



(the seventh of 26 official events on the 2014 Champions Tour)

The Woodlands Country Club (Tournament)
The Woodlands, TX
Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,012

May 2-4, 2014
Charles Schwab Cup points: 300
\$2,000,000

Second-Round Notes – Saturday, May 3, 2014

Weather: Mostly sunny with high temperatures in the upper 80s and winds from the SW at 5-10 mph with gusts to 15 mph in the afternoon.

Second-Round Leaderboard

Bernhard Langer	66-68—134 (-10)
Colin Montgomerie	71-66—137 (-7)
Bart Bryant	66-72—138 (-6)
Gary Hallberg	71-67—138 (-6)
Esteban Toledo	67-71---138 (-6)

Recap

Charles Schwab Cup leader Bernhard Langer used three birdies over his first six holes to shoot a 4-under-par 68 and forge a three-stroke lead over Scotland's Colin Montgomerie after two rounds. Langer started the day tied for the lead with Bart Bryant, but Bryant faltered on the back nine on Saturday, making bogey at No. 14 and a double-bogey at the 17th hole after his second shot hit the cart path near the green and bounced over the grandstands.

Bernhard Langer

Today marks the 21st time that Langer has either shared or led outright going into the final round of a Champions Tour event. In the previous 20 times he's been in this position, Langer has gone on to win 12 tournaments, including both times he was in this situation at the Insperity Invitational.

Langer's three-stroke lead is the largest after 36 holes at the Insperity Invitational since the German World Golf Hall of Fame member was four strokes ahead after two rounds in 2007 at Augusta Pines and went on to triumph by a whopping eight strokes. His three-stroke lead is also the largest after two rounds of a Champions Tour event since he was up three strokes after 36 holes of the Montreal Championship last year.

In his Champions Tour career, Langer has enjoyed a lead of three or more strokes on five previous occasions and has gone on to win four times. It didn't happen the last time he was in this position when he was up three shots at the Montreal Championship, but Esteban Toledo eventually won, rallying from four strokes back to beat Kenny Perry in a playoff.

Langer is bidding to become the first two-time winner on the 2014 Champions Tour and earn his first win since claiming the season-opening Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai. A victory in Houston would give him multiple titles in six seasons on the Champions Tour (2008, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014).

Langer could also become the first three-time winner of the Insperity Invitational and, for the first time in his Champions Tour career, he could win the same tournament three times. He claimed his first-ever Champions Tour title at this event in 2007 at Augusta Pines and followed that win up by successfully defending his title the next year at The Woodlands Country Club. In addition to multiple wins at the Insperity event, Langer has won two times at: Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai (2009, 2014); 3M Championship (2009, 2012); ACE Group Classic (2011, 2013).

A win tomorrow would make Langer the 10th player in Champions Tour history to join the 20-win club. He'd be the first player since Gil Morgan to win 20 times on the Champions Tour. On June 17, 2001, Morgan won the 20th of his 25 career victories at the Instinet Classic at TPC Jasna Polana.

A 20th title tomorrow would move Langer up into a T8 on the all-time Champions Tour victory list with Jim Colbert and Bruce Crampton.

He could also win his fourth career title in the state of Texas. In addition to a pair of Insperity Invitational victories (2007, 2008), Langer also won the 2009 Triton Financial Classic in Austin.

Miscellaneous Notes

Bernhard Langer's 36-hole score of 10-under 134 matches the lowest first two rounds posted in this event since it's been at The Woodlands Tournament Course. Both Corey Pavin (2010) and Brad Faxon (2011) had 36-hole scores of 10-under 134.

Bernhard Langer posted his 21st consecutive sub-par round today and his 4-under 68 was also his 30th consecutive score of par/better dating back to the first round of last year's Greater Hickory Kia Classic at Rock Barn. Here are the all-time records for most consecutive rounds of par/better and consecutive under-par rounds:

<i>Par/Better</i>	<i>Under-Par</i>
37 Loren Roberts, 2006-2007	31 Gil Morgan, 2000
32 Larry Nelson, 2000	26 Gil Morgan, 1997
31 Jeff Sluman, 2008-2009	

Second-round leaders have gone on to win five of the previous 10 Insperity Invitationals, including two of the last three years. In 2014 on the Champions Tour, leaders/co-leaders after 36 holes have won four of the first six events and the winner has come out of the final grouping four times as well. No winner thus year has come from further back than the second to last grouping on Sunday.

The winner of tomorrow's Insperity Invitational will earn 300 Charles Schwab Cup points. Bernhard Langer, the current Schwab Cup leader (869 points), has a good chance to increase his lead in the season-long race. Fred Couples (605 points), Langer's closest pursuer, is currently T6 in the Insperity Invitational, five strokes off of Langer's lead. Points are awarded for top-10 finishes during the season and the player earning the most Schwab Cup points at the end of the official season will earn a \$1 million payout.

Colin Montgomerie's 6-under-par 66 was the low round of the day and vaulted him up 18 spots into solo second place. An alum of Houston Baptist University, Montgomerie will play in the final grouping on Sunday for the first time since last year's AT&T Championship in San Antonio when he finished T3.

After 31 professionals broke par in Round 1 at The Woodlands Country Club yesterday, 23 players posted under-par rounds on Saturday. Today's scoring average was 73.618 compared to 72.750 on Friday.

The hardest hole in Round 2 was the par-4 9th hole, playing to a stroke average of 4.513. The par-5 first

hole was again the easiest (4.671) vs. (4.519 on Friday).

After three players were bogey-free yesterday (Jeff Maggert (68), Tommy Armour III (69), Steve Pate (69)), there were none today.

In the third annual 3M Oil & Gas Greats of Golf Competition, a three-man, three-team event utilizing an 18-hole scramble format, two teams tied. World Golf Hall of Fame members Jack Nicklaus, Lee Trevino and Gary Player played as a team and shot 10-under 62. The team of Johnny Miller, Dave Stockton and Tony Jacklin were the defending champions, and also had a score of 10-under 62. Raymond Floyd, Don January and David Graham had a score of 6-under 66.

There were four withdrawals today. Ben Crenshaw withdrew before the start of his second round with a sore back. Craig Stadler withdrew after his round with a sore back. Both Nick Price (elbow) and Peter Jacobsen (illness) pulled out after 9 holes.

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