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Final-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Name	Scores
1	Anders Albertson	66-66-64-63—259 (-25)
2	Adam Long	65-64-69-63—261 (-23)
	Kramer Hickok	66-63-65-67—261 (-23)

Anders Albertson earns maiden Web.com Tour victory at Lincoln Land Championship

Springfield, Ill. – Anders Albertson birdied seven in a row at Panther Creek Country Club on Sunday afternoon en route to his maiden Web.com Tour title at the third annual Lincoln Land Championship presented by LRS. Albertson carded a final-round 63 and posted 25-under-par to beat Adam Long and Kramer Hickok by two strokes.

“It’s been awhile since I’ve won,” said Albertson, who picked up his first victory in his 62nd career start. “God is so good and this week I’ve been really calm and felt his presence.”

Albertson had good friend and fellow Georgia Tech Yellow Jacket Michael Hines on the bag this week. The two played college golf together and Hines knows Albertson’s game very well. How well you ask? Hines convinced Albertson to hit an 8-iron from 192 yards into the last. Albertson stuffed the approach to three feet and made the birdie to close out the tournament and set a new 72-hole scoring record in the process.

“Mike and I had a great time,” said Albertson, who became the 14th first-time winner this season. “I’ve been lucky enough to have him on the bag this year, he’s a great player and he made a difference out there this week.”

Albertson went on a tear early to jump into the mix. The 25-year-old Houston native set a Tour-season record for most straight birdies going 7-under on holes 4 through 10. Albertson was two shy of the record set by Omar Uresti in 1994 at the Shreveport Open, but was still pleased with his effort.

“I think seven is my record at home playing with my buddies,” he said. “I didn’t realize that we were on a streak until the fifth in a row and then we managed to get a couple of more.”

In his third season as a pro, Albertson has seen his year end in the Web.com Tour Finals twice, where he came close to securing his PGA TOUR card in 2017. Last year, Albertson finished the 2017 edition of the Lincoln Land Championship T5, one-stroke out of the playoff.

What a difference a year makes. With this victory, Anderson moved him from No. 45 to No. 8 on the money list, securing his PGA TOUR card.

“The goal is to get on the PGA TOUR,” said Albertson, who was awarded a first-place prize of \$99,000 during the trophy ceremony. “I’m so thankful for my time out here. I’ve grown up in this three years and be fortunate enough to keep my card and get better each year.”

Albertson left college one of the most decorated golfers in Georgia Tech history. During his tenure in Atlanta, he earned All-ACC honors four straight years, won the 2015 Byron Nelson Award and holds the third-best career scoring average,

which is impressive given he never missed a tournament. Despite all the accolades, Albertson wasn't sure he was good enough to win on the Web.com Tour.

That all changed this week.

"I'm better than I thought," he said. "You are always measuring yourself but this week we tried not to compare. I was just trying to get better, not necessarily trying to win."

Sunday Notes:

* Sunday weather: Mostly sunny. High: 92. Winds: S-SE 6-12 mph.

About Anders Albertson

HEIGHT: 5-9 WEIGHT: 160

BIRTHDATE: June 8, 1993

BIRTHPLACE: Houston, Texas

RESIDENCE: Alpharetta, Georgia

FAMILY: Wife, Ashley

EDUCATION: Georgia Tech (Business Administration, 2015)

TURNED PROFESSIONAL: 2015

JOINED TOUR: 2016

* Adam Long carded a final-round 63 and ended the week T2. Long failed to get up and in from the greenside bunker on the par-5 16th and missed a short birdie putt at the last to fall two strokes shy. He has now made four top-10s this season and moved inside the top 25 on the money list for the first time in his career, this last in the year.

* Kramer Hickok missed a short birdie try on the par-4 finishing hole and ended the week T2. The 2017 Mackenzie Tour – PGA TOUR Canada Player of the Year birdied four in a row on the back but made a costly bogey on the par-3 17th to lose a share of the lead. Hickok has recorded two top-10s and moved to No. 27 on the money list.

Scoring Average Panther Creek Country Club for the week:

	Front (35)	Back (36)	Total (71)
Round 1:	34.206	34.252	68.458
Round 2:	34.052	34.422	68.474
Round 3:	33.711	33.987	67.697
Round 4:	34.132	34.303	68.434
Cumulative:	34.025	34.241	68.266

* **NEXT WEEK:** The Web.com Tour heads north to western New York for the LECOM Health Challenge where Chesson Hadley edged out Beau Hossler by one shot for the win, his third career Web.com Tour victory.

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