

2024 Ally Challenge presented by McLaren

Second-Round Notes

Saturday, August 24, 2024

Warwick Hills Golf & Country Club | Grand Blanc, Michigan

20th of 28 PGA TOUR Champions events in the 2024 Season



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- **Course Setup:** Par 72 / 7,117 yards
- **Round 2 Scoring Average:** 71.130
- **Cumulative Scoring Average:** 71.450
- **Weather:** Mostly sunny, with a high of 83. Wind SW 5-10 mph
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Second-Round Leaderboard

	Player	To Par	Scores
1	Stewart Cink	-11	67-66—133
T2	Steve Allan	-8	70-66—136
T2	David Branshaw	-8	67-69—136
T2	K.J. Choi	-8	66-70—136
T5	Bob Estes	-7	68-69—137
T5	Rod Pampling	-7	67-70—137

Things to Know

- Twenty years removed from his best finish (5th) at Warwick Hills on the PGA TOUR, **Stewart Cink** positions himself for his first career win on PGA TOUR Champions in his first start at The Ally Challenge presented by McLaren
- Three strokes off the lead, **David Branshaw** looks to become the 15th player on PGA TOUR Champions – and first in three years – to emerge victorious after playing his way into the field via open qualifying

Stewart Cink/1st (-11)

- Followed an eagle-3 at No. 1 with four inward-nine birdies en route to a bogey-free 6-under 66 in his first Ally Challenge
- His 66 equaled the low round of the day (Steve Allan/T2; Mark Hensby/T9)
- His three-stroke lead is the largest lead entering the final round this season
- Is 0-for-1 when holding a 36-hole lead/co-lead on PGA TOUR Champions: 2024 Cologuard Classic/T7
- After hitting 15-of-18 greens in regulation in round one, was a perfect 18-for-18 in round two; improved from 5-of-14 fairways off the tee in round one to 10-of-14 in round two
- The 51-year-old seeks a fifth top-10 finish in his sixth start of the season on PGA TOUR Champions
- Best of nine total starts on PGA TOUR Champions: 3rd/2023 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship
- Entered the week No. 39 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings; in order to qualify for the first of three Playoffs events, the Dominion Energy Charity Classic, he needs to remain inside the top 72
- Best five appearances at Warwick Hills Golf & Country Club for the PGA TOUR's Buick Open was 5th in 2004
- With a win, he would become the 22nd player to win on Korn Ferry Tour (3), PGA TOUR (8) and PGA TOUR Champions; most recent PGA TOUR title: 2021 RBC Heritage
- With a win Sunday, he would become this season's third first-time winner on PGA TOUR Champions, joining Ricardo Gonzalez (Trophy Hassan II) and Richard Bland (KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship)

- Best of 14 starts on the PGA TOUR this season: T24/Sony Open in Hawaii; most recently missed the cut at the Wyndham Championship two weeks ago

Other Notes

- Making his first start in the Ally Challenge, PGA TOUR Champions rookie **Steve Allan** (T2/-8) followed an opening-round 2-under 70 with a 66 in round two in his bid for a third top-10 finish this season: Invited Celebrity Classic/5th and DICK'S Open/T6; at 9-under 201, comes off a T16 finish from last week's Rogers Charity Classic; finished T3 in the Final Stage of the 2023 PGA TOUR Champions Qualifying Tournament
- After earning a spot in this week's field via Tuesday's open qualifier, **David Branshaw** (T2/-8) followed an opening-round 5-under 67 with a 69 in round two, highlighted by birdies on four of his first five holes; with a win Sunday, he would become the 15th player to emerge victorious after open qualifying for the event; the feat was most recently achieved by Dicky Pride at the 2021 Mitsubishi Electric Classic
- Citing this week's Ally Challenge to be his final start on PGA TOUR Champions before retiring, Pontiac, Michigan native **Tom Gillis** is T14 at 4-under 140 after opening in 71-69; as part of competing worldwide for more than three decades, the 1993 Buick Open at Warwick Hills marked his first of 188 PGA TOUR starts; Sunday's final putt will drop 31 years, 15 days after his first tee shot at Warwick Hills in 1993
- After earning his way into this week's field by virtue of his top-10 finish at last week's Rogers Charity Classic (T3), New England club professional **Jason Caron** is T26 at 3-under 141; this week marks his fifth career start on PGA TOUR Champions