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### **Second-Round Leaderboard**

<b>Pos.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Scores</b>
1	Lucas Glover	64-64—128 (-14)
2	Denny McCarthy	64-65—129 (-13)
3	Cameron Tringale	63-67—130 (-12)

### **Former U.S. Open champion Lucas Glover takes 36-hole lead at Web.com Tour Championship**

**ATLANTIC BEACH, Florida** – Lucas Glover entered the Web.com Tour Finals with the likely safety net of a PGA TOUR medical extension but still in search of a victory and a guaranteed card for the 2018-19 season. The Greenville, South Carolina, native posted back-to-back rounds of 64 at the Web.com Tour Championship to reach 14-under par at host Atlantic Beach Country Club, good for a one-shot lead heading into Saturday's third round of the Web.com Tour's season-ending event.

Glover played brilliant golf over the opening 36 holes in Atlantic Beach, recording 14 birdies against zero bogeys to finish the halfway point at 14-under par.

After starting Friday's second round in the afternoon wave, Glover parred his opening four holes before notching birdies on 14, 17 and 18 to turn in 3-under 33.

Birdies on Nos. 1, 4, 6 and 7 vaulted him into the lead at 14-under par before he closed with pars on Nos. 8 and 9 to round out a closing 31 and a second-round 64.

"Similar to yesterday, just gave myself a lot of chances and just converted a bunch of opportunities. Drove it a little better today and I'm hitting my irons a little worse, but same result, so pretty happy obviously," he said after his round. "I hit a lot of good putts today that could have gone in, I just didn't make the ones I made yesterday. So I felt like it could have been one of those scary low ones. But I hit my lines, felt like I just misread a bunch by like half a ball or something, kind of like the last, but I'm not displeased at all, believe me."

Glover has accrued 382 starts on the PGA TOUR, collecting wins at the 2005 Children's Miracle Network Classic, 2009 U.S. Open and 2011 Wells Fargo Championship. The win in Charlotte, where he defeated 2017 Web.com Tour Championship winner and former Clemson teammate Jonathan Byrd, came 7 years, 4 months and 13 days ago.

In June, Glover had arthroscopic knee surgery to repair two meniscus tears that had bothered him for the last three to four years. Under a PGA TOUR medical, he was granted eight starts in the 2018-19 season to accrue 53.151 FedExCup points to retain his full membership status.

"Yeah, I mean, like I've got a lot to fall back on regardless of this week, but any time I tee it up, I want to play well. Tomorrow won't be any different, Sunday won't be any different," said Glover when asked if the medical allowed for less pressure this week.

This year marks Glover's second time in the Web.com Tour Finals. In 2015, he posted top-25 finishes in all four events (including a T12 in the Web.com Tour Championship) to finish 19<sup>th</sup> on the Finals-only money list to secure his card for the 2015-16 season.

Through the first three events of the 2018 Finals, he sits at No. 46 on the Finals-only money list with his lone top-25 being a T17 effort at the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship. With \$44,000 as the safe benchmark for a PGA TOUR card, Glover needs to finish solo-10<sup>th</sup> or better to secure a return to golf's biggest stage.

"It's good. It's 36 holes, we've got 36 more. Nobody's going to all of a sudden stop making a bunch of birdies, so I've got to do the same thing," he said.

Denny McCarthy, who graduated from the Web.com Tour in 2017, is one shot behind Glover at 13-under 129.

The former University of Virginia golfer opened his week with a 7-under 64 before recording seven birdies on Friday en route to a 6-under 65.

McCarthy finished the PGA TOUR season with conditional status for 2018-19 following a rookie campaign which left him at No. 149 in the FedExCup. The 25-year-old posted four top-25 finishes over the last year, including a season-best fourth-place effort at the Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship.

In the Web.com Tour Finals, McCarthy recorded top-10 finishes in his first two starts to secure status for next year's PGA TOUR season, entering the week in Northeast Florida at No. 13 in the Finals-only money list. With \$75,792 in earnings, he is still within striking distance of winning the Finals money list, which would provide a fully-exempt card for the 2018-19 season as well as an exemption into THE PLAYERS.

"Yeah, 100 percent, I'm trying to get that spot. There's no secret about it. I'll come out and tell you I'm here to win this tournament and get that No. 1 spot," said McCarthy. "I've been hungry for a while. I have a pretty hungry attitude and I'm going to stay hungry."

Longtime PGA TOUR member Cameron Tringale is in solo-third place at 12-under 130 following rounds of 63-67.

Tringale is making just the 13<sup>th</sup> Web.com Tour start of his career this week, as the former Georgia Tech standout has spent most of his career on the PGA TOUR. The 31-year-old has made at least 22 starts per season on TOUR since 2010, recording 50 top-25 finishes in 243 starts, including runner-up efforts at the 2014 NORTHERN TRUST, 2015 Zurich Classic of New Orleans and Shriners Hospitals for Children Open.

Over the last two years, Tringale has found himself in the Web.com Tour Finals at season's end following 133<sup>rd</sup>- and 195<sup>th</sup>-place finishes in the FedExCup in 2017 and 2018, respectively.

Last year, Tringale entered Web.com Tour Championship week at No. 63 on the Finals money list but posted 17-under 267 in Atlantic Beach for a T5 effort which vaulted him to No. 24 and back on the PGA TOUR.

"Yeah, I was hoping last year was my last time here, but I do have a comfort at this golf course and I'm excited to keep pressing," he said after Friday's round.

#### **THURSDAY NOTES:**

\* Weather: Mostly sunny with a high of 87 degrees; Winds E/NE at 12-16 mph.

\* This week marks the last event of the Web.com Tour Finals, a four-event series that concludes at the Web.com Tour Championship in Atlantic Beach, Florida, Sept. 20-23. Twenty-five PGA TOUR cards were awarded following the WinCo Foods Portland Open presented by KraftHeinz. An additional 25 cards will be handed out following the conclusion of play Sunday, and positioning for all 50 cards will be set.

\* Glover sitting alone atop the 36-hole leaderboard continues a rather unique Web.com Tour Championship trend. The last time there were multiple players tied for the lead after a round in this event was the third round of the 2012 tournament, when James Hahn and Justin Hicks were locked at 12-under par through 54 holes.

\* Peter Malnati tied the Web.com Tour's record for a nine-hole score on Friday when he recorded six birdies and an eagle on the front nine (his back nine) for an eight-under 27. There have been eight 27s in Web.com Tour history, but only one on a par-36 nine (Notah Begay, 1998 Dominion Open). Malnati's 9-under 62 marked the week's second-lowest round.

\* At T4, Sepp Straka leads the contingent of Mackenzie Tour – PGA TOUR Canada alums through 36 holes. Straka played six events in Canada in 2016, with a top finish of T10 at the Cape Breton Open.

\* Adam Schenk leads PGA TOUR Latinoamérica alumni in the field at T6. Schenk competed in 16 events during the 2015 season, notching four top-five finishes and making all but two cuts.

\* The second-round leader/co-leader has won 12 times in the 24-year history of the Web.com Tour Championship: Mike Schuchart (1994), Stewart Cink (1996), Steve Flesch (1997), Bob Burns (1998), Bob Heintz (1999), Pat Bates (2001), Chris Couch (2003), David Branshaw (2005), Matt Every (2009), Brendan Steele (2010), Chesson Hadley (2013) and Emiliano Grillo (2015).

\* Money earned by the No. 25 player on the Finals-only money list in each of the past four years (excluding 2016, when the Web.com Tour Championship was cancelled): 2013 (Bobby Gates, \$33,650), 2014 (Eric Axley, \$36,311.66), 2015 (Rob Oppenheim, \$32,206) and 2017 (Seamus Power, \$40,625).

\* Players ranked Nos. 23-30 on the Finals-only money list and where they stand:

Player	Finals \$	Score	Standing	Projected Money List
23. Wes Roach	\$33,600	67-67—134	T20	25
24. Scott Pinckney	\$33,320	71-71—142	MC	33
25. Brian Campbell	\$32,325	69-68—137	T54	29
26. Justin Lower	\$31,975	68-66—134	T20	27
27. Henrik Norlander	\$31,687	67-67—134	T20	28
28. Ben Crane	\$31,305	64-69—133	T11	20
29. Fabián Gómez	\$29,157	68-68—136	T41	34
30. Matt Every	\$25,733	64-68—132	T6	18

\* Atlantic Beach Country Club scoring average:

	Front (35)	Back (36)	Total (71)	Cumulative
Round 1	34.363	34.823	69.185	
Round 2	33.504	35.423	68.927	69.056

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