TOUR Champions
 - Entered the week No. 3 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings
- Making his fifth appearance at the Kaulig Companies Championship, he has finished T5 (2020), 5th (2021), T3 (2022), T3 (2023)
- Seeks his first major title on PGA TOUR Champions
 - Best finish in a senior major: T2 (2023 Regions Tradition)
- Has top-10 finishes in each of the first three senior majors of the 2024 season
 - T3 (Regions Tradition); T6 (KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship); T8 (U.S. Senior Open)
- Will play in the last group of the final round for the sixth time this season
 - Is 2-for-5 converting those into victories

Robert Karlsson, 70-66-66 – 202 (-8)

- The 54-year-old seeks his first win on PGA TOUR Champions (80th start)
 - Best finish: 2nd/T2 (five times)
- Making his 10th start of the 2024 season, he has one top-10 finish
 - Best finish of 2024: T10 (DICK'S Open)
- Making his third appearance at the Kaulig Companies Championship, his best finish is T14 (2020)
- His best finish in a senior major is T2 (2023 Regions Tradition)
- Made 132 starts on the PGA TOUR, most recently in 2015
 - Best finish: 2nd/T2 (2010 FedEx St. Jude Classic; 2011 FedEx St. Jude Classic)
- Earned 10 wins on the DP World Tour (410 starts)
 - Last win: 2010 DP World Tour Championship
- With a win on Sunday, he would snap a winless streak of 13 years, 7 months, 16 days (or 4,977 days), dating back to the 2010 DP World Tour Championship
- Will play in the last group of the final round for the first time this season

Other Notes

- Two-time champion (2020, 2022) **Jerry Kelly** sits T4 at 6-under after carding 67 as he looks to become the second three-time winner of the Kaulig Companies Championship. The 57-year-old seeks his 12th win on PGA TOUR Champions (166th start).
 - Last win: 2022 Rogers Charity Classic
- Fourth alternate **Michael Wright** carded the low round of the day with 7-under 63 to move from T23 to T4 on the leaderboard. The rookie, who turned 50 on February 21, seeks his first win on PGA TOUR Champions (12th start).
 - Best finish: T17 (2024 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship)
 - Was one of five players to earn his card via Q-School (Final Stage) in December 2023 (finished 2nd)
- **K.J. Choi**, who finished T3 at this event last year, sits T4 at 6-under after carding bogey-free 67. The 54-year-old seeks his second win on PGA TOUR Champions (79th start).
 - Last win: 2021 PURE Insurance Championship
- **Y.E. Yang** and **Paul Stankowski** each sit T7 at 5-under.
- 36-hole leader **Steven Alker** posted 4-over 74 and sits T10 at 3-under.
- **Mark Calcavecchia** (back) withdrew during the third round.