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Final-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Name	Scores
1	Scott Langley	71-68-69-65 (-7)
2	Rafael Campos	71-68-69-67 (-5)
	Edward Loar	67-70-67-71 (-5)
4	Roger Sloan	69-72-69-66 (-4)

Scott Langley overcomes six-stroke deficit to earn first professional win at Panama Championship

PANAMA CITY, Panama – As the end of the 2017 Regular Season neared on the Web.com Tour, it looked as though Illinois native and former PGA TOUR member Scott Langley would be headed back to the Qualifying Tournament. A strong performance at the last event of the Regular Season kept Langley in the mix and guaranteed him status for the 2018 season. Now, just six months later, the 28-year-old is a Tour winner after carding a final-round 5-under 65 at Club de Golf de Panamá to come from six strokes back and pick up his first professional win at the Panama Championship.

The momentum of Langley's round began when he saved par on the par-4 seventh with a 10-footer. He then rolled in a 20-footer for birdie on the next, as well as another 20-foot putt for birdie on the par-3 ninth. The University of Illinois alum made the turn at 3-under for the day, 5-under for the tournament, and suddenly realized there was a chance he would be walking off of the 18th green with a trophy in his hands for the first time since winning the 2010 NCAA Individual Championship.

"I looked at the leaderboard at that point and thought, 'You know, these guys are playing great but this course is tough and anything can happen,'" Langley recalled. "I was fortunate to be in the group that I was because there was a little less of the spotlight on me and I felt like I could just go out there under the radar and post a great round, and I was able to do that. It wasn't easy. I still had to go and do it. But to do it that way and play this good on Sunday when it meant everything is really special."

Langley's come-from-behind victory is the largest in tournament history, surpassing Miguel Angel Carballo's five-stroke record from 2007. He also became the first player in tournament history to record an over-par score in the opening round and go on to win the tournament. Additionally, Langley's victory was the first on Tour by a First Tee program graduate. With his record-breaking victory came \$112,500, enough to move Langley to No. 3 on the money list.

"To do this this early in the year is nice," Langley commented. "To be in this position going forward, to hopefully get back to where when I'm feeling well I can compete on the PGA TOUR, to be in that position now is very gratifying. I worked my butt off this winter and put a lot of time and thought into my game, and it's so nice to see it pay off this early in the season."

The Sea Island, Georgia, resident's last full season on the PGA TOUR came in 2015-16. He made 10 cuts in 22 events, carding four top-25 finishes in the process, including a T11 at the Puerto Rico Open at Coco Beach. Langley finished the season playing the Web.com Tour Finals and then spent the entirety of 2017 on Tour, where he recorded four top-25 finishes in 24 starts.

Puerto Rico native Rafael Campos finished the day two strokes behind Langley, carding his second top-five finish of the 2018 season. Tied with Campos was Tour veteran Edward Loar, who picked up his first top-10 finish on Tour since 2013.

SUNDAY NOTES:

* Sunday weather: Partly cloudy, High: 91, Winds: N 8-12 mph.

* This week's purse was \$625,000, with \$112,500 going to the champion.

* Open qualifier Oscar Fraustro finished the week at 1-over-par 281. The T17 finish earned him a spot in next week's Club Colombia Championship field.

* Kansas native Chris Thompson carded a T7 finish in Panama, matching his career-best finish in 79 starts on Tour.

* Sungjae Im battled back from a second-round 77 to finish in a tie for 34th at 3-over-par 283. The performance was enough to keep Im atop the money list, leading Canadian Adam Svensson by \$39,341.

* NEXT WEEK: The Web.com Tour travels to Bogota Country Club in Bogota, Colombia, for the Club Colombia Championship. The eighth-year event will be followed by two off-weeks.

Scoring averages for the week:

Club de Golf de Panama	Front (35)	Back (35)	Total (70)
R1	35.542	35.711	71.254
R2	36.693	36.701	73.394
R3	35.595	35.108	70.703
R4	35.203	36.135	71.338

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