## 2024 Senior Open Championship presented by Rolex

### **Second-Round Notes** Friday, July 26, 2024

Carnoustie Golf Links | Carnoustie, Scotland 17th of 28 PGA TOUR Champions events in the 2024 Season



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- Course Setup: Par 72 / 7,402 yards Round 2 Scoring Average: 76.437 **Cumulative Scoring Average**: 75.993
- Weather: Mostly cloudy with temps in the low-60s and winds WSW at 10-20 mph
- Interviews: Transcripts | DP World Tour Media Hub
- Leaderboard
- Third-Round Tee Times
- PGATOURMedia.com

|    | Player              | To Par | Scores      |
|----|---------------------|--------|-------------|
| 1  | K.J. Choi           | -6     | 69-69 – 138 |
| 2  | Stephen Ames        | -4     | 68-72 – 140 |
| T3 | Padraig Harrington  | -3     | 71-70 – 141 |
| T3 | Richard Green       | -3     | 69-72 – 141 |
| 5  | Miguel Angel Martin | -2     | 71-71 – 142 |

#### Things to Know

- K.J. Choi carded 69 for the second consecutive day to take a two-stroke advantage over 18-hole leader Stephen Ames entering the weekend at The Senior Open Championship presented by Rolex.
- 36-hole cut: 74 players posted 7-over or better to make the cut from a field of 154 players.

#### K.J. Choi, 69-69 - 138 (-6)

- This is his third time leading/co-leading after the second round on PGA TOUR Champions
  - Is 1-for-2 converting those into victories
- The 54-year-old seeks his second win on PGA TOUR Champions (80th start)
  - Last win: 2021 PURE Insurance Championship
- Making his 16th start of the 2024 season, he has four top-10 finishes
  - Best finish of 2024: T4 (two times: Mitsubishi Electric Classic; Kaulig Companies Championship)
  - Entered the week No. 11 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings
- Seeks his first major title on PGA TOUR Champions
  - Best finish in a senior major: T3 (two times: 2021 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship; 2023 Kaulig Companies Championship)
- Making his second appearance at The Senior Open, he finished T14 in 2023
- In two appearances when Carnoustie hosted The Open Championship, he finished T49 (1999) and T8 (2007)

#### Stephen Ames, 68-72 - 140 (-4)

- The 60-year-old seeks his ninth win on PGA TOUR Champions (213th start)
  - Last win: 2024 Mitsubishi Electric Classic
- Seeks his third win of the 2024 season (16th start)
  - Previous wins: Chubb Classic (Feb. 16-18); Mitsubishi Electric Classic (April 26-28)
  - With a win, he would match Ernie Els for the most wins by a player this season on PGA TOUR Champions (3)
  - o Entered the week No. 2 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings
- Seeks his first major title on PGA TOUR Champions

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- o Best finish in a senior major: 2nd (2022 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship)
- Making his sixth appearance at The Senior Open, he has one top-10 finish
  - Best finish: T3 (2018)

#### **Other Notes**

- Two-time runner-up (2022, 2023) **Padraig Harrington** carded 70 and sits T3 at 3-under. The World Golf Hall of Fame member won the 2007 Open Championship held at Carnoustie.
- Seeking his first win on PGA TOUR Champions, **Richard Green** sits T3 at 3-under after shooting 72 in the second round. At the 2007 Open Championship, held at Carnoustie, Green finished T4.
- 62-year-old Miguel Angel Martin posted 71 for the second consecutive day and sits in fifth at 2-under. His best finish in a PGA TOUR Champions event is T6 (two times: 2016 Rogers Charity Classic; 2017 Senior Open presented by Rolex).
- Five players are T6 at 1-under, including 2022 champion **Darren Clarke**, 2016 champion **Paul Broadhurst** and **Arjun Atwal**, who carded the low round of the day with 4-under 68.
- Four-time champion (2010, 2014, 2017, 2019) Bernhard Langer sits T11 at even par.
- Mark Hensby and 2011 champion Russ Cochran each withdrew before the start of the second round.