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Second-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Name	Scores
1	Dawie van der Walt	66-66—132 (-10)
	Sungjae Im	65-67—132 (-10)
3	Brock Mackenzie	69-64—133 (-9)
	Kramer Hickok	67-66—133 (-9)

Sungjae Im and Dawie van der Walt share 36-hole lead at Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Heartland Chevy Dealers.

ELKHORN, Neb. – South Korea’s Sungjae Im and South Africa’s Dawie van der Walt share the 36-hole lead at the Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Heartland Chevy Dealers. They are one-clear of the field at 10-under-par 132.

Going off in the morning wave, van der Walt set the tone with a 5-under 66 in the second round. He matched his lowest round of the season, as he combined eight birdies and three bogeys in the second round. This marks the fourth time van der Walt has held the 36-hole lead/co-lead in his career.

Van der Walt entered the week No. 144 on the money list with just four made cuts in 13 starts this season. His results didn’t seem to indicate a 10-under 132 total was on the horizon, but a recent putter change proved to have jump started his game.

“I switched putters two weeks ago and that seemed to have been the big difference,” said van der Walt, who is seeking his third Web.com Tour win. “It’s given me a lot of confidence. If you look at my last six rounds, I’m 25-under par.”

It’s been three years since van der Walt won his last Tour event at the 2015 Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Dr Pepper. After finishing No. 3 on the money list that year, the 35-year-old spent the 2015-16 season playing on the PGA TOUR. He went on to finish No. 171 in the FedExCup standings and returned to the Web.com Tour the following year.

The Lamar University product is now playing in his seventh season on the Web.com Tour and knows better than anyone what a good week can do for the season.

“I haven’t played well at all for two years,” he said. “I really need a good weekend and try to get into the Finals. A win will be a bonus, so I don’t have to go back to Q-School. It’s either that or go get a job.”

Playing in the afternoon wave, first-round leader Sungjae Im closed with two consecutive birdies and carded a 4-under 67 to finish in a tie for the lead. It was an up-and-down day for the 20-year-old, as he made one eagle, six birdies and four bogeys in the second round.

“I didn’t have the greatest start today, as I opened with a bogey,” said Im. “The eagle on the first par-5 turned my game around and I got back into rhythm on my back nine.”

Im has had an impressive rookie season on the Web.com Tour. Since winning the first tournament of the season at The Bahamas Great Exuma Classic at Sandals Emerald Bay, the 20-year-old from Jeju Island, has led the Regular Season Money List for 18 consecutive events. He has also recorded two runner-up finishes this season, which came at The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at the Abaco Club and the Knoxville Open.

Despite his list of accomplishments, Im didn’t expect to have this kind of success so early in his career.

“When I first made it to the Web.com Tour, I honestly expected myself to stay for about two years,” said Im. “But to win the first tournament out of the gate and to have such great results early in the season took me by surprise.”

Im holds a \$44,543 lead on the money list over Scott Langley. With four upcoming tournaments left before the Finals, Im is seeking to become the first player in Web.com Tour history to hold the No. 1 position for the entirety of the regular season.

Friday Notes:

- * Friday weather: Mostly sunny. High: 85, Winds: N/NW 8-12 mph.
- * This week’s purse is \$600,000, with \$108,000 going to the champion.
- * The cut came at 1-under-par 141, with 80 players advancing to the weekend.
- * Of the seven Nebraskans in the field, two players have advanced to the weekend. Brandon Crick and Scott Gutschewski sits at 2-under 140 and is T43.
- * Four second-round leaders/co-leaders have gone on to win during the 2018 season, most recently Cameron Champ at the Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank.
- * The Web.com Tour has produced 16 first-time winners this year. With 36-holes to play at The Club at Indian Creek, there are 11 players inside the top-10 looking for their first Tour title.
- * Erik Barnes posted a bogey-free 5-under 66 in the second round, highlighted by a chip-in birdie on the par-4 11th hole. He entered the week No. 35 on the money list after a T8 finish at the LECOM Health Challenge and a T4 finish at the Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank.
- * Brock Mackenzie recorded the low-round of the day with a 7-under 64. He only missed three fairways and two greens in the second round.
- * Kramer Hickok made an eagle, four birdies and a bogey en route to a second-round 5-under 66. The 2017 Mackenzie Tour – PGA TOUR Canada Player of the Year entered the week No. 28 in the money list. His best finish to date on the Web.com Tour came at the Lincoln Land Championship, where he finished in a tie for second.

Scoring Average at the Club at Indian Creek for the week:

	Front (36)	Back (35)	Total (71)
Round 1:	36.406	34.994	71.400
Round 2:	35.890	34.561	70.452

* **NEXT WEEK:** The Web.com Tour heads east to Springfield, Missouri for the Price Cutter Charity Championship present by Dr Pepper contested at the Highland Springs Country Club, July 26-29. Last year, Ben Silverman birdied the 72nd hole to finish one ahead of Talor Gooch.

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