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Second-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Name	Score
1	Tyler Duncan	66-64—130 (-12)
2	Alex Cejka	63-68—131 (-11)
	Taylor Moore	66-65—131 (-11)
4	Ted Potter, Jr.	64-68—132 (-10)

Tyler Duncan moves into the lead entering the weekend with a 64 at the Albertsons Boise Open presented by Kraft Heinz

BOISE, Idaho – Tyler Duncan has luck on his side halfway through the Albertsons Boise Open presented by Kraft Nabisco. The 27-year-old from Columbus, Indiana, posted a second-round, 7-under-par 64 to take the first outright 36-hole lead of his Web.com Tour career. His 12-under-par 130 total places him one ahead of Alex Cejka and Taylor Moore heading into the weekend.

After missing the cut at the WinCo Foods Portland Open presented by Kraft Heinz, Duncan ended the Regular Season No. 31 on the money list, which fell \$21,605 short of securing the 25th PGA TOUR card awarded on Sunday afternoon in Oregon.

“I had a chance in Portland and missed the cut,” said Duncan. “I was a little disappointed there, but I was happy to have another opportunity coming into the Finals.”

Duncan rebounded well from his sixth missed cut of the season the next week in Ohio with a T24 at the Nationwide Children’s Hospital Championship, the first of four Finals events, thanks to a back-nine, 5-under 30 on Sunday. His fortune started when he found an omen on the golf course that aided in his ascension into the top 25.

“We found a buckeye in the 15th fairway and birdied three of the last four holes,” said Duncan. “The buckeye is here this week.”

Since finding the good-luck charm, Duncan has carded a nine-hole score of 30 or lower in his last three competitive rounds on Tour. This week alone, the Purdue University grad is 11-under on the back nine at Hillcrest Country Club.

After a grueling stretch of golf from the beginning of May to the end of August in which Duncan played 15 events and made 10 cuts and posted three top-10s, he celebrated his bachelor party near his hometown in Indiana.

“[The break] was awesome,” said Duncan, about the break. “I think I played nine weeks in a row, so one week off was huge.”

The last time Duncan went to a bachelor party, he was in contention the week after as well with a T2 finish at the BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by SYNEX Corporation, where he carded rounds of 65-64-67 and ended the tournament one shot behind Stephan Jaeger after the final round was cancelled due to heavy rain.

“Maybe I’m going to have to find a bachelor party on the weekends I miss the cut,” Duncan joked after his round.

On Duncan’s heels is Moore, who also enjoyed his time at home last week. In his rookie season on Tour, the 24-year-old from San Angelo, Texas has posted three top-10s in 20 starts, failing to advance to the weekend only three times this year.

“I played eight or nine weeks in a row,” said Moore. “I took a couple days off and got with my coach. I hadn’t really had time to practice, so I got a little work in.”

The winds were up most of the day at Hillcrest Country Club. Moore navigated the blustery conditions recording five birdies, one eagle and a bogey.

“It was tough to hit the fairways, I doubt I hit many today,” said Moore, who found the short grass eight of 14 times off the tee. “I felt like I was a step or two in the rough. It was tough to get some lines from the tees. It was a little bit challenging, so I played to the fronts of the greens and went from there.”

Playing out of the rough can be a tall task, but Moore was able to hit 15 of 18 greens in his second round. The lone blemish on his card came at the par-4 12th, where he failed to get up and down for the second time in seven attempts.

“I pitched out a couple of times,” Moore admitted. “If you’re not comfortable with a lie, just get it back in the short grass and go from there.”

Moore, like Duncan, is trying to get on TOUR for the first time and got off to a solid start in his Finals debut in Columbus, with a tie for 31st. With a good weekend in Boise, the 2012-13 Southeastern Conference Freshman of the Year could join fellow Arkansas Razorbacks Andrew Landry, Ethan Tracy and Austin Cook in the race for the 2017-18 FedExCup.

“I’m just trying to take it one shot at a time and keep it super simple,” said Moore. “We all know what’s at stake these next couple of weeks.”

Friday Notes:

* Friday weather: Partly cloudy and windy; High of 67; Wind NW 15-20 mph with gusts of 25.

* This week’s purse is \$1M with \$180,000 awarded to the champion.

* This is the second tournament in the Web.com Tour Finals, a series of four events that will conclude at the Web.com Tour Championship in Atlantic Beach, Florida, Sept. 25-Oct. 1. Twenty-five PGA TOUR cards were awarded last week following the WinCo Foods Portland Open presented by Kraft Heinz. An additional 25 cards are up for grabs during the four Finals events, as well as positioning for all 50 cards.

* The 36-hole cut came in at 2-under 140, with 72 professionals advancing to the weekend.

* Duncan has previously held a share of the 36-hole lead twice – the 2015 Greater Dallas Open and 2017 BMW Charity Pro-Am – but couldn’t convert the lead into a victory on his way to a T52 and T2 finish, respectively. Duncan missed the cut in his only prior start in Boise with rounds of 73-67 in 2015.

* Peter Uihlein, who won the first Finals event, held the lead entering the day after an opening 9-under 62, but he shot a 3-over 74 Friday to fall into T14. Uihlein leads the Finals money list after his win in Columbus. Uihlein entered the weekend in Columbus six shots back but fired rounds of 67-65 over the weekend to win by one shot. He is six shots back entering the weekend in Boise.

* Six-time PGA TOUR winner Hunter Mahan made his second consecutive cut in the Finals in his bid to return to the TOUR, where he's played full-time since 2004. Mahan finished T13 in his first career Web.com Tour start in Columbus and is tied for 19th entering the weekend here in Boise after rounds of 71-66—137 (-5). Mahan is leading the field in greens in regulation through two rounds.

* David Skinns, who jumped 57 spots on the money list at the Regular Season finale in Portland to secure a bid in the Web.com Tour Finals, missed the cut in the first Finals event but is making a move this week with rounds of 69-66—135 (-7) to jump into a tie for eighth entering the weekend with a chance at securing his PGA TOUR card. The 35-year-old has never had his TOUR card and is making his first trip to the Finals.

* Rob Oppenheim could be on the verge of securing his PGA TOUR card for the second time through the Web.com Tour Finals. Oppenheim finished 26th on the Finals money list a year ago after the Web.com Tour Championship was cancelled due to Hurricane Matthew, but he could make amends this week, where he's opened with rounds of 65-68—133 (-9) and is currently T5 entering the weekend. The 37-year-old finished the Web.com Tour Regular Season at No. 27 on the money list but opened the Finals with a T11 for \$24,000 and would lock up a return to the TOUR with a top-10 this week. Oppenheim is leading the field in scrambling percentage this week after getting up and down eight of nine times thus far.

* Local favorite Troy Merritt, who played collegiately at Boise State University, played his way into the weekend with a second round 4-under 67 after opening with a 1-under 70. Merritt, who won the 2015 Quicken Loans National, missed the cut in the first of four Finals events. In six previous appearances at the Albertsons Boise Open, Merritt has a scoring average of 68.80. His best performance in Boise came in 2011 (T11).

* 2016 Albertsons Boise Open champion Michael Thompson was four shots back a year ago entering the weekend in T7 but posted back-to-back rounds of 7-under 64 on his way to a three-shot victory. Thompson is not in the field this week. Andrew "Beef" Johnston led by two through 36 holes last year but fell into T4 with rounds of 70-68 on the weekend.

* Jonathan Randolph, who opened with a pair of back-to-back 4-under 67s, is four shots back entering the weekend and is leading the field in putts per round (25.00) after one-putting 10 holes in a row Friday.

* Cejka, who is currently in a tie for second, is first in putting average this week (1.519).

* This is the third year of the Finals format and it's difficult to estimate exactly how much money it will take to finish in the top-25 on the Finals money list and collect one of the remaining 25 PGA TOUR cards that will be handed out in a few weeks.

Here's how much money the No. 25 man on the money list earned in each of the past two years:

2013	No. 25 Bobby Gates	\$33,650.00
2014	No. 25 Eric Axley	\$36,311.66
2015	No. 25 Rob Oppenheim	\$32,206.00
2016	No. 24 Tim Wilkinson*	\$27,425.00

*denotes three events played (Web.com Tour Championship was cancelled)

Scoring Averages at the par-71 Hillcrest Country Club:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	35.271	33.842	69.113	
R2:	36.321	34.786	71.107	70.110

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