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Final-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Name	Scores
1	Chesson Hadley	69-67-64-65—265 (-23)
2	Beau Hossler	72-64-66-64—266 (-22)
3	Adam Long	65-68-72-64—269 (-19)
4	Sam Ryder	67-67-67-69—270 (-18)
5	Adam Schenk	71-68-68-65—272 (-16)
	Jeff Gove	67-68-70-67—272 (-16)

Chesson Hadley secures PGA TOUR card with LECOM Health Challenge victory

CLYMER, N.Y. – Chesson Hadley two-putted for par at the 72nd hole and secured his PGA TOUR card Sunday at the LECOM Health Challenge with a one-stroke victory over Web.com Tour rookie Beau Hossler. Hadley carded a final-round, 7-under 65 for a 23-under-par 265 total, a new 72-hole tournament record at Peek’n Peak’s Upper Course.

“I know 23-under is probably a record for me,” said Hadley, who was four better than Rick Lamb’s total in 2016. “I know I shot 22-under when I won in Puerto Rico on TOUR, but 23-under is the best I’ve ever shot. I peaked at the right time. The key is to maintain it.”

The 30-year-old from Raleigh, N.C. jumped from No. 22 to No. 4 on the money list with a first-place prize of \$108,000. His total earnings of \$218,450 means Hadley will be competing for a FedExCup trophy starting in the fall.

“That was the goal this year,” said Hadley, who finished No. 159 in the FedExCup standings last season. “I know I had TOUR status, it’s not great TOUR status, but it’s still TOUR status, which is always a positive. I wanted to lock my card up and once I did that I was going to go chase some TOUR starts.”

After a bogey at the second, Hadley birdied holes 4, 6, 8 and 9 to go out in 33. He then eagled the par-5 11th and added a birdie at 12 to pull three away from Hossler.

“You want to be leading by 100 and just cruise on in,” said Hadley. “You look at the scoreboard and you see Beau is at 21-under. You can never take the foot off the pedal, that’s the thing out here.”

Needing some late heroics to secure the title, Hadley chipped in for par at 16 and birdied the 17th hole to reach 23-under-par, which at the time was two ahead of Hossler. Looking back on his round after the trophy presentation, Hadley knew that his ability to overcome adversity was a major key to his victory.

“Sometimes this game rewards you for having a good attitude and I truly believe that,” said Hadley, when asked about the hole-out on 16. “I hit a great shot today. It took kind of a big bounce and I saw it bounce a couple of times and it is X, I am X. I’m long, I’m sitting on dirt when I should be sitting on grass. It was a really bad lie. I shrugged it

off, accepted it and said, ‘Hey, this is where we are’ and obviously ran it down the hill. I believe I chipped in because I didn’t let that affect me.”

Hadley, now a three-time Tour winner, originally graduated from the Web.com Tour in 2013 after recording the third-highest career earning total in Tour history (\$535,432). In his first year on the PGA TOUR, the former standout at Georgia Tech won the Puerto Rico Open and was later voted Rookie of the Year by his peers.

“It’s been a long time since I’ve won,” said Hadley, who captured his maiden Tour title in 2014. “Gosh, that’s almost three years, and I’ve went to the bottom. Winning on TOUR and Rookie of the Year. You do this, do that and you start to spiral, lose your confidence and get negative. I’ve gone from the top to the bottom and it doesn’t take long. I was just kind of reliving some emotions that I haven’t had in a long time. I’m thankful and hope that I can remember what it was like.”

Hossler turned in a valiant effort on Sunday afternoon in just his fourth career appearance on Tour. After a bogey on the ninth hole, the former Fred Haskins Award winner at the University of Texas recorded six birdies coming in, including holes 17 and 18, for a back-nine 30 to finish one-shy of forcing a playoff.

“I played phenomenal,” said Hossler, who made 28 birdies and an eagle this week. “Chesson obviously played outstanding and all credit to him. If you were to tell me I would shoot 22-under at the beginning of the week and not win, that’s hard to believe. He played well.”

Hossler started the season with no status on any Tour before a runner-up performance at the Air Capital Classic Supporting Wichita’s Youth earned him Special Temporary Membership. Hossler’s last second-place performance has jumped him to No. 17 on the Regular Season money list, one step closer to securing his TOUR card.

“I’m getting closer,” said Hossler, who has earned \$140,378 in four starts. “I don’t know what the number is, exactly, that I’m going to need to hit. But I’m just proud of the way I played. I played well the last three days. I feel like I’m trending in the right direction and it just feels good to be playing golf again, being consistent and on the course every week. For a while there I was only playing one a month and it was tough to get in rhythm; my caddie and I are getting in rhythm and we’re having a lot of fun.”

Sunday Notes:

* Sunday weather: Partly cloudy. High: 76, Winds: SSW 6-12 mph.

* This week’s purse is \$600,000, with \$108,000 going to Chesson Hadley. Hadley moves from No. 22 to No 4 on the money list.

* Hadley wins at age 30 years, 4 days. Four players in their 30s have won this season on Tour (Kyle Thompson, Casey Wittenberg, D.H. Lee, Nate Lashley, Chesson Hadley).

* Hadley’s third Tour win comes in his 39th career start.

* Hadley’s tournament in detail:

Fairways hit: 43/54 (1)
Greens hit: 52/72 (T29)
Putts: 109 (5)

* A look at Hadley’s results in each of his victories on Tour:

Year	Tournament	Score
2013	Rex Hospital Open	63-69-69-64—265 (-19)
2013	Web.com Tour Championship	65-66-70-69—270 (-10)
2017	LECOM Health Challenge	69-67-64-65—265 (-23)

About Chesson Hadley

HEIGHT: 6-4 WEIGHT: 160

BIRTHDATE: July 5, 1987

BIRTHPLACE: Raleigh, North Carolina

RESIDENCE: Raleigh, North Carolina

FAMILY: Wife, Amanda; Hughes (10/25/13), Hollins (12/4/15)

EDUCATION: Georgia Tech (2010, Business Management)

TURNED PROFESSIONAL: 2010

Web.com Tour Graduate (2013)

JOINED TOUR: 2013

Bogey Free Rounds:

R1 – Xinjun Zhang (64), Adam Long (65), Jeff Gove (65), Anders Albertson (66), Albin Choi (66), Jarin Todd (67), Rob Oppenheim (68), Nick Rousey (68), Dawie Van der Walt (69), Armando Favela (69), Nicholas Thompson (69), Nick Flanagan (69), Andrew Yun (70), Dan McCarthy (70), Ben Kohles (70).

R2 – Austin Cook (66), Chesson Hadley (67), Matt Harmon (67), Jarin Todd (69).

R3 – Chesson Hadley (64), Michael Letzig (66), Rhein Gibson (67), Jamie Arnold (68).

R4 – Greg Eason (64), John Chin (66), Michael Johnson (67), Anders Albertson (68), Timothy Madigan (68), Carter Jenkins (68).

Scoring Average for the Upper Course for the week:

	Front (35)	Back (35)	Total (70)
Round 1:	35.891	35.295	71.186
Round 2:	36.188	35.221	71.409
Round 3	35.694	35.042	70.736
Round 4:	35.806	33.975	69.681
Cumulative:	35.895	34.858	70.753

* **NEXT WEEK:** The Web.com Tour heads west to Farmington, Utah for the Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank contested at Oakridge Country Club July 13-16. Last year, Nicholas Lindheim held off a late charge by J.J. Spaun and Xander Schauffele to take home the crown and moved inside the top 15 on the money list after starting the week No. 83.

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