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### **Final-Round Leaderboard**

<b>Pos.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Scores</b>
1	Martin Trainer	62-68-65—195 (-21)
2	Steven Ihm	66-68-63—197 (-19)
3	Mark Baldwin	65-64-69—198 (-18)

## **Martin Trainer headed to the PGA TOUR after victory at Price Cutter Charity Championship**

**SPRINGFIELD, Mo.** – Martin Trainer stood in the 18<sup>th</sup> fairway, tied for the lead with Henrik Norland, after Norlander carded a final-round 8-udner 64 to post 24-under. The patrons at Highland Springs Country Club gasped as Trainer pulled the 2-iron from his bag. They knew Trainer has knocked it in the water two of the three times he’s gone for. With 240 yards in and the tournament on the line, Trainer hit the longest iron in his bag to 40 feet from the hole.

Trainer then two-putted for birdie to win the Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Dr Pepper and secure his PGA TOUR card.

“I hit it in the exact same spot in the fairway all four days,” said Trainer, when asked about the par-5 18<sup>th</sup>. “It’s a perfect 2-iron yardage except for it’s over water. It’s a really stressful shot. You think about it after the around and of course I hit it in that exact same spot. I put it in the water the first two days and managed to get it on the green the last day when it counted.”

Trainer arrived in Springfield on the bubble. At No. 24 on the money list a missed cut was sure to knock him outside the top 25 on the money list. With only three events remaining in the Web.com Tour Regular Season, Trainer was aware of where he stood and what a good week would mean for his future. Trainer not only became the first player to win twice this season on Tour, he grabbed one of the 25 TOUR cards awarded at the conclusion of play on Sunday at the WinCo Foods Portland Open presented by Kraft Heinz.

“That’s the whole goal of this Tour obviously,” said Trainer, when asked about playing on the PGA TOUR next season. “I just can’t believe it would come in the fashion. I knew I was right on the bubble coming into this week. Just to have an incredible week and my only goal was to finish in the top 10. I kept playing well and making putts. To come away with a trophy is incredible.”

It was quite the feat, given the charge Norlander made and the way Trainer faltered in the middle of the round. After recording five birdies in a row, the Marseille, France native dropped shot at 12 and 14 to let everyone, including Norlander, back into the tournament. Trainer admitted after the trophy presentation that he may have started to look ahead, with such a big lead.

“I thought I had this tournament in the bag,” he said. “This is always how it is. When I won in Mexico earlier this year, this was exactly how it was. I thought I had it in the bag and it was way more work than I thought. That just shows you how good these are on this Tour.”

Since Trainer turned pro in 2013 he's been trying to enter this event. He successfully qualified last year but missed the cut and was back once again this year but this time as a Web.com Tour winner. From a college kid at the University of Southern California to a now two-time Tour winner, life as a professional golfer has come full circle for Trainer in Springfield, Missouri of all places.

"I've been trying to play this tournament for years," he said. "It's just amazing to be here. This is the first tournament I ever tried to qualify for when I graduated college. To now be sitting here five years later as the champion is unreal."

### **Sunday Notes:**

\* Sunday weather: Partly cloudy. High: 82, Winds: S-SE 4-8 mph.

\* The Price Cutter Charity Championship is the 20<sup>th</sup> of 23 Regular Season events on the Web.com Tour. The first 25 of 50 available PGA TOUR cards for 2018-19 will be determined when the Regular Season concludes at the WinCo Foods Portland Open presented by Kraft Heinz on Aug. 19.

### **About Martin Trainer**

HEIGHT: 6-1 WEIGHT: 175

BIRTHDATE: April 15, 1991

BIRTHPLACE: Marseille, France

RESIDENCE: Palo Alto, California

EDUCATION: University of Southern California (2013, Business Administration)

TURNED PROFESSIONAL: 2013

JOINED TOUR: 2017

\* Henrik Norlander finished runner-up on at the Price Cutter Charity Championship, Norlander had a 12-footer for eagle on the 72<sup>nd</sup> hole and left it four inches short. The solo second moved Norlander from No. 52 to No. 22 on the money list. Norlander originally graduated from the Web.com Tour in 2015 after a victory at the Hotel Fitness Championship during the Web.com Tour Finals.

\* Steve Ihm posted a final-round 70 for a 72-hole total of 21-under. The T3 performance moves Ihm to No. 37 on the money list. Ihm started the year with conditional status and has recorded two top-fives in his last three starts.

\* Web.com Tour Qualifying Tournament medalist Lee McCoy missed five cuts in a row entering the week. McCoy ended the Price Cutter Charity Championship at 21-under, good for T3. McCoy, a former standout at the University of Georgia, entered the week No. 111 on the money list and moved to No. 71. The top 75 after Portland will qualify for the Web.com Tour Finals.

\* Leading money winner Sungjae Im followed up his 71 on Saturday with a 7-under 65 in the final round. Im has led the money list the entire season and at \$388,108 has a \$116,363 lead over Scott Langley after a runner-up performance at the Pinnacle Bank Championship and a T21 at the Price Cutter Charity Championship. Im has played 67 rounds this season and posted just eight scores over par.

\* Clemson's Doc Redman posted his first top-25 performance on the Web.com Tour this season at the Price Cutter charity Championship, earning a spot into next week's KC Golf Classic. Redman carded a final-round 2-under 70 to move into a tie for 21<sup>st</sup>. Redman posted a 63 and won the Monday qualifier at Rivercut Golf Course to become eligible for the tournament.

### **Scoring Average for Highland Springs Country Club for the week:**

	Front (36)	Back (36)	Total (72)
Round 1:	34.426	34.387	68.813
Round 2:	34.825	34.740	69.565
Round 3:	34.771	34.829	69.600
Round 4:	34.657	34.371	69.029
Cumulative:	34.670	34.582	69.252

\* **NEXT WEEK:** The Web.com Tour heads Kansas City for the KC Golf Classic at Nicklaus Golf Club at LionsGate (Aug. 2-5), the 21<sup>st</sup> of 23 Regular Season events on the schedule. Last year, Marty Dou became the first Chinese-born player to win on the Web.com Tour on his way to securing his PGA TOUR card for 2017-18.

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