

2025 Ally Challenge presented by McLaren

Second-Round Notes

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Warwick Hills Golf & Country Club | Grand Blanc, Michigan

20th of 28 PGA TOUR Champions events in the 2025 Season



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- **Course Setup:** Par 72 / 7,120 yards
- **Round 2 Scoring Average:** 70.973
- **Cumulative Scoring Average:** 70.898
- **Weather:** Mostly cloudy. High of 83. Winds W/SW at 8-14 mph.
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	Player	To Par	Scores
1	Ernie Els	-12	65-67 – 132
2	Stewart Cink	-11	62-71 – 133
T3	Søren Kjeldsen	-10	69-65 – 134
T3	Retief Goosen	-10	68-66 – 134
T3	Mark Hensby	-10	66-68 – 134
T3	Cameron Percy	-10	67-67 – 134

Things to Know

- World Golf Hall of Fame member **Ernie Els** posted bogey-free 67 to take a one-stroke advantage over 18-hole leader **Stewart Cink** heading into the final round of The Ally Challenge presented by McLaren.

Ernie Els, 65-67 – 132 (-12)

- The 55-year-old seeks his eighth win on PGA TOUR Champions (122nd start)
- Seeks his second win of the 2025 season (18th start)
 - Last win: Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai (Jan. 16-18)
 - Entered the week No. 6 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings
 - Entered the week off back-to-back top-5 finishes (T5 at the ISPS HANDA Senior Open; T3 at the Boeing Classic)
- Looks to become the fifth multiple winner of the 2025 season, joining Miguel Angel Jiménez (4), Ángel Cabrera (3), Steve Allan (3) and Padraig Harrington (2)
- Would be his third multi-win season on PGA TOUR Champions since joining in 2020
 - Previous instances: 2020-21 (2 wins), 2024 (3 wins)
- Making his fifth appearance at The Ally Challenge, he has two top-10 finishes
 - Best finish: T6 (2022)
- In four appearances at Warwick Hills Golf & Country Club for the Buick Open (PGA TOUR), he earned three top-10 finishes
 - Best finish: T2 (1997)
- Will play in the last group of the final round for the fourth time in 2025 (1-for-3)
 - Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai (Won)
 - Chubb Classic (finished 11th)
 - Mitsubishi Electric Classic (finished 2nd)
- This is his 13th time leading/co-leading entering the final round on PGA TOUR Champions (4-for-12)

Stewart Cink, 62-71 – 133 (-11)

- Leads the field in driving distance (319.8 yards) and ranks last in the field (78th) in driving accuracy (7-of-28)
- The 52-year-old seeks his third win on PGA TOUR Champions (29th start)
 - Previous wins (2): 2024 Ally Challenge; 2025 Insperity Invitational
- Seeks his second win of the 2025 season (14th start)
 - Previous win: Insperity Invitational (May 2-4)
 - Entered the week No. 2 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings
 - Entered the week having finished 3rd (Kaulig Companies Championship), 2nd (U.S. Senior Open) and 2nd (Boeing Classic) in his last three starts
- Looks to become the fifth multiple winner of the 2025 season, joining Miguel Angel Jiménez (4), Ángel Cabrera (3), Steve Allan (3) and Pádraig Harrington (2)
- Seeks his second win at The Ally Challenge (second start)
 - Cink's position by round at this event (chronologically): T2-1st-Won-1st-2nd
 - Would become the first multi-time winner of The Ally Challenge, which is being held for the eighth time
- Looks to achieve the first successful title defense of the 2025 season on PGA TOUR Champions
 - Last successful title defense: Steve Stricker (2024 Sanford International)
 - Best finish by a defending champion in 2025: T5 (Steven Alker at the Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai)
- This is his fourth time playing in the last group of the final round in 2025 (0-for-3)
 - Cologuard Classic (finished T8)
 - U.S. Senior Open (finished 2nd)
 - Boeing Classic (finished 2nd)

Other Notes

- World Golf Hall of Fame member **Retief Goosen** (T3) carded 66, including an eagle-2 on No. 14, and enters the final round at 10-under. The 56-year-old seeks his fourth win on PGA TOUR Champions (136th start).
 - Last win: 2024 Galleri Classic
- Seeking his second win on PGA TOUR Champions, **Mark Hensby** sits T3 at 10-under after shooting bogey-free 68. Hensby's first win came at the 2023 Invited Celebrity Classic.
- The medalists from the two most recent stagings of Q-School (Final Stage), **Søren Kjeldsen** and **Cameron Percy**, sit T3 at 10-under as they each go for their first win on PGA TOUR Champions. Kjeldsen won Q-School in December 2024 and Percy won Q-School in December 2023.
- **Thongchai Jaidee** (T7) matched Kjeldsen for the low round of the day with 7-under 65.