

# 2024 Trophy Hassan II



## Second-Round Notes

Friday, February 23, 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
- **Round 2 Scoring Average:** 74.712
- **Weather:** Early morning rain showers that lingered through early afternoon. Cloudy skies the rest of the afternoon. Temperatures peaked in the lower 60s (16C) in the afternoon. NNW winds at 5-10 mph (8-16 km/h).
- **Interviews:** [Transcripts](#)
- [Leaderboard](#)
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	Player	To Par	Scores
T1	Y.E. Yang	-7	70-69 – 139
T1	Ricardo Gonzalez	-7	69-70 - 139
T3	Thomas Bjørn	-5	71-70 – 141
T3	Steve Pate	-6	67-74 – 141
T3	Mark Hensby	-5	68-73 – 141

### Things to Know

- Korea's **Y.E. Yang** and Argentinian **Ricardo Gonzalez**, share the lead at 7-under 139 heading into the final round at the Trophy Hassan II in Rabat, Morocco.
- Trailing by two shots at -5 (141) are Denmark's **Thomas Bjørn**, American **Steve Pate** – the solo leader through 18 holes – and Australian **Mark Hensby**, who finished runner up at the 2023 Trophy Hassan II.

### Y.E. Yang – 70-69—139 (-7)

- Makes second appearance at the Trophy Hassan II (T33/2023)
- Matched the low round of the day with a four-under 69
  - Also Wes Short Jr. (T11)
- Holds the 36-hole lead/co-lead for the second time in his career on PGA TOUR Champions (2022 SAS Championship/T13)
- Seeks his first PGA TOUR Champions title
  - Best finish: 2<sup>nd</sup> (2022 Ascension Charity Classic)
- Both his PGA TOUR victories came in 2009 – The Honda Classic and the PGA Championship, where he defeated Tiger Woods by three strokes

### Ricardo Gonzalez – 69-70 – 139 (-7)

- Making his first appearance at the Trophy Hassan II.
  - Earned his spot in the field by way of a Top 4 finish in the 2023 Staysure Order of Merit.
- Played the first 36 holes at 4-under, carding 10 combined birdies and eagles across the two days.
- Marks the first time in his PGA TOUR Champions career that he has held at least a share of the lead entering the final round.
- Seeks his first win on PGA TOUR Champions (13 starts).
  - Best finish: 7<sup>th</sup> (2021 Senior Open Championship presented by Rolex)

**Other Notes**

- **Thomas Bjørn** recorded eagles on 8 and 18 in today's round, finishing the day at 3-under (70).
- First-round solo leader, **Steve Pate**, is tied for third after carding 1-over 74.
- 2023 Trophy Hassan II runner-up **Mark Hensby** finished even on the day and sits tied for third at 5-under (141) for the tournament.
- Defending champion **Stephen Ames** sits T20 after consecutive days at even par. Dating back to the 2023 tournament, Ames has now finished at even par in three straight rounds at Royal Dar Es Salam Golf Course.