

## 2023 Insperity Invitational



### Second-Round Notes

**Saturday, April 29, 2023**

The Woodlands Country Club | The Woodlands, Texas  
8th of 28 PGA TOUR Champions events in the 2023 Season

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- **Course Setup:** Par 72 / 7,002 yards
- **Round 2 Scoring Average:** 75.368
- **Weather:** Mostly cloudy, with a high of 66. Wind NW 15-25, with gusts to 30 mph.
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	Player	To Par	Scores
1	Steven Alker	-9	66-69—135
T2	Ernie Els	-6	68-70—138
T2	Matt Gogel	-6	67-71—138
T2	David Toms	-6	67-71—138

#### Things to Know

- In his bid to join Bernhard Langer by winning each of his first two Insperity Invitational starts, **Steven Alker** takes a 3-stroke lead, tying the largest 36-hole margin on PGA TOUR Champions this season
- Looking win No. 2 in a 3-start stretch (Hoag Classic), World Golf Hall of Fame Member **Ernie Els** makes two eagles in a 3-hole stretch to post a 2-under 70
- Also seeking a second win in his most recent three starts (The Galleri Classic), **David Toms** birdies two of his last four holes to finish with a 1-under 71
- Coming off a T8 at last week's Invited Celebrity Classic, **Matt Gogel** is in position for his first PGA TOUR Champions win in his 26<sup>th</sup> start
- In his bid for a record 46<sup>th</sup> PGA TOUR Champions title, 4-time Insperity Invitational winner **Bernhard Langer** sits T37 at 3-over 147

#### Steven Alker (1<sup>st</sup>/-9)

- The reigning Charles Schwab Cup champion followed an opening-round 6-under 66 with a 3-under 69 in his bid to become the second player to successfully defend an Insperity Invitational title (Bernhard Langer/2007-08)
- At 9-under 135 and three strokes clear of the field, Alker ties the margin for largest 36-hole lead on PGA TOUR Champions this season
- After 36 holes last year, Alker was T1 with Brandt Jobe at 12-under 132, before a final-round 6-under 66 resulted in a 4-stroke victory
- With a win, the Alker would also share with Langer the distinction of winning the event in his first two starts
- In 54 holes events on PGA TOUR Champions, Alker is 2-for-4 when attempting to convert a 36-hole lead/co-lead into victory (won: 2022 Rapsican Systems Classic and 2022 Insperity Invitational)
- Among three top-10 finishes in four starts this season were runner-up finishes at the Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai and The Galleri Classic
- With four of his five wins on PGA TOUR Champions coming in 2022, Alker seeks his first win since the 2022 Dominion Energy Charity Classic

#### Other Notes

- World Golf Hall of Fame Member **Ernie Els** used two eagles in a 3-hole stretch (Nos. 13 and 15, both par-5s) to card a 2-under 70 and move to T2 at 6-under 138; Els is vying for his fourth career win on PGA TOUR

Champions and second in three starts this season (Hoag Classic); in two previous Insperity Invitational starts, he finished T20 in 2021 and T25 in 2022

- In his fourth start of the season and just days removed from last week's T8 finish at the Invited Celebrity Classic, **Matt Gogel** opened with rounds of 67-71 and sits T2 with Els and **David Toms** at 6-under 138; in his only previous Insperity Invitational start, finished T45 in 2021; remains in search of his first PGA TOUR Champions title in his 26<sup>th</sup> start
- 2007, 2008, 2014 and 2018 Insperity Invitational champion **Bernhard Langer** (T37/+3) posted a 4-over 76 in round two as he works towards a PGA TOUR Champions record 46<sup>th</sup> title