Rogers Charity Classic



Second-Round Notes Saturday, August 17, 2024

Canyon Meadows Golf & Country Club | Calgary, Alberta, Canada 19th of 28 PGA TOUR Champions events in the 2024 season

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Course Setup: Par 70 / 7,093 yardsRound 2 Scoring Average: 68.116

Weather: Partly cloudy, with a high of 75F (24C). Variable wind 6-12 mph.

Interviews: <u>Transcripts</u>Final-Round Tee Times

<u>Leaderboard</u>

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Second-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	To Par	Scores
1	Richard Green	-13	65-62—127
T2	Boo Weekley	-12	65-63—128
T2	Steven Alker	-12	65-63—128
T4	Ken Tanigawa	-11	68-61—129
T4	Padraig Harrington	-11	65-64—129
T4	Jason Caron	-11	65-64—129

Things to Know

- Despite a double bogey at the par-3 12th hole, **Richard Green** cards a career-low 9-under 62 to take his first 36-hole lead in his bid for a maiden PGA TOUR Champions victory
- Angling for a third career win on PGA TOUR Champions, **Ken Tanigawa** aces the par-3 16th en route to his PGA TOUR Champions career-low score of 9-under 61; also ties the Canyon Meadows G&CC course record
- **Ken Duke** opens his title defense in 69-67 (T37/-4) to extend his perfect streak of scores in the 60s in the event to 11

Richard Green (1st/-13)

- With birdies on nine of his first 11 holes, six of which were consecutive (Nos. 6-11), the 53-year-old Australian signed for a 9-under 62, supplanting his previous career-low score of 63
- A double-bogey-five at the par-3 12th was his lone blemish in round two
- Through 36 holes, he has played Canyon Meadows' front nine in 10-under-par, as opposed to 3-under on Nos. 10-18
- Best 36-hole position in a 54-hole event on PGA TOUR Champions before this week was T2 at the 2023 Dominion Energy Charity Classic (finished T2)
- In his only previous Rogers Charity Classic start, finished T12 in 2023 on the strength of a final-round 6-under 64
- Three-times a runner up in 46 PGA TOUR Champions starts before this week, remains in search of his first win
- Two of those runner-up finishes are among six top-10 finishes this season: KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship and The Senior Open Championship presented by Rolex; comes off a T8 at last week's Boeing Classic

Additional Notes

Making his second start in the Rogers Charity Classic and first since a T47 in 2023, Boo Weekley (T2/-12) improved on an opening-round 5-under 65 with a 63 in round two; continues in his effort for a first PGA TOUR Champions top-10 finish and victory in his 23rd start this week

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- After a 1-under start on his outgoing nine holes, **Steven Alker** birdied six holes on Nos. 10-18 to sign for a 7-under 63 and move to T2 at 7-under 128; in his only previous Rogers Charity Classic start, finished T21 in 2023
- Beginning his round on No. 10, Ken Tanigawa (T4/-11) aced the par-3 16th from 210 yards using a 5-iron en route to a bogey-free and PGA TOUR Champions career-low 9-under 61 (previously 64); the 61 also matches Canyon Meadows' course record; each of his three top-10 finishes this season came in consecutive starts in June; in his most recent four starts since that stretch, a 56th at last week's Boeing Classic marks his best
- With only one bogey through 36 holes, World Golf Hall of Fame member Padraig Harrington signed for a 6-under 64 in Saturday's second round to move to T4 at 11-under 129; this week's Rogers Charity Classic marks his second start in the event and comes after finished T3 in 2022; vying for his third win of the season (Hoag Classic, DICK'S Open), which would place him in a tie for the most with Ernie Els and Calgary's Stephen Ames
- PGA Professional Jason Caron birded five holes on the back nine (Nos. 10, 11, 13, 16, 18) to close with a 6-under 64 and sits T4; seeks his first PGA TOUR Champions win (4 starts); best finish (T4/2024 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship)
- Vying to become the season's first four-time winner, Canadian Golf Hall of Fame member **Stephen Ames** opened his 10th Rogers Charity Classic with scores of 67-66 to sit T14 at 7-under 133; previous top-10 finishes in the event: T5/2015, T6/2021; comes off his third win of the season at last week's Boeing Classic; with a win this week, would join Els (Principal Charity Classic, American Family Insurance Championship) as players to win in consecutive weeks this season.
- After rounds of 68-67 to reach 5-under 135, Canada's **Mike Weir** will head into the final of his fourth Rogers Charity Classic T25 at 5-under 135; lone top-10 finish in the first three, a T9, came in his first start of 2021.
- Playing on a sponsor exemption in his third PGA TOUR Champions event, standout Calgarian golfer Steve Blake
 improved on an opening-round 79 with a 74 in round two; in September 2023, Blake was diagnosed with Stage 4
 lung cancer and given a prognosis of having 12 to 24 months to live.
- Other Canadians in the field: Alan McLean (T14/-7), Gordon Burns (75th/+6)