

2024 Trophy Hassan II

Final-Round Notes

Saturday, February 24, 2024

Royal Golf Dar Es Salam – Red Course | Rabat, Morocco

3rd of 28 PGA TOUR Champions events in the 2024 Season



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- **Course Setup:** Par 73 / 7,183 yards
- **Final Round Scoring Average:** 74.290
- **Cumulative Scoring Average:** 74.414
- **Weather:** Scattered showers this morning behind a cold front gave way to partly cloudy skies in the afternoon. Temperatures peaked in the lower to mid-60s (16-17C). NW with gusts around 15 mph (24 km/h) at times.
- **Interviews:** [Transcripts](#)
- [Final Results](#)
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	Player	To Par	Scores	Money	Charles Schwab Cup
1	Ricardo Gonzalez	-10	69-70-70 - 209	\$320,000	No. 3
2	Thomas Bjørn	-9	71-70-69 – 210	\$176,000	-
T3	Mark Hensby	-7	68-73-71– 212	\$131,000	No. 4
T3	Y.E. Yang	-7	70-69-73 – 212	\$131,000	No. 13

Things to Know

- In his 13th start on PGA TOUR Champions, Argentinian **Ricardo Gonzalez** earned his first win on PGA TOUR at the age of 54 years, four months and one day.
 - Gonzalez – who began the day as the co-leader – was even through 11 holes when, on the par-5 12th hole, he hit a chip into the water and recorded a bogey, falling two strokes behind the leader, Denmark’s **Thomas Bjørn**, who was at 8-under.
 - Following the bogey at No. 12, Gonzalez registered four consecutive birdies (Holes 13-16). When Bjørn recorded bogey on 16, Gonzalez took the solo lead, finishing with three straight pars to end the day at 3-under 70 and 10-under 209 for the tournament, besting **Bjørn** by one stroke (9-under, 210).
- Due to heavy rains Friday and into Saturday morning, preferred lies were in effect for the final round.

Ricardo Gonzalez – 69-70-70 – 209 (-10)

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- Gonzalez – who earned a spot in the Trophy Hassan II field by virtue of a top four finish in the 2023 Staysure Order of Merit on the Legends Tour – becomes fully exempt on PGA TOUR Champions through the end of the 2025 season and earns a spot in the Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai for both 2025 and 2026.
- Gonzalez is the fourth player from Argentina to win on PGA TOUR Champions and the first to do so since **Eduardo Romero** won the 2009 Hoag Classic.
 - Argentinian PGA TOUR Champions winners:
 - Eduardo Romero (5 wins)
 - Vicente Fernandez (4 wins)
 - Roberto De Vincenzo (2 wins)
- Is now 1-for-1 in converting 36-hole leads/co-leads on PGA TOUR Champions.
- Previous best finish on PGA TOUR Champions: 7th (2021 Senior Open Championship presented by Rolex)

- This event marks the second playing of the Trophy Hassan II as a PGA TOUR Champions event. The 2023 winner, Stephen Ames, finished at nine-under (210), which Gonzalez – making his tournament debut – bested by one stroke.

Other Notes

- Making his fifth career start on PGA TOUR Champions, Denmark's **Thomas Bjørn** finishes solo second place, his best finish on PGA TOUR Champions.
 - Previous best finish: T11 at 2023 Senior Open Championship presented by Rolex.
 - Bjorn's four-under 69 marked the low round of the day.
- Australian **Mark Hensby** – who finished runner-up at the 2023 Trophy Hassan II – finished the tournament at 7-under 212 for a T3 finish. Hensby also finished T3 at last week's Chubb Classic, marking the first time he has tallied back-to-back top five finishes in his PGA TOUR Champions career.
- South Korea's **Y.E. Yang** entered the final round as the co-leader, but after an even-par 73 in the final round, finished the tournament T3 (7-under, 212).
- **Brian Gay** finished the tournament at T5 (5-under 214) earning his fourth career top five finish on PGA TOUR Champions and first since the 2023 SAS Championship (T5).
- Ken Duke also finished the tournament at T5, marking his seventh career top five finish on PGA TOUR Champions and first since the 2023 Ascension Charity Classic.
- Defending champion **Stephen Ames** finished T16 after consecutive days at even par. Dating back to the 2023 tournament, Ames has now finished at even par in four straight rounds at Royal Dar Es Salam Golf Course.