2026 Simmons Bank Championship presented by Stephens

Second-Round Notes
Saturday, October 31, 2026

Pleasant Valley Country Club | Little Rock, Arkansas
27th of 28 PGA Tour Champions events in the 2026 Season
2nd of 3 events in the 2026 Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs

- **Course Setup:** Par 72 / 7,020 yards
- **Round 2 Scoring Average**: 68.903
- **Cumulative Scoring Average**: 69.462
- **Weather:** Cloudy. High of 74. Winds ESE at 4-8 mph.
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- Charles Schwab Cup Standings

	Player	To Par	Scores	Schwab Cup Standings Start	Schwab Cup Standings Projected
1	Darren Fichardt	-14	69-61—130	46th	13th
2	Zach Johnson	-13	64-67—131	2nd	2nd
T3	Steven Alker	-11	66-67—133	3rd	3rd
	Henrik Stenson	-11	65-68—133	41st	24th

Things to Know

- PGA Tour Champions rookie **Darren Fichardt** cards bogey-free 11-under 61, tying the low round of the 2026 season, and holds a one-stroke lead over six-time PGA Tour Champions winner **Zach Johnson** after the second round of the Simmons Bank Championship presented by Stephens.

Darren Fichardt, 69-61 – 130 (-14)
Charles Schwab Cup standings – Start: 46th / Projected: 13th

- The 51-year-old rookie seeks his first win on PGA Tour Champions (15th start).
- Cards bogey-free 11-under 61, tying the 18-hole tournament scoring record in the three years of Pleasant Valley Country Club hosting the Simmons Bank Championship (previous: Steven Alker/2025/Round 1).
- Ties the lowest 18-hole score of the 2026 PGA Tour Champions Season (others: Steven Alker/Rogers Charity Classic/Round 2; Mark Wilson, Rogers Charity Classic/Round 2).
- Records 8-under 28 on the front nine, the lowest 9-hole score on the front nine across the eight tournament rounds contested at Pleasant Valley Country Club since the event's relocation in 2024.
- Holds his first 36-hole lead/co-lead in a PGA Tour Champions event (previous career-high 36-hole position: 2026 Trophy Hassan II/T2/finished T11).
- Looks to become the seventh first-time winner of the 2026 season.
    - Zach Johnson (James Hardie Pro Football Hall of Fame Invitational)
    - Boo Weekley (The Insperity)
    - Scott Hend (Trophy Hassan II)
    - Ben Crane (American Family Insurance Championship) – team event with partner Darren Clarke
    - Vaughn Taylor (Constellation FURYK & FRIENDS)
    - Rory Sabbatini (Stifel Charity Classic)
- Two-time winner on the Staysure Legends Tour with victories at the 2025 Vattanac Legends Championship Legacy Edition and 2026 Staysure PGA Seniors Championship.
- Finished No. 4 on the 2025 Staysure Legends Tour Order of Merit and was named the 2025 Staysure Legends Tour Rookie of the Year.
- Five-time winner on the DP World Tour, with his most recent title being the 2017 Joburg Open.

- Earned spots in PGA Tour Champions events in 2026 via four open qualifiers and two top-10 finishes in open full-field events.

Zach Johnson, 64-67 – 131 (-13)
Charles Schwab Cup standings – Start: 2nd / Projected: 2nd

- The 50-year-old seeks his seventh win on PGA Tour Champions (18th start).
  - Previous wins in 2026 (chronologically): James Hardie Pro Football Hall of Fame Invitational, Principal Charity Classic, Kaulig Companies Championship, Portugal Invitational, Sanford International, PURE Insurance Championship
  - Turned 50 on February 24.
- His six wins are the most by a player on PGA Tour Champions this season.
  - Second-most: Stewart Cink (5 wins)
- With a win, he would move into T3 on the PGA Tour Champions single-season wins list.
  - Would match seven-time single-season winners Bruce Crampton (1986), Chi Chi Rodriguez (1987), Lee Trevino (1990), Hale Irwin (1998), Bruce Fleisher (1999) and Bernhard Langer (2017)
  - Would trail only Peter Thomson (9 wins in 1985) and Hale Irwin (9 wins in 1997) on the single-season wins list.
- With a win, he would match the most wins by a rookie in PGA Tour Champions history.
  - Most wins by a rookie: 7 (three times: Bruce Crampton/1986, Lee Trevino/1990, Bruce Fleisher/1999)
- Is making his first appearance at the Simmons Bank Championship.

Steven Alker, 66-67 – 133 (-11)
Charles Schwab Cup standings – Start: 3rd / Projected: 3rd

- The 55-year-old seeks his 15th win on PGA Tour Champions (118th start).
- Seeks his fifth win of the 2026 season (20th start) and fourth in his last seven starts.
  - Previous wins in 2026 (chronologically): Cologuard Classic, Rogers Charity Classic, The Ally Challenge, Jefferson Lehigh Valley Classic
- Looks to become the third five-time winner of the 2026 season on PGA Tour Champions, joining Zach Johnson (6) and Stewart Cink (5).
- Defending champion looks to become the third multi-time winner of the Simmons Bank Championship (Bernhard Langer/2010, 2019, 2022; Padraig Harrington/2023, 2024), as well as the second player to win the event in back-to-back years.
  - Note: This event was played in Boca Raton, Florida from 2007 to 2023.
- Since the Simmons Bank Championship moved to Little Rock in 2024, he has finished T12 (2024) and Won (2025).
- His position by round at the Simmons Bank Championship since it moved to Little Rock (chronologically): 1st-T1-T12-1st-1st-Won-T3-T3.
- Ranks second in most wins in Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs events (4). With a win, he would match Bernhard Langer (5) for the most since the Playoffs began in 2016.

Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs Implications
After Sunday's final round, the Top 36 players in the standings will qualify for the Charles Schwab Cup Championship. After the second round of the Simmons Bank Championship, four players are projected to move in and out of the Top 36.

	Player	To Par	Schwab Cup Standings	
			Start	Projected
1st	Darren Fichardt	-14	46th	13th – IN
T3	Henrik Stenson	-11	41st	24th – IN
T5	Michael Block	-9	43rd	35th – IN
T5	Ricardo Gonzalez	-9	40th	31st – IN
T28	David Toms	-4	32nd	37th – OUT
T35	Greg Chalmers	-3	36th	41st – OUT
49th	Thongchai Jaidee	+1	30th	38th – OUT
51st	Jason Caron	+5	33rd	39th – OUT