



2025 American Family Insurance Championship

Second-Round Notes

Saturday, June 7, 2025

TPC Wisconsin | Madison, Wisconsin

13th of 28 PGA TOUR Champions events in the 2025 Season

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- **Course Setup:** Par 71 / 6,978 yards
- **Round 2 Scoring Average (Scramble):** 61.605
- **Weather:** Mostly cloudy. High of 77 degrees. Winds SE 8-12.
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| Pos. | Team | Scores |
|------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1 | Thomas Bjørn/Darren Clarke | 59-58—117 (-25) |
| 2 | Steve Stricker/Mario Tiziani | 64-56—120 (-22) |
| T3 | Steve Flesch/Paul Goydos | 64-57—121 (-21) |
| T3 | Ernie Els/Tim Herron | 62-59—121 (-21) |

Format

- This is the first year the American Family Insurance Championship will be played in a two-man team format. Teams play best ball in Rds. 1 and 3, and scramble in Rd. 2. Competing for a \$3 million purse, the winning team will share \$600,000 (\$300,000 per player).

Things to Know

- First-round leaders Thomas Bjørn and Darren Clarke followed up a 12-under 59 with a 13-under 58 on Saturday to take a 3-shot lead into Sunday's final round at the American Family Insurance Championship. The duo was only 5-under through the first 10 holes before closing with an eagle and six birdies over their last eight to seize the outright lead.

Thomas Bjørn/Darren Clarke (1st/-25)

- Bjørn is making his 11th start of the season, where he has recorded three top-10 finishes, including a T2 at the Senior PGA Championship; seeks the first win of his PGA TOUR Champions career in his 35th start; with a victory, would become the fourth first-time winner of the 2025 PGA TOUR Champions season, joining Justin Leonard (Chubb Classic), Steve Allan (The Galleri Classic), and Ángel Cabrera (James Hardie Pro Football Hall of Fame Invitational); would join Thongchai Jaidee (2022) as the only players to make the American Family Insurance Championship their maiden win on PGA TOUR Champions; additionally, would become the first Danish golfer to win on the Champions Tour after being the first to win on the DP World Tour and first to compete in the Ryder Cup.
- Clarke is making his 11th start of the season, where he has notched two top-10 finishes, including a solo-third at the Chubb Classic; has recorded four wins in his Champions Tour career, with the last coming at the 2022 Senior Open Championship.
- Marks the first lead / co-lead entering a final round of Bjørn's Champions Tour career, and the eighth for Clarke (converted three).
- Bjørn and Clarke represented Team Europe together in the 1997 and 2002 Ryder Cups, posting a 1-2-0 record as partners in the 2002 playing; Bjørn owns a 2-1-1 all-time Four-ball record in the Ryder Cup, while Clarke's is 6-2-1.

Steve Stricker/Mario Tiziani (2nd/-22)

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- Tournament host Steve Stricker and partner Mario Tiziani recorded an eagle and 13 birdies to post 15-under 56 and reach 22-under overall; Stricker won the 2023 American Family Insurance Championship and is in search of his first Champions Tour title since the 2024 Sanford International; a win would mark Stricker's seventh consecutive season with a win on PGA TOUR Champions, dating back to 2018 (2020-21 was a wrap-around season).
- Stricker made eight U.S. Team appearances between the Presidents Cup (1996, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2013) and Ryder Cup (2008, 2010, 2012), posting 14-10-0 and 3-7-1 records, respectively.
- Tiziani is making his eighth start of the 2025 season, where he has posted two top-25 finishes, including a T12 at the Chubb Classic; finished No. 54 in the 2024 Charles Schwab Cup and has competed this year on conditional status; with a victory, would become the fourth first-time winner of the 2025 PGA TOUR Champions season, joining Justin Leonard (Chubb Classic), Steve Allan (The Galleri Classic), and Ángel Cabrera (James Hardie Pro Football Hall of Fame Invitational); would join Thongchai Jaidee (2022) as the only players to make the American Family Insurance Championship their maiden win on PGA TOUR Champions.

Additional Team Notes

- **Steve Flesch** and **Paul Goydos** started on No. 10 and recorded 12 birdies and an eagle on the par-5 seventh for a 14-under 57, tying the second lowest round of the day; Goydos got into the field last weekend when World Golf Hall of Fame member Colin Montgomerie withdrew from the event; a win tomorrow would be Goydos' first on the Champions Tour since the 2017 3M Championship, a span of 7 years, 10 months, 2 days.
- Defending champion and World Golf Hall of Fame member **Ernie Els**, along with partner **Tim Herron**, posted a 12-under 59 to reach 21-under through two rounds; Herron, making his 102nd Champions Tour start this week, is still in search of his first victory, while Els is looking for his second win of 2025 (Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai)
- World Golf Hall of Fame member **Bernhard Langer** and two-time Charles Schwab Cup Champion **Steven Alker** opened with a round of 5-under 66 to sit T24 through 18 holes, but posted 14-under 57 on Saturday to move up 18 spots into T6; with a victory, Langer would extend his all-time Champions Tour wins record to 48, marking his 19th consecutive year with a victory; at 67 years, 9 months, 12 days, he would extend his record as the oldest winner in PGA TOUR Champions history.