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### **First-Round Leaderboard**

<b>Pos.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Scores</b>
1	Jose Toledo (DC)	61 (-11)
2	Lee McCoy (TC)	65 (-7)
	Kent Bulle (DC)	65 (-7)
	Stuart MacDonald (DC)	65 (-7)
	Michael Arnaud (TC)	65 (-7)

### **Jose Toledo cards 61, grabs first-round lead at Web.com Tour Qualifying Tournament**

**CHANDLER, Arizona** – Guatemalan Jose Toledo wrapped up the 2017 PGA TOUR Latinoamérica season last week in Miami with a 10-under-par weekend to end the year No. 4 on the Order of Merit. The 31-year-old carried that momentum into this week's Web.com Tour Qualifying Tournament, located in Chandler, Arizona, and opened with an 11-under-par 61 on Whirlwind Golf Club's Devil's Claw course.

"That's the way to start off Q-School," said Toledo. "I'm pretty excited about it."

Lee McCoy, Kent Bulle, Stuart MacDonald and Michael Arnaud sit four back at 7-under after the first round.

Like a typical frigid desert morning, Toledo took some time to heat up. After a front nine 32 that included an eagle on the drive-able par-4 eighth, the University of New Orleans alum played holes 12-17 in 7-under. The highlight on the back nine came at the par-5 17<sup>th</sup> where Toledo pitched in from 65 yards away.

"It was a long chip shot. I usually like to chip and run them," said Toledo, who used a 9-iron to hole out from the fairway. "I was trying to give myself a good chance for birdie and the ball went in."

Having spent the summer competing in South America, Toledo was admittedly cold when he started his round Thursday morning. The chilly, windy conditions didn't hinder his performance and Toledo grabbed the first-round lead.

"This is the first cold day I played this year," said Toledo, who is from Guatemala City. "I started making some putts and that gave me some momentum. This was a good round coming. I actually hit the shots that I wanted."

Toledo gained entry into the field by ending the PGA TOUR Latinoamérica season in the top five on the Order of Merit. In 17 starts, he recorded nine top-25s, including a win at the Essential Costa Rica Classic. With a Web.com Tour card in hand, this week is about securing starts for the first leg of the 2018 Tour season.

"I have status for finishing top 5 in Latin America," said Toledo. "I'm pretty comfortable out here, I just made sure I gave myself a chance to improve my status for next year. I'm looking for full status so I can plan my schedule. I don't want to worry about whether I get into a tournament or not."

McCoy's plan for Thursday was to post a round in the red on the Cattail and take advantage of Devil's Claw in the second round. The 23-year-old from Dunedin, Florida, surpassed his expectations and turned in a 65, which gave him a piece of a four-way tie for second after 18 holes.

"I think some of the best rounds happen when you least expect them and that was definitely the case today," said McCoy, who made eight birdies and one bogey. "I didn't really see 7-under out there when we teed off, but glad it worked out that way."

McCoy played 12 events on Mackenzie Tour – PGA TOUR Canada this season and recorded four top-10s including a victory at the Freedom 55 Financial Open. The former standout at the University of Georgia finished No. 6 on the Order of Merit and learned some valuable lessons from his time up North.

"Canada is a great way to go," said McCoy, who turned pro in 2016. "Not only are there a ton of great players up there, but learning how to travel week-to-week and learning how to be a professional golfer and manage your time is really important. I didn't have that skill when I came out of school and played some PGA TOUR events. I think that kind of hurt me. The Mackenzie Tour made me a much better player."

### **Q-SCHOOL NOTES**

The Web.com Tour Qualifying Tournament is a four-day, 72-hole competition that ends on Sunday December 10. The tournament is being contested at the Whirlwind Golf Club's Devil's Claw (DC) and Cattail (TC) course.

There were nearly 1,000 entries for the tournament, which included previous Pre-Qualifying, First and Second Stages that began in August.

A total of 144 players began play on Thursday morning.

Players in this event are competing for positions on the 2018 Web.com Tour priority ranking, which will be used to form tournament fields. The medalist (or co-medalists) will be guaranteed fully-exempt status next year. Players Nos. 2- 10 (and ties) will be subject to the third reshuffle next year and players Nos. 11-45 (and ties) will be subject to the second reshuffle.

This week's medalist will earn \$25,000. Players Nos. 2-10 (and ties) will earn \$15,000 each. Players Nos. 11-45 (and ties) will earn \$10,000 each.

### **Wyndham Clark**

Colorado native Wyndham Clark opened play in Arizona with a 6-under 66 on the Devil's Claw course to end the day in sixth place. Clark graduated from the University of Oregon in May after a stellar collegiate career. The 23-year-old was a 2017 Ben Hogan Award Finalist, a Division I Jack Nicklaus National Player of the Year semifinalist and was named Pac-12 Player of the Year. Clark was also a member of the 2014 United States Arnold Palmer Cup team, where he played alongside fellow Web.com Tour Qualifying Tournament participants Rico Hoey, Jack Maguire and Robby Shelton. Clark advanced to Final Stage after earning medalist honors at the Second Stage site in Murrieta, California. He has made seven appearances on the PGA TOUR, with his highest finish coming earlier this year at the Sanderson Farms Championship, where he finished 17th.

### **Cameron Champ**

Former Texas A&M standout Cameron Champ carded an opening-round 5-under 67 on Devil's Claw to begin the tournament in a three-way tie for seventh. Champ was one of 14 amateurs to compete in this year's U.S. Open at Erin Hills. The 22-year-old led the field in driving distance (337.3) and finished the week T32, just one stroke shy of Scottie Scheffler, the only other amateur to make it to the weekend. After representing the United States at the 2017 Walker Cup, Champ chose to forgo his senior year and turn professional. He made his professional debut at the OHL Classic at Mayakoba, though he failed to make the cut.

## **Sam Burns**

2017 NCAA Division I Jack Nicklaus National Player of the Year Sam Burns carded five-consecutive birdies on the back nine to finish the day with a 4-under 68 on Devil's Claw. Burns, who currently sits T11, advanced to Final Stage after earning medalist honors by five strokes at the Second Stage site in McKinney, Texas. Burns, who was named the 2017 SEC Player of the Year, turned professional following his sophomore season at Louisiana State University. During his time as a Tiger, Burns won four tournaments and was a member of a winning Team USA at the 2017 Arnold Palmer Cup. Burns made his professional debut at this year's Sanderson Farms Championship, where he finished T43. He competed in the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open the following week, where he finished T20.

### **Scoring Averages for the week:**

Devils Claw	Front (36)	Back (36)	Total (72)
R1	35.361	35.361	70.722

The Cattail	Front (36)	Back (36)	Total (72)
R1	36.458	36.667	73.125

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