

2025 Hoag Classic

Second-Round Notes

Saturday, March 22, 2025

Newport Beach Country Club | Newport Beach, California
5th of 28 PGA TOUR Champions events in the 2025 Season



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- **Course Setup:** Par 71 / 6,710 yards
- **Round 2 Scoring Average:** 69.605
- **Cumulative Scoring Average:** 69.808
- **Weather:** Mostly sunny. High of 70. Winds SSW at 5-10 mph.
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	Player	To Par	Scores
T1	Fred Couples	-11	67-64 – 131
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3	Freddie Jacobson	-10	65-67 – 132
4	Michael Allen	-9	65-68 – 133

Things to Know

- Each vying for their 15th win on PGA TOUR Champions, World Golf Hall of Fame member **Fred Couples** and Charles Schwab No. 3 **Miguel Angel Jiménez** share the lead entering the final round of the Hoag Classic.
- **Hoag Classic note:** A member of the World Golf Hall of Fame has held at least a share of the lead after 10 of the last 13 rounds at the Hoag Classic (including final rounds).

Fred Couples, 67-64 – 131 (-11)

- The 65-year-old seeks his 15th win on PGA TOUR Champions (157th start)
 - Last win: 2022 SAS Championship
 - Would move him into 18th on the PGA TOUR Champions all-time wins list
- At 65 years, 5 months, 20 days, would be the fourth-oldest to win on PGA TOUR Champions
 1. Bernhard Langer (2024 Charles Schwab Cup Championship): 67 years, 2 months, 14 days
 2. Bernhard Langer (2023 U.S. Senior Open): 65 years, 10 months, 5 days
 3. Bernhard Langer (2023 Chubb Classic): 65 years, 5 months, 23 days
- This is his second time shooting his age or better on PGA TOUR Champions (65-year-old shot 64)
 - Previous instance: 2022 SAS Championship/Final Round (63-year-old shot 60)
 - This is his first 18-hole score of 64 or better since the 2022 SAS Championship (Final Round)
- Looks to become the first three-time winner of the Hoag Classic (11th appearance)
 - Previous wins: 2010, 2014
 - His two wins at the Hoag Classic are tied for the most at this event with Jay Haas, Hale Irwin and Ernie Els
- A win on Sunday would be the sixth victory by a World Golf Hall of Fame member in the last seven editions of the Hoag Classic
 - Hoag Classic wins by WGHOE members in the last six editions (entering Sunday): 2024: Padraig Harrington; 2023: Ernie Els; 2022: Retief Goosen; 2020: Ernie Els; 2018: Vijay Singh
 - Note: no tournament was held in 2021
 - Note: the 2019 Hoag Classic was won by Kirk Triplett
- This is his 14th time leading/co-leading entering the final round on PGA TOUR Champions (7-for-13)
- Making his third start of the 2025 season, his best finish is T4 (Chubb Classic)

Miguel Angel Jiménez, 67-64 – 131 (-11)

- The 61-year-old seeks his 15th win on PGA TOUR Champions (188th start)
 - Last win: 2025 Trophy Hassan II
 - Would move him into 18th on the PGA TOUR Champions all-time wins list
- Seeks his second win of the 2025 season (fourth start)
 - Previous win: Trophy Hassan II
 - Would become the first multiple winner of the 2025 season on PGA TOUR Champions
 - Note: this is the fifth event of the 2025 season
 - Entered the week No. 3 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings
- Making his seventh appearance at the Hoag Classic, he has finished in the top 5 in his last two starts at this event
 - Last two Hoag Classic finishes: 3rd (2024); T4 (2023)
- This is his 20th time leading/co-leading entering the final round on PGA TOUR Champions (8-for-19)
- Will play in the last group of the final round for the second time this season
 - Previous instance: Trophy Hassan II (Won)
- A win on Sunday would be the 48th victory by a player in his 60s on PGA TOUR Champions

Other Notes

- Rookie **Freddie Jacobson** sits in 3rd at 10-under after shooting 67. The 50-year-old, who earned 2025 PGA TOUR Champions status by finishing 2nd at Q-School (Final Stage) in December 2024, seeks his first win on the Champions Tour (fourth start).
 - Best finish: T10 (2024 Constellation FURYK & FRIENDS)
- 66-year-old **Michael Allen** sits in 4th at 9-under after carding 68. He seeks his ninth win on PGA TOUR Champions (275th start).
 - Last win: 2016 Bass Pro Shops Legends of Golf at Big Cedar Lodge (with partner Woody Austin)
- Charles Schwab Cup leader **Ernie Els**, a two-time Hoag Classic champion (2020, 2023), and Charles Schwab No. 2 **Steven Alker**, winner of the most recent PGA TOUR Champions event (Cologuard Classic), are T5 at 8-under along with Charles Schwab No. 5 **Jason Caron**, **Stewart Cink** and **Y.E. Yang**.
 - Caron is the lone player in the field without a bogey or worse after 36 holes.
- 18-hole leader **Brendan Jones** carded even-par 71 and sits T10 at 7-under.
- Two-time Hoag Classic champion (2007, 2016) and 71-year-old **Jay Haas** (T21) posted 4-under 67 to shoot his age or better for the second consecutive day and 28th time overall on PGA TOUR Champions.