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Final-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Name	Scores
1	Denny McCarthy	64-65-67-65-261 (-23)
2	Lucas Glover	64-64-68-69-265 (-19)
3	Five players tied at	266 (-18)

Denny McCarthy wins Web.com Tour Championship to take top spot in Finals 25

25 players receive PGA TOUR cards on Sunday at Atlantic Beach CC

ATLANTIC BEACH, Florida – Entering the day one stroke back, Denny McCarthy enjoyed a barrage of birdies down the stretch at Atlantic Beach Country Club to win the season-ending Web.com Tour Championship by four strokes at 23-under 261. McCarthy, who earned his first Web.com Tour victory in 48 career events, also earned the top spot on the Finals 25. With the top spot, McCarthy earns fully-exempt status for the 2018-19 PGA TOUR season as well as a spot in the 2019 PLAYERS Championship.

“It’s been quite a journey this year,” said McCarthy. “The PGA TOUR was tough to start out the year and stuck through it and got my game, [I] raised my level and have been playing some really good golf. Just feels incredible to finish off these Finals. So much work behind the scenes that nobody really sees. I have a great team, they’ve been tremendous throughout the whole process.”

McCarthy began the round quietly with a par at the first and a bogey at the second. The 25-year-old turned it around with a birdie at the par-4 fourth, birdieing Nos. 4, 6, 7 and 8 to make the turn at 3-under 32. The University of Virginia alum continued his momentum with birdies at Nos. 10, 13, 14 and 18 to finish with a 6-under 65.

It looked to be a two-horse race for most of the final round between McCarthy and Sepp Straka, but a late triple bogey by Straka at No. 16 solidified McCarthy’s win. In all, McCarthy carded 23 birdies and an eagle in 72 holes. He attributed experience at Atlantic Beach Country Club to his consistently-low rounds through the week.

“Knowing the golf courses and having the knowledge of the golf courses really helps me [in the Finals],” said McCarthy. “I feel like this next year on the PGA TOUR I’m going to be much better suited having played all these places once this past year and getting some tournament rounds on those places. It’s tough, it’s really tough, to go to a course that you’re not familiar with and expect to play great golf. You’re just not familiar with the course, you’re just not as comfortable with where to miss it off the tee and into the green.”

After watching the bubble through the afternoon, no one was happier than Jim Knous to earn the 25th and final card of the Web.com Tour Finals. Despite a stressful even-par 71, highlighted by an eagle and capped by a five-foot par save at the last, Knous gained 2018-19 status on the PGA TOUR thanks in large part to making all four cuts through the Finals. His top finish during the Finals was a T10 at the Nationwide Children’s Hospital Championship.



Knous earned \$41,931 through the four Finals events, the highest amount ever earned by the 25th player to earn his card. The record was previously set last year by Seamus Power at \$40,625.

“It was a brutal day emotionally,” said Knous. “I wasn't quite sure how much my performance would affect the overall outcome. It kind of just depended on what everybody else did. That's pretty terrifying. So I really just kind of did my best to stay calm and inside I was really freaking out and just super psyched that at the end of the day finished right there on No. 25.”

Cleveland native Justin Lower finished just outside the bubble at 26th on the Finals money list, less than \$500 short of the 25th spot. The 29-year-old had an eight-foot birdie opportunity at the final hole slide by the hole which ended up being the difference.

Knous joined four other rookies in earning their card through the Finals 25; the other four were Seth Reeves, Curtis Luck, Sepp Straka and Cameron Davis.

SUNDAY NOTES:

* Sunday's weather: Partly cloudy, High of 87, Winds E 8-12 mph.

* This week's purse was \$1,000,000, with \$180,000 going to the champion, Denny McCarthy.

* This week marked the last event of the Web.com Tour Finals, a four-event series that concluded 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 Kraft-Heinz. An additional 25 cards were handed out following the conclusion of play this week, and positioning for all 50 cards was set.

*** ABOUT Denny McCarthy**

HEIGHT: 5'9" WEIGHT: 165

BIRTHDATE: March 4, 1993

BIRTHPLACE: Takoma Park, Maryland

RESIDENCE: Jupiter, Florida

EDUCATION: University of Virginia, 2015

TURNED PROFESSIONAL: 2015

JOINED TOUR: 2016

* Sungjae Im and Denny McCarthy secured the top spots on the combined money list and Finals money list, respectively. As a result, both have earned fully-exempt status for the 2018-19 PGA TOUR Season, as well as a spot in the 2019 PLAYERS Championship field.

* Sungjae Im became the first player in Web.com Tour history to lead the money list wire-to-wire for the duration of the Web.com Tour season. His season-long total of \$553,380 marks the fourth-most money won in a single season in Tour history. Im is the first Korean-born player to end the season as the leading money winner.

* The top 25 who secured their 2018-19 PGA TOUR membership via the Web.com Tour Finals are:

Player	Finals Stats	Finals Earnings	College
1) Denny McCarthy	One win	255,793	University of Virginia
2) Sangmoon Bae	One win	218,156	Sungkyunkwan University
3) Robert Streb	One win	187,460	Kansas State University
4) Peter Malnati	One runner-up	157,296	University of Missouri
5) Cameron Davis*	Two top-20s	126,675	N/A
6) Adam Schenk	One runner-up	125,798	Purdue University
7) Lucas Glover	One runner-up	125,212	Clemson University
8) Matt Jones	One runner-up	112,000	Arizona State University
9) Hunter Mahan	One runner-up	107,505	Oklahoma State University
10) Roger Sloan	One runner-up	84,307	University of Texas – El Paso
11) Shawn Stefani	Three top-25s	80,579	Lamar University
12) Seth Reeves*	Two top-5s	80,360	Georgia Tech
13) Max Homa	Two top-10s	78,200	University of California
14) Roberto Diaz	Three top-25s	70,326	University of South Carolina - Aiken
15) Stephan Jaeger	One top-5	69,923	University of Tennessee - Chattanooga
16) Curtis Luck*	Two top-10s	64,920	N/A
17) Nicholas Lindheim	Two top-20s	59,169	N/A
18) Dylan Frittelli	Two top-20s	48,600	N/A
19) Wes Roach	Two top-25s	48,100	Duke University
20) Sepp Straka*	One top-5	47,844	University of Georgia
21) Cameron Tringale	One top-5	47,760	Georgia Tech
22) Ben Silverman	One top-5	47,700	Florida Atlantic University
23) Michael Thompson	Two top-25s	45,466	University of Alabama
24) Fabián Gómez	Two top-20s	43,657	N/A
25) Jim Knous*	Three top-25s	41,931	Colorado School of Mines

* = PGA TOUR rookie in 2018-19

*Atlantic Beach Country Club Scoring Averages:

	Front (35)	Back (36)	Total (71)	Cumulative
R1	34.363	34.823	69.185	
R2	33.504	35.423	68.927	69.056
R3	33.723	34.769	68.492	68.868
R4	33.742	34.629	68.371	68.744

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