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Final-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Name	Scores
1	Ben Silverman	70-63-63-67—263 (-25)
2	Talor Gooch	67-67-66-64—264 (-24)
3	Chesson Hadley	65-66-67-67—265 (-23)

Canadian Ben Silverman wins Price Cutter Charity Championship

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Ben Silverman set a goal to become a member of the PGA TOUR before he turned 30. The 29-year-old Silverman birdied the par-5 18th hole, carded a final-round, 4-under 67 and finished at 25-under-par 263, one ahead of Talor Gooch.

Chesson Hadley had a chance to tie Silverman, with an eagle at the last, but hit his approach into the water and made par to finish solo third, two back.

For the second consecutive year, Canada's flag was raised during the trophy ceremony in Springfield, Mo. Following in Mackenzie Hughes' footsteps, the 29-year-old from Thornhill, Ontario, hoisted the trophy and collected a check worth \$121,500 on the 18th green at Highland Springs Country Club. The first-place prize moved Silverman from No. 52 to No. 16 on the money list and secured his TOUR card for the 2017-18 season.

"It's amazing," said Silverman, who will be joining Hughes on TOUR in the fall. "Since I was 16 years old, I have wanted to be a professional golfer. I also made a goal that I wanted to be on the PGA TOUR before my 30th (birthday) and I'm 29. I'm hitting my goals and I'm excited."

The Mackenzie Tour – PGA TOUR Canada alum had a life-changing experience three weeks ago. On July 18, Silverman's wife Morgan gave birth to their first child, Jack Palmer. Silverman's time at home, with his wife and newborn, changed his perspective on golf and life in general.

"I'm in a different frame of mind," he said. "It's just different now after having a son. Golf is not 100 percent everything that matters anymore."

Silverman opened with a 2-under 70 and then 63-63-67. Over his final 61 holes, the West Palm Beach, Fla. resident made 20 birdies, two eagles and no bogeys. The back-to-back 9-under-par rounds beat his previous Tour best by a stroke.

"I couldn't miss with the putter," said Silverman, who needed 107 putts for the week. "It felt so good. I was seeing the breaks and I think I was at 8-under for the round without realizing it. Things were just clicking."

In early July, Silverman played with Brice Garnett at the Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank. Garnett went on to win the tournament and Silverman finished tied for fifth. It was in that moment, competing alongside Garnett, that the three-year pro learned how what it took to triumph when in contention.

"That experience taught me a lot," said Silverman, about his experience in Utah. "It was the first time where camera crews were chasing us around when he was in the lead and there were a lot of people. It kind of was a little unsettling

when I was in that situation. Today, I was able to keep my focus even though the start of the round was a little shaky. I finished strong and made some good swings.”

Silverman saw Gooch birdie the 72nd hole in the group in front of him to tie for the lead at 24-under. Silverman’s mind was made up when Gooch tied him for the lead. From 201 yards, the Florida Atlantic University grad hit a 5-iron to 15 feet and two-putted for his maiden Tour win.

“It’s amazing,” he said. “Someday when he (Jack Palmer) grows up, I’ll tell him. I’m just so excited to share it with him and my wife (Morgan). I wish they could be here right now. They will be in Portland, I’m just so excited to see them and share it with them.”

Sunday Notes:

* Sunday weather: Partly cloudy. High: 82, Low: 72, Winds: S-SE 4-8 mph.

* The Price Cutter Charity Championship is the 19th of 22 Regular Season events on the Web.com Tour. The first 25 of 50 available PGA TOUR cards for 2017-18 will be determined when the Regular Season concludes at the WinCo Foods Portland Open presented by Kraft Heinz on Aug. 27.

* Silverman and his wife Morgan just had their first child Jack Palmer three weeks ago.

* Silverman collects \$121,500 and moves from No. 63 to No. 17 on the money list.

* Silverman wins in his 33rd career Tour start.

* Silverman has played in 16 events this season and recorded three top-10s (Rust-Oleum Championship – T8, Utah Championship – T5, Price Cutter Charity Championship – 1).

* Silverman wins at age 29 years, 8 months, 29 days. Players in their 20s have accounted for 13 wins this season (Andrew Landry, Ethan Tracy, Andrew Putnam, Matt Atkins, Stephan Jaeger – 2, Conrad Shindler, Aaron Wise, Adam Schenk, Lanto Griffin, Sam Ryder, Marty Dou, Ben Silverman).

* Silverman is the second Canadian-born player to win the Price Cutter Charity Championship (Mackenzie Hughes – 2016). Canada has now accounted for 24 Web.com Tour victories.

* Silverman becomes the fifth International-born winner this season (Stephan Jaeger, D.H. Lee, Aaron Wise, Marty Dou)

About Ben Silverman

HEIGHT: 5-10 WEIGHT: 160

BIRTHDATE: November 15, 1987

BIRTHPLACE: Thornhill, Ontario, Canada

RESIDENCE: West Palm Beach, Florida

FAMILY: Wife, Morgan; Jack Palmer (07/18/17)

EDUCATION: Johnson & Wales University; Florida Atlantic University (2010, Psychology)

TURNED PROFESSIONAL: 2010

JOINED TOUR: 2016.

* Talor Gooch moved to No. 20 on the money list with his runner-up performance at the Price Cutter Charity Championship. At \$172,316, Gooch is close to securing his TOUR card for next season.

* China’s Xinjun Zhang secured his PGA TOUR card for next season with his T4 performance. Zhang joins fellow countryman Marty Dou as the first Chinese-born players to earn their TOUR cards. Zhang has recorded four top-10s, including two runner-up showings, this season.

* Entering this week, Lanto Griffin needed just under \$40,000 to reach the mark (\$180,000) deemed safe to secure a spot in the top 25 on the money list. Griffin carded 64-66 in the final 36 holes to move inside the top 10. His T6 earned him \$23,456, moving him to No. 22 on the money list at \$165,082.

Scoring Average for Highland Springs Country Club for the week:

	Front (36)	Back (36)	Total (72)
Round 1:	35.523	35.020	70.542
Round 2:	34.680	34.667	69.346

Round 3:	34.329	33.908	68.237
Round 4:	35.105	35.184	70.289
Cumulative:	34.909	34.695	69.604

* **NEXT WEEK:** The Web.com Tour heads back to the Midwest for the News Sentinel Open presented by Pilot at Fox Den Country Club (Aug. 15-21), the 21st of 22 Regular Season events on the schedule. Last year, J.J. Spaun outdueled good friend Sam Ryder to win the \$99,000 first-place prize.

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