

2024 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship



Third-Round Notes

Saturday, May 25, 2024

Harbor Shores Golf Club | Benton Harbor, Michigan

11th of 28 PGA TOUR Champions events in the 2024 Season

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- **Round 3 Course Setup:** 36-35—71 (6,790 yards)
- **Scoring Averages: R1:** 72.48 / **R2:** 72.58 / **R3:** 72.59
- **Weather:** Mostly sunny. High of 70. Wind NW 10-15 mph.
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Pos.	Player	To Par	Score
T1	Greg Chalmers	-10	69-68-66—203
T1	Ernie Els	-10	70-64-69—203
T3	Richard Bland	-9	64-66-74—204
T3	Chris DiMarco	-9	68-65-71—204
5	Richard Green	-8	64-71-70—205

Things to Know

- Due to the threat of inclement weather Sunday afternoon, final-round tee times will feature threesomes off tee Nos. 1 and 10 from 7:15 - 9:38 a.m.
- Leaders: **Ernie Els**; 19 wins in 484 PGA TOUR starts, **Greg Chalmers**; 1 win in 485 PGA TOUR starts.
- In his fifth PGA TOUR Champions start, **Greg Chalmers** records five consecutive birdies en route to a 5-under 66, jumping 12 spots to the top of the leaderboard.
- World Golf Hall of Fame Member **Ernie Els** birdies his final hole in round three to claim a share of the lead in his bid for a fourth career win on PGA TOUR Champions.
- With the lead dropping two strokes from round two to three, **Steve Stricker's** even-par 71 in round three puts him three strokes back and in position for a successful title defense.

Greg Chalmers (T1/-10)

- In his fifth career start on PGA TOUR Champions, played his last nine holes in round two without a single par (six birdies, two bogeys and a double bogey) en route to a 3-under 68.
- In round three, made six birdies – including five straight (Nos. 6-10) – on his first 10 holes before signing for a 5-under 66.
- Five consecutive birdies equals his career-best across the PGA TOUR and PGA TOUR Champions.
- With today's 66, his 14th round on PGA TOUR Champions, he has now posted 13 sub-par scores.
- Two top-10s in his first five Champions Tour starts: T7/Cologuard Classic, T9/The Galleri Classic.
- Most recently finished T12 at the Invited Celebrity Classic.
- Lone victory in 485 PGA TOUR starts came at the 2016 Barracuda Championship.

Ernie Els (T1/-10)

- Seeking a first top-10 finish in his fourth start in the event, birdied his last hole to get in with a 2-under 69 and claim a share of the lead.
- When carrying at least a share of the lead into a final round on PGA TOUR Champions, has converted for the win on one of seven occasions (2020 Hoag Classic).

- KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship results: T37/2023, T14/2022, T16/2021
- Two top-10 finishes in seven previous starts this season: T3/Chubb Classic and T3/Regions Tradition in his most recent start before this week.
- Seeks a fourth career win on PGA TOUR Champions; most recent: 2023 Hoag Classic.
- Amassed 19 wins in 484 starts on the PGA TOUR, highlighted by four major championship titles: U.S. Open (1994, 1997), The Open (2002, 2012).
- Inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame in 2011.

Other Player Notes

- **Richard Bland**, who sat T1 and 1st in rounds one and two, respectively, signed for a 3-over 74 in round three; will enter the final round of his first PGA TOUR Champions event one stroke back at 9-under 204.
- First-round co-leader (7-under 64) **Richard Green** offset four bogeys with two eagle and a birdie to card a 1-under 70 and move to 8-under 205 (5th).
- With an even-par 71 to remain at 7-under par, **Steve Stricker** is three strokes back and in position for a successful title defense; seeks an 18th PGA TOUR Champions win, and first of the 2024 season; has finished inside the top-10 on five of six occasions this season (T32/Cologuard Classic); dating to the end of last season, has made seven consecutive starts without a victory, matching his longest winless streak on PGA TOUR Champions; with a win this week, would join Hale Irwin (1996-1998) and Colin Montgomerie (2014-2015) as players to successfully defended a KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship title since 1975.
- After making the cut on the 3-over number in his continued to recover from a torn Achilles, 2017 winner **Bernhard Langer** birdied three of his first five holes on his way to a 6-under 65; is T20 at 3-under 210.
- **John Senden** was disqualified prior to the start of the third round for the improper use of a distance measuring device which occurred during the first round. The disqualification was a result of Senden's failure to include a penalty on his first-round scorecard for a breach of Rule 4.3a(1).