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Third-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Name	Score
1	Tyler Duncan	66-64-68—198 (-15)
2	Jonathan Randolph	67-67-66—200 (-13)
3	Alex Cejka	63-68-70—201 (-12)
4	Taylor Moore	66-65-71—202 (-11)
	Ted Potter, Jr.	64-68-70—202 (-11)

Tyler Duncan on verge of securing PGA TOUR card at Albertsons Boise Open presented by Kraft Heinz

BOISE, Idaho – One round stands between Tyler Duncan and the PGA TOUR. Duncan sits at 15-under-par 198, after a third-round 3-under 68 and leads the Albertsons Boise Open presented by Kraft Nabisco by two strokes. The 28-year-old from Columbus, Ind. started the year with conditional status on the Web.com Tour and now has a chance to script the perfect ending to his 2017 season.

“I could not have never written it any better,” said Duncan, who is one the verge of earning his TOUR card for 2017-18. “it’s so much relief to be here. I’m just going to go out and have a good time tomorrow and see what happens.”

Duncan has competed in 67 events in three years on Tour and never held the outright 54-hole lead. He was in contention a few times in May and recorded a T3 at the Corales Puntacana Resort & Spa Championship and a T2 at the BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by SYNEX Corporation. He will certainly try and draw on those two occurrences Sunday afternoon in the heat of the moment.

“It’s hard to pinpoint one little thing,” said Duncan, when asked what he’s learned from those experiences. “But a lot of it is being calm and embracing it because the nerves are going to be there.”

If it does come down to the final nine holes on Sunday, no one has played them better than Duncan. The five-year-pro hasn’t recorded a bogey and is also 15-under-par on the back nine.

I’m not sure exactly what I am but I think I played the front nine in even par for the week,” said Duncan, who has recorded 13 birdies and one eagle on the back alone. “I guess I feel comfortable back there. We have a lot more wedges and I’m able to make a few more putts.”

Earlier this year, Duncan watched fellow Purdue Boilermaker Adam Schenk win the Lincoln Land Charity Championship. On practice round days, it is not uncommon to see Duncan, Schenk, Chris Baker and Justin Hueber play together. The Indiana guys travel together each week on the road and Schenk’s victory, in June, lit a fire in Duncan.

“There is definitely some motivation there,” said Duncan, about Schenk’s triumph in Springfield, Ill. “(Adam) Schenk and I are best of friends. We talk a lot and seeing him do it and learn from him and so many of the Indiana guys have played well this year with Baker and Hueber and all of us pulling each other a long. It’s been a lot of fun.”

Duncan is 18 holes away from a life-changing event. A win on Sunday secures his TOUR card but so could a top four performance depending on how it shakes out. The Finals are so volatile and every dollar counts when trying to secure one of the coveted 25 cards. Yet Duncan only has one thing on his mind.

“I’d love to win the tournament,” said Duncan. “I feel like I’ve been close a few times and haven’t gotten the win yet. That’s definitely my first priority to go out and try and win the tournament.”

Trailing Duncan at 13-under-par 200, is Jonathan Randolph, who bogeyed the 18th hole to card a 5-under 66 on Saturday. The highlight of the round had to be the birdie at the par-3 17th hole. After hitting his tee shot over the green, Randolph poured in his chip shot for birdie to get within one of the lead.

“That was dicey,” said Randolph, about his delicate pitch on the 17. “You can look really dumb and hit it right in front of you. Execution on that was like a 10 out of 10. I don’t want that one again.”

Randolph competed 22 TOUR events this season and ended his year No. 160 in the FedExCup standings. The 29-year-old from Brandon, Miss. needed to end the season between 126-150 in the FedExCup to have any hopes of securing spots on TOUR but is embracing the challenge the Finals present.

“My backs up against the wall,” said Randolph. It’s like turning in a paper late. You got to do it. If I don’t play well I have to go back to Q-School like I did two years ago. It’s really nice to be in position to win a golf tournament.”

Saturday Notes:

* Saturday weather: Sunny; High of 67; Wind WNW 4-8 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.

* Duncan has never held the solo lead on the Web.com Tour after 54 holes until this week. He did hold a share of the lead entering the final round at the 2015 Brasil Champions but fell into T2 with a 1-under 70 in the final round.

* Duncan is tied for the lead in the field in greens in regulation (81.48%). In Duncan’s only prior appearance at the Albertsons Boise Open in 2015, he missed the cut with rounds of 73-67.

* 13 of 23 times this season the 54-hole leader/co-leader has gone on to convert it into a victory.

* 2016 champion Michael Thompson held the co-lead at 16-under last year and posted a final-round 7-under 64 for a three-shot win. Thompson’s Sunday 64 tied the lowest finish by a winner in tournament history. The highest finish in tournament history was Jason Gore with a 2-over 73 in his win in 2002.

* David Skinns, who entered the day in T9, was forced to withdraw after his wife went into labor with their second child in Georgia. The 35-year-old is playing the Web.com Tour Finals for the first time after jumping 57 spots in the Regular Season finale with a final-round, 7-under 64 for a career-best T2 finish. Skinns finished 58th on the Regular Season money list.

* In the 28-year history of the Albertsons Boise Open, the largest margin of victory is six shots, which was done three times – Tim Clark (2000), Roger Tambellini (2003), and Martin Piller (2015). The largest come-from-behind victory is four shots – Keith Fergus (1994). Piller (2015) is the only wire-to-wire winner in the tournament history.

* Despite hitting just two fairways, Adam Long shot a 6-under 65 after hitting 15 of 18 greens. Long is T10 entering the final round and looking to secure his PGA TOUR card for the first time through the Finals money list.

* Boise State graduate Troy Merritt is in T19 entering the final round after a 3-under 68 in the third round. Merritt won the 2015 Quicken Loans National for his first career PGA TOUR victory, but finished No. 151 in the FedExCup standings this year.

* Andrew Landry entered the week at No. 2 on The 25's combined Regular Season and Finals money list in his quest for the fully-exempt status on the PGA TOUR next season. He trails Brice Garnett by \$17,822 on the money list but is in T10 entering the final round after a 6-under 65 in the third round, which tied the round of the day.

* Jonathan Randolph, who is just two shots back, posted a 5-under 66 Saturday despite hitting just 11 of 18 greens. The former Ole Miss Rebel was a perfect seven for seven in scrambling including a chip-in birdie at the 17th.

* Alex Cejka leads the field in putting average (1.585), while Jonathan Randolph is leading the field in putts per round (25.00).

* Taylor Moore is looking to secure his first PGA TOUR card and is four shots back entering the final round after a disappointing even-par 71 in the third round. Moore hit 14 of 18 greens, but needed 34 putts. Moore finished T31 at the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship after finishing 38th on the Regular Season money list.

* 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. 25 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
R3:	35.070	34.099	69.169	69.796

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