

Historical Quick Hits

Got a few minutes? Grab your HMG game and play-out a quick historical scenario.

1986 Champions Club - Jack Claims 18th and Final Major Title

This short recreation of what might have happened on the back nine at the Champions Club in 1986 should take about 30 minutes to complete. Can Jack pull-off what many thought were impossible?

Materials needed:

1. All-Time-Greats golfers, Nicklaus, Kite, Ballesteros and Norman.
2. Champions Course - holes 10 - 18.

Background and Setup:

Jack Nicklaus was 46 years old as he entered the 1986 Masters Tournament and most felt that his best competitive days were behind him. His historical charge through the back nine at the Champions Club proved them wrong as he bested three of the all-time-greats to claim his 18th and final major title.

Time being of the essence, we are going to take a few liberties when recreating this masterpiece. First, the field of contenders is being cut to only the golfers that mattered during the homestretch. Second, the historical pairings included several of those golfers that didn't matter in the outcome. So the first pairing on the course will include Nicklaus, who started the day at -2 and Kite, who started at -4. The second pairing will include the overnight leader, Norman, who started at -6 and Ballesteros, who started at -5. In real life, Jack had to sit in the clubhouse and "sweat it out" as the contenders came home. So in this scenario, he and Kite will be four holes ahead of Norman and Ballesteros.

Special Note: Nicklaus is "In the Zone". He is awarded a blue chip after every hole. He has (1) blue chip on the 13th tee. I have provided the scores for two holes leading-in so you can determine "NOW" outcomes, if nec.

| | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | In | Tot | +/- |
|----------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|
| Nicklaus (-2) | 3 | 4 | | | | | | | | | |
| | -5 | -4 | | | | | | | | | |
| Kite (-4) | 3 | 3 | | | | | | | | | |
| | -6 | -6 | | | | | | | | | |

| | 8 | 9 | Out | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | In | Tot | +/- |
|-------------------------|----|----|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|
| Ballesteros (-5) | 3 | 5 | 34 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | -8 | -7 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Norman (-6) | 5 | 4 | 35 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | -7 | -7 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Sudden-Death Playoff - If Needed

| | 18 | 10 | 18 | 10 | 18 | 10 | 18 | 10 | 18 |
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2004 Champions Club - Lefty Claims His First Major Title

--"Is it his time? YES! At long last!" -- Jim Nantz (CBS Sports) as Mickelson sunk his birdie putt on the 18th hole to win his first major championship. This recreation of the back nine of this historic tournament should take about 35 minutes to complete.

Materials needed:

1. 2000's Stars golfers - Mickelson, DiMarco, Choi, Els, Casey and Langer.
2. Champions Course - holes 10 - 18.

Background and Setup:

Phil Mickelson had played in 46 previous major championships and had scored top three finishes in 6 of them, including three - 3rd place finishes at the Masters, but he hadn't won. He disliked being known as his generation's best golfer not to have won a major. Can you guide him to victory over this star-studded field?

The final three pairings are set, as they were in 2004, and are about to navigate the most important scoring holes at the Champions club. As we join the match in progress, Els holds a one stroke lead over Langer and Mickelson...

Note: Mickelson is HOT TFN and holds two blue chips as he prepares to tee off on number 11. Plaay away!

| | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | +/- |
|--------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| Els (-3) | 4 | 3 | | | | | | | |
| | -5 | -5 | | | | | | | |
| Langer (-3) | 4 | 3 | | | | | | | |
| | -4 | -4 | | | | | | | |

| Scenario Leaderboard | |
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| ★ | Els (-5) |
| 1Bk | Langer, Mickelson |
| 2Bk | Casey, Choi, DiMarco |

| | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | +/- |
|-------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| Casey (-4) | 4 | 4 | | | | | | | | |
| | -3 | -3 | | | | | | | | |
| Choi (-3) | 4 | 2 | | | | | | | | |
| | -1 | -3 | | | | | | | | |

| | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | +/- |
|-----------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| DiMarco (-6) | 4 | 4 | | | | | | | | | |
| | -3 | -3 | | | | | | | | | |
| Mickelson (-6) | 4 | 4 | | | | | | | | | |
| | -4 | -4 | | | | | | | | | |

Yes, Choi stuffed an Eagle on the 11th hole!

Sudden-Death Playoff - If Needed

| | 18 | 10 | 18 | 10 | 18 | 10 | 18 | 10 | 18 | 10 |
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