



American Family Insurance Championship

University Ridge Golf Course | Madison, Wisconsin | June 22-24, 2018

Final-Round Notes

Sunday, June 24, 2018

Course Setup: Par 72 / 7,056 yards (R3 Scoring average: 69.711, Cumulative: 70.374)

Weather: Mostly sunny skies with a high of 82. Winds out of the NE 6-12 mph.

Summary: **Scott McCarron** carded an 8-under-par 64 for a one-stroke victory over Wisconsin native Jerry Kelly. The seven-time PGA TOUR Champions winner birdied Nos. 14 through 16 and with pars on the final two holes took the American Family Insurance title with a 15-under-par 201 score. Tournament host Steve Stricker finished T3 with a 7-under-par 65 clean card on Sunday.

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	Player	To Par	Scores	Money	Schwab Cup Standings
1	Scott McCarron	-15	70-67-64--201	\$300,000	No. 3
2	Jerry Kelly	-14	68-69-65--202	\$176,000	No. 1
T3	Colin Montgomerie	-13	67-72-64--203	\$120,000	No. 13
T3	Steve Stricker	-13	64-74-65--203	\$120,000	No. 5
T3	Fred Couples	-13	69-67-67--203	\$120,000	No. 49

Quick Links:

- [Leaderboard](#)
- PGATOURMEDIA.com (transcripts and other resources available for download)

Scott McCarron, 70-67-64 – 201 (-15)

- McCarron began the day tied for sixth and two shots behind 36-hole leader Esteban Toledo. This is his third come-from-behind victory in the final round.
 - 2016 Principal Charity Classic - he was T6 and trailed by two; he shot a final-round 65 and won by one.
 - 2017 Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship - he was T3 and trailed by six; he shot a final-round 66 and won by one.
- His 8-under 64 matches the lowest final-round score of his PGA TOUR Champions career. He also closed with a 64 en route to a victory at last year's DICK'S Sporting Goods Open.

- McCarron opened with a 2-under 70 and was T31. His last victory was at the 2017 DICK'S Sporting Goods Open, where he shot 1-under 71 and was T35 after the first round.
- In his seven victories, McCarron's final-round scoring average is 66.00. Entering this week, he ranked No. 9 on Tour with a 69.55 final-round scoring average.
- McCarron's only bogey of the week came on his 14th hole of the tournament, the par-3 fifth hole in the first round. He played the final 40 holes bogey free.
- The win is McCarron's seventh on PGA TOUR Champions and first of 2018. He has at least one win in each of the last three seasons.
- McCarron has seven top-10s this season, including three top-fives in his last four starts, and he moves to No. 3 in the Charles Schwab Cup.

Jerry Kelly, 68-69-65--202 (-14)

- Kelly matched the lowest final round of his career, and it was his third final-round 65 of 2018.
 - KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship (T3, 70-65-70-65)
 - Cologuard Classic (T2, 70-72-65)
- Kelly has eight rounds in the 60s in 10 final rounds this season (Principal Charity Classic not included), and he leads the Tour in final-round scoring average (X).
- Sunday was Kelly's 14th consecutive round under par, a streak that spans the last four tournaments. He has top-10 finishes in each of his last four tournaments.
- With the runner-up finish, Kelly reclaimed the lead in the Charles Schwab Cup. It is the fifth week he has led this season.

Colin Montgomerie, 67-72-64--203 (-13)

- One day after his 55th birthday, Montgomerie improved 18 spots on the leaderboard after carding an 8-under 64.
- Sunday was the second time he shot a final-round 64 on PGA TOUR Champions. Last year, he closed with a 64 en route to a victory at the SAS Championship. His career-best final round was 62 at the 2014 Toshiba Classic.
- In the first round (67) and final round (64), Montgomerie combined to hit 25 of 26 fairways and 35 of 36 greens in regulation. In his second-round 72, he hit 13 of 18 greens and had 31 putts.
- In his American Family Insurance Championship debut last year, Montgomerie finished 5-over (74-73-74) and tied for 68th, his worst finish in 101 starts on PGA TOUR Champions.
- The T3 finish is his second straight top-10, as he finished T6 at the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship. He is in the field for next week's U.S. Senior Open, which he won in 2014.

Steve Stricker, 64-74-65--203 (-13)

- Stricker birdied all five par 5s Sunday en route to a bogey-free 65. He finished T3 as tournament host for the second year in a row.
- It was his sixth top-five of the season and his eighth consecutive top-five, dating back to his final two starts of 2017.
- Stricker's final-round scoring averages this season:
 - PGA TOUR (8 individual starts): 70.71
 - PGA TOUR Champions (5 individual finishes): 68.4
 - Overall (12 rounds): 69.75
- With his T3 finish, Stricker moves down one place to No. 5 on the Charles Schwab Cup money list with \$926,235.

Fred Couples, 69-67-67--203 (-13)

- Defending champion, **Fred Couples** birdied the final hole on Sunday to card consecutive rounds of 5-under-par 67 to finish T3 in his second appearance of the season on PGA TOUR Champions.
- This is Couples' best finish on Champions Tour since the 2017 U.S. Senior Open Championship where he finished T3 at even par.
- Couples now has at least one top-three finish every year in nine years played on PGA TOUR Champions. This placing moves him into the top-50 on the Charles Schwab Cup money list at No. 49.

Other Notes

- Seven different players held the lead at one point on Sunday: Esteban Toledo, Glen Day, Fred Couples, Colin Montgomerie, Steve Stricker, Jerry Kelly and Scott McCarron.
- There were 11 bogey-free rounds on Sunday, which helped produce a scoring average of 69.711. It was the third-lowest single-round average this season, and it was the lowest single-round average at a full-field event.
 - 69.159 - Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai, second round
 - 69.477 - Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai, first round
- **Tim Petrovic** carded the day's best round, a 9-under 63, and improved from T56 to T14. It was the lowest round of his PGA TOUR Champions career. He shot 63 three times on the PGA TOUR, including in the final round of the 2009 Greater Milwaukee Open.
- **Paul Goydos** carded a clean card during the final round for a 5-under-par 67, fishing in sixth-place for his second highest finish of the year behind his runner-up finish at the Insuperity Invitational.
- **John Daly** carded a 5-under-par 67 to match his season-low round on PGA TOUR Champions and finish 11-under-par 205 for his fourth top-10 finish in six starts this year.
- **Mark Calcavecchia** carded back-to-back rounds of 68 over the weekend to record his fourth top-10 finish this year on PGA TOUR Champions.
- **Kent Jones** carded rounds of 69-67-69 for an 11-under-par 205 finish T7 for his second top-10 finish in back-to-back tournaments (T9, Principal Charity Classic) for the first time on PGA TOUR Champions. Last year at the American Family Insurance Championship, Jones Monday qualified finishing with his first top-10 (T9) finish on Tour.
- **Mike Small**, the Illinois men's golf coach, finished T10 after posting 10-under-par 206. Small, who was teammates with Stricker at the University of Illinois, finished T20 at last year's American Family Insurance Championship. In his last start, Small finished T9 at the Principal Charity Classic, his best finish in eight starts on PGA TOUR Champions.
- The field included six World Golf Hall of Famers:
 - Fred Couples: 69-67-67--203 (-13), T3
 - Colin Montgomerie: 67-72-64--203 (-13), T3
 - Bernhard Langer: 68-69-69--206 (-10), T10
 - Vijay Singh: 71-71-71--213 (-13), T49
 - Davis Love III: 72-69-72--213 (-3), T49
 - Tom Kite: 74-75-79--228 (+12), 76
- Next week's U.S. Senior Open field includes 54 PGA TOUR Champions players that were in the field this week in Madison.