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## Final-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Name	Scores	Money earned	Started the week	Current \$ list
1	Brice Garnett	71-67-63-65—266 (-18)	\$144,000	11	1
2	David Skinns	67-70-69-64—270 (-14)	\$52,800	115	58
	Sam Ryder	66-70-69-65—270 (-14)	\$52,800	6	2
	Ben Silverman	68-68-68-66—270 (-14)	\$52,800	14	10
•	Abraham Ancer	67-70-64-69—270 (-14)	\$52,800	9	3

## Brice Garnet wins Web.com Tour's Regular Season finale at the WinCo Foods Portland Open

25 players received their PGA TOUR cards on Sunday at Pumpkin Ridge GC

**NORTH PLAINS, Ore.** – Sunday at the WinCo Foods Portland Open presented by Kraft Heinz was pressure-packed to say the least. Mexico's Roberto Diaz started the week on the bubble and clearly felt the magnitude of the situation. The 30-year-old from Veracruz, Mexico finished off a final-round, 1-under 70 early and went back to his hotel to watch the drama unfold on television. Diaz, who was T43 for the week, has played a few PGA TOUR events but never been a card-carrying member. That changed on Sunday afternoon.

"It was a long afternoon," said Diaz, who anxiously awaited to hear if he was in or not. "I have no nails, nothing. I can't put into words how it feels."

Keith Mitchell needed to birdie the 72<sup>nd</sup> hole to overtake Diaz for the 25<sup>th</sup> TOUR card awarded at the conclusion of the Web.com Tour's Regular Season. Mitchell, 25, failed to get up and down for four at the par-5 home hole, made par and ended the week No. 26, placing Diaz No. 25 on the money list.

"I don't think there are any words for how I feel," said Diaz, on the 18<sup>th</sup> green after the card ceremony. "It's a dream come true, obviously."

David Skinns was fighting for his livelihood in Oregon. Skinns, who entered the week No. 115 on the money list, was staring First Stage of Q-School in the face, if he finished outside the top 100 on the money list.

"My whole goal this weekend was to try and stay patient," said Skinns, who had missed three straight cuts entering the week. "With the position I was in, it would've been easy to try and start pushing things and try too hard. I really tried hard to stay patient and then the switch turned on for me."

Skinns' perseverance paid off, as he birdied the final three holes of the round to jump up the leaderboard and finish at 14-under-par. The \$52,000 he received for his share of second moved the 35-year-old from Lincoln, England to No. 58 on the money list, giving him a berth into the Web.com Tour Finals, but more importantly his Tour card for next season.

"If I wasn't nervous in that position, I don't think there was any point in playing," said Skinns, who knew the severity of his situation. "It's great, I enjoy that feeling. That's why you're out there; that's why you practice when no one is watching."

Brice Garnett took all the guesswork out of who the champion would be with a back-nine, 5-under-par 30. Garnett's 6-under 65 gave him an 18-under-par 266 total, good for a four-stroke win over Skinns, Sam Ryder, Ben Silverman and Ancer.

"I knew it was going to be tough this afternoon," said Garnett, who picked up his second Tour trophy this season. "I tried to be as solid as I could, hit some good shots and drop a couple of putts on the back nine to separate myself."

Garnett birdied Nos. 8, 11, 13 and 15 to move out of the pack and never looked back. Coming down the stretch, the now two-time Tour graduate went par-birdie-birdie to close out the round.

"I thought if I shot 3 or 4 under this afternoon, it would be a pretty good score," said Garnett. "I was able to get to 6-under. I was trying to stay in the moment but boy, this was a special day."

Sunday's final round was significant for Garnett. The purse at the WinCo Foods Portland Open is the highest of the Regular Season and Garnett overtook Andrew Landry for the top spot on the money list with his second victory of the season.

"This is huge," said Garnett, who picked up a first-place check worth \$144,000. "I had a goal of winning the money list this year and this puts me in great position, with a good four-week stretch in the Finals, of getting fully exempt."

Garnett, Diaz and Skinns are headed to Columbus for the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship. There is still plenty at stake for the trio as well as the other 72 Tour members who qualified for the four-event series, who will compete alongside Nos. 126-200 off the FedExCup points standings.

## **SUNDAY NOTES:**

\* The WinCo Foods Portland Open presented by Kraft Heinz is the last of 22 Regular Season events on the 2017 schedule. The top 25 money winners following this week's finale will earn PGA TOUR cards for the 2017-18 season. A second set of 25 cards will be on the line during the four-event Web.com Tour Finals, which follow in September and early October.

The 25	<u>Hometown</u>	Stats	College
<ol> <li>Brice Garnett</li> </ol>	Gallatin, Mo.	Two wins, five top-10s	Missouri Western
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2) Sam Ryder*	Orlando, Fla.	One win, six top-Ios	Stetson
3) Abraham Ancer	McCallen, Tex. / Mexico	Three runner-ups	Oklahoma
4) Andrew Landry	Port Neches-Groves,	One win, six top-10s	Arkansas
	Texas		
5) Stephan Jaeger*	Chattanooga / Germany	Two wins	UT-Chattanooga
6) Talor Gooch*	Midwest City, Okla.	One win, five top-10s	Oklahoma State
7) Kyle Thompson	Greenville, S.C.	One win, four top-10s	South Carolina
8) Andrew Putnam	Tacoma, Wash.	One win, four top-10s	Pepperdine
9) Chesson Hadley	Raleigh, N.C.	One win, three top-Ios	Georgia Tech
10) Ben Silverman*	Thornhill, Ont., Canada	One win, five top-10s	Florida Atlantic
II) Nate Lashley*	Scottsbluff, Neb.	One win, five top-10s	Arizona
12) Adam Schenk*	Vincennes, Ind.	One win, five top-10s	Purdue
13) Andrew Yun*	Chandler, Ariz.	Four top-threes	Stanford
14) Ted Potter, Jr.	Ocala, Fla.	Ten top-25s	N/A
15) Austin Cook*	Little Rock, Ark.	Eleven top-25s	Arkansas
16) Zecheng Dou*	Henan, China	One win, two top-Ios	N/A
17) Conrad Shindler*	Dallas	One win, three top-Ios	Texas A&M
18) Aaron Wise*	Las Vegas / South Africa	One win, two top-Ios	Oregon
19) Matt Atkins*	Owensboro, Ky.	One win, two top-Ios	USC-Aiken
20) Xinjun Zhang*	Shanxi, China	Two runner-ups	N/A
21) Brandon Harkins*	Walnut Creek, Calif.	Four top-IOS	Cal State – Chico
22) Lanto Griffin*	Blacksburg, Va.	One win, two top-Ios	VCU

23) Beau Hossler*	Mission Viejo, Calif.	Two runner-ups	Texas
24) Ethan Tracy*	Columbus, Ohio	One win	Arkansas
25) Roberto Diaz*	Jacksonville, Fla. / Mexico	Two top-Ios	USC-Aiken

<sup>\*=</sup>PGA TOUR rookie in 2016-17

\* Players just inside the top 25 (21-25) and where they stand:

<b>Entered the Week</b>	Player	Score	Position	<b>Current \$ list</b>
21	<b>Brandon Harkins</b>	72-74—146 (+4)	MC	21
22	Lanto Griffin	66-67-75-71—279 (-5)	T43	22
23	Ethan Tracy	71-73—144 (+2)	MC	24
24	Roberto Diaz	71-68-70-70—279 (-5)	T43	25
25	Beau Hossler	69-68-70-68—275 (-9)	T19	23

\* Players just outside the top 25 (26-30) and where they stand:

Entered the Week	Player	Score	Position	<b>Current \$ list</b>
26	Rob Oppenheim	71-69-69-76—285 (+1)	T65	27
27	Martin Piller	65-70-74-75—284 (E)	T60	28
28	D.H. Lee	68-75—143 (+1)	MC	30
29	Tyler Duncan	72-70—142 (E)	MC	31
30	Tom Lovelady	72-68-75-66—281 (-3)	T53	29

\* Players just inside the top 75 (71-75) and where they stand:

Entered the Week	Player	Score	Position	<b>Current \$ list</b>
71	Rhein Gibson	72-74—146 (+4)	MC	74
72	Jacques Blaauw	75-72—147 (+5)	MC	75
73	Scott Langley	71-66-76-72—285 (+1)	T65	73
74	Samuel Del Val	71-66-71-72—280 (-4)	T47	76
75	Brady Schnell	72-69-69-68—278 (-6)	T36	77

\* Players just outside the top 75 (76-80) and where they stand:

<b>Entered the Week</b>	Player	Score	Position	Current \$ list
76	Ben Taylor	76-77—153 (+11)	MC	80
77	William Kropp	76-72—148 (+6)	MC	81
78	Armando Favela	73-74—147 (+5)	MC	83
79	Ken Looper	71-65-78-70—284 (E)	T60	82
80	Andrew Svoboda	70-66-69-77—282 (-2)	T55	85

\* Scoring averages for the week:

	Front (36)	Back (35)	Total (71)
R1	36.374	34.710	71.084
R2	36.616	34.768	71.384
R3	35.400	34.329	69.729
R4	35.614	34.413	69.757
<b>CUM</b>	36.003	34.487	70.490

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