



## 2011 Regions Tradition Third-Round Notes

*(The eighth of 24 official events on the 2011 Champions Tour)*

**Shoal Creek**

**May 5-8, 2011**

**Birmingham, AL**

**Purse: \$2,200,000**

**Par/Yards : 36-36—72/7,117**

**Charles Schwab Cup points: 660**

Weather: Sunny and pleasant with high temperatures near 80 and winds from the SSW from 5-10 mph.

Mark Calcavecchia, who led by as much as six strokes at the turn, struggled on the back nine, finishing his round with a 3-over-par 39 over his final nine holes. He will begin the final round with just a one-stroke margin over Jay Haas, who fired a 4-under-par 68 on Saturday. Tom Pernice, Jr. and Tom Lehman are tied for third at 10-under-par 206 and are two back. Calcavecchia birdied four of his first nine holes and needed just 10 putts on his front nine. However, it was a different story on the back nine. After a birdie at No. 11, he doubled No. 12 and made a bogey at No. 13. He failed to convert any birdie opportunities over his final six holes and added another bogey at No. 17. Haas' only blemish came at No. 8 when he hit a poor 6-iron which led to his lone bogey. Pernice climbed within one shot of the lead with a 14-foot birdie at No. 17, but then three-putted from three feet for a double bogey at No. 18 to finish at 10-under-par.

**Round 3 Leaderboard:** 1) Mark Calcavecchia/204 (-12); 2) Jay Haas/205 (-11); T3) Tom Lehman & Tom Pernice, Jr./206 (-10); T5) Peter Senior & Kenny Perry/207 (-9)

**Mark Calcavecchia's stat summary through 54 holes of this year's Regions Tradition:**

Round	Front 9	Back 9	Dr. Dist.	Dr. Acc.	GIR	Putts
1st	Even	-4	279.5	6/14	11/18	24
2nd	-3	-4	285.0	10/14	16/18	28
3 <sup>rd</sup>	-4	+3	293.0	6/14	11/18	28

Of the 12 par-5 holes, Mark Calcavecchia has played this week, he has birdied 10 of those. He made a double bogey and a par on the other two. He has been perfect on the front nine, making birdies on all six.

There has been just one player with three rounds in the 60s this week – Jay Haas. There has been just one player win this event with four rounds in the 60s and that was Gil Morgan in 1997.

Jay Haas will be seeking his first win in his last 33 starts, a span of 1 year, 7 months and 3 days. His last win came at the 2009 Constellation Energy Senior Players Championship.

When the PGA Championship was staged here in 1984 here is where the leaders stood after 54 holes. 1) Lee Trevino/204 (-12); 2) Lanny Wadkins/205 (-11); 3) Gary Player/206 (-10).

There will be a one-minute moment of silence in memory Seve Ballesteros at 2:08 p.m. during Sunday's final round. The World Golf Hall of Famer passed away early Sunday morning at his home in Pedrena, Spain after a lengthy battle with brain cancer. His final tournament as a professional came at the 2007 Regions Charity Classic in Birmingham where he played his final round with Lee Trevino and Jim Nelford and made a birdie on the 54<sup>th</sup> hole.

Both Bobby Wadkins and Mike McCullough withdrew during their rounds on Saturday with medical issues.

Of the 20 Regions Traditions that have gone 72 holes, nine have been won by the leader/co-leader after 54 holes. Fred Funk was the 54-hole leader in 2008, and Mark McNulty, the 2007 champion, was a co-leader after three rounds in 2007. Before McNulty, the last third-round leader to go on and win was Doug Tewell in 2001.

54-hole leaders over the last 10 years at the Regions Tradition and eventual winners:

<u>Year</u>	<u>54-hole leader/eventual finish</u>	<u>Winner/54-hole position</u>
2010	Tom Lehman (-11)/T4	Fred Funk (-9)/T2
2009	Brad Bryant (-15)/3rd	Mike Reid (-13)/2nd
<b>2008</b>	<b>Fred Funk (-16)/1st</b>	<b>Fred Funk (-16)/1st</b>
<b>2007</b>	David Edwards (-12)/2nd <b>Mark McNulty (-12)/1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Mark McNulty (-12)/T1</b> -----
2006	Bobby Wadkins (-11)/3rd Lonnie Nielsen (-11)/2nd	Eduardo Romero (-6)/T9 -----
2005	Doug Tewell (-13)/T5 Gil Morgan (-13)/3rd	Loren Roberts (-10)/T5 -----
2004	Peter Jacobsen (-12)/T4 Vicente Fernandez (-12)/T4	Craig Stadler (-4)/T8 -----
2003	Jim Ahern (-14)/T2	Tom Watson (-13)/T2
2002	John Jacobs (-10)/2nd	Jim Thorpe (-9)/2nd
<b>2001</b>	<b>Doug Tewell (-13)/1st</b>	-----

### Shoal Creek Course Statistics – Thru 54 Holes...

Stat Category	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
Stroke Avg.	74.179	72.870	72.293
Hardest Hole	Par 4/# 4/4.397	Par 4/# 4/4.390	Par 4/#12/4.373
Easiest Hole	Par 5/#3/4.705	Par 5/#3/4.675	Par 5/No. 6/4.613
Rounds Par/Better	26	34	41
Rounds Below Par	19	27	35

Mike Goodes continued his climb up the leaderboard. After an opening-round 4-over-par 76 (T51), Goodes has followed with rounds of 66-67 in the last two rounds and is now T7 heading into Sunday's final round. Goodes was 5-over-par after 10 holes in the opening round but is 12-under-par over his last 44 holes. During that stretch he has 15 birdies and three bogeys.

Morris Hatafsky has 33 one-putts through 54 holes, including on 19 of 27 holes on the back nine.

Tom Kite and Jay Don Blake had the day's low rounds – 5-under-par 67s.