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WEB.COM TOUR RETURNS TO BOGOTA, COLOMBIA

The Web.com Tour returns to Bogota, Colombia this week for the ninth annual Club Colombia Championship at Country Club de Bogota. The tournament has grown over the years and has put forth some of the most thrilling finishes in recent Tour history. In 2017, Ethan Tracy holed out from 101 yards on the 72nd hole for an eagle to force a playoff with Roberto Diaz, which he won on the second extra hole. Bogota native Sebastian Munoz, who is in the field this year, played the 2016 edition on a sponsor's invitation, won the tournament and went on to earn his PGA TOUR card for the following season. Other notable past champions include recent PGA TOUR winner Patrick Cantlay, and rising star Patrick Rodgers.

LOCAL PLAYERS HIGHLIGHT CLUB COLOMBIA CHAMPIONSHIP FIELD

This week's Club Colombia Championship features four Colombian players, including 2016 tournament champion Sebastian Munoz. Fellow Bogota residents Julio Bell and Daniel Faccini will compete alongside Munoz, as will Barranquilla native Ricardo Celia.

Bell will be making his maiden appearance in a Web.com Tour event, while Faccini, a 20-year-old amateur, will make his first career Web.com Tour start after winning the Club's junior championship to earn a spot in the field. Celia, who has conditional status for 2018, was a 2016 member of the Web.com Tour and made nine starts on the year, making three cuts.

SCOTT LANGLEY FINDS WINNER'S CIRCLE IN PANAMA

Scott Langley overcame a six-stroke deficit to win the Panama Championship on Sunday afternoon. The 28-year-old posted a final-round 5-under 65 at Club de Golf de Panama to pick up his first Web.com Tour victory. Langley's come-from-behind win marked the largest in tournament history. He also became the first player in the 15-year history of the event to record an over-par opening round.

With the victory, the former NCAA Champion became the first graduate of The First Tee to win on the Web.com Tour and moved up to No. 3 on the money list with \$118,532.

RAFA CAMPOS FINDS FORM AT START OF WEB.COM TOUR SEASON

Puerto Rico's Rafael Campos is off to a great start in his junior campaign on the Web.com Tour. The 29year-old from San Juan has posted a T3 (The Bahamas Great Exuma Classic at Sandals Emerald Bay) and T2 (Panama Championship) in his first three starts. Campos carded a final-round 3-under 67 on Sunday in Panama for his best performance in 39 starts on Tour. He is currently fourth on the Tour's money list with \$83,800 in earnings.

Last season, Campos recorded two top-10s in 14 events and ended the year No. 57 on the money list. He was sidelined most of the season with a back injury and is still rehabbing in his downtime.

EDWARD LOAR REGAINS FORM ON FAMILIAR VENUE

Edward Loar recorded his first top-10 on the Web.com Tour since 2013 at the Panama Championship. Loar, 40, graduated from the Tour in 2013 but did not have much success in his rookie season on the PGA TOUR. The Dallas, Texas native returned to the Web.com Tour the following season and struggled to find the form that saw him win two Tour titles in two years. Loar played sparingly on the Adams Pro Tour for a few years until navigating through the Web.com Tour Qualifying Tournament this past December, ending the week tied for 30th to secure eight starts at the beginning of 2018.

After missing the cut in the seasoning opening event and finishing T40 in Abaco, Loar returned to Panama, the site of his maiden Tour win in 2012. The father of triplets trailed fellow lefty Eric Axley by two strokes after 54 holes and overtook the lead early in the final round. Loar made an untimely double-bogey at the par-3 13th hole to fall out of a share of the lead but ended the round with five straight pars to take a share of second with Rafael Campos. Loar's runner-up showing in Panama City moved the journeyman up 63 spots to No. 7 on the money list with \$57,250 in earnings.

GARY WOODLAND WINS IN PHOENIX

Fans at the Waste Management Phoenix Open were treated to an exciting conclusion to the PGA TOUR stop in Arizona as two former Web.com Tour members, Gary Woodland and Chez Reavie, battled it out in overtime for the title. Woodland, who began the day trailing 54-hole leader Rickie Fowler by three strokes, closed with a 7-under 64 to enter a playoff with Reavie and later won with a par 4 on the first playoff hole (No. 18). Woodland, 33, collected his third TOUR win in 207 starts and first since the 2013 Barracuda Championship.

Woodland competed on the Web.com Tour in 2010, while Reavie, who originally graduated from the Tour in 2007, finished No.1 the 2015 Web.com Tour Finals priority rankings.

NUMBERS TO KNOW

35 – The number of former Web.com Tour winners in the field at the Club Colombia Championship, led by Jason Gore (7) and Matthew Goggin (5).

6 – The number players in the top 10 at the 2017 Club Colombia Championship who went on to earn their PGA TOUR cards for the 2017-18 season: Ethan Tracy, Roberto Diaz, Brandon Harkins, Andrew Putnam, Brice Garnett and Tom Lovelady.

2018 WEB.COM TOUR MEMBER TO WATCH

Jared Wolfe – 29 – Louisville, Kentucky

Wolfe graduated from Murray State University in 2010 and turned pro shortly after. He advanced

through the Web.com Tour Qualifying Tournament in 2013 and played the Tour full-time in 2014. In his rookie season, the Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida resident made two cuts in 17 starts.

The past few years, the long-hitting Wolfe has competed on the Mackenzie Tour – PGA TOUR Canada and PGA TOUR Latinoamérica. In 2017, Wolfe competed 17 times on PGA TOUR Latinoamérica, recording six top-10s, including a breakthrough victory at the BMW Jamaica Classic, and ended the season No. 2 on the Order of Merit. Last week, he finished tied for 65th at the Panama Championship.

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