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Final-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Name	Scores
1	Scottie Scheffler*	68-70-70-63 – 271 (-17)
2	Marcelo Rozo	67-68-67-69 – 271 (-17)
3	Nicolas Echavarria	71-68-70-63 – 272 (-16)
T4	Luke Guthrie	68-68-69-68 – 273 (-15)
T4	Vince Covello	68-65-70-70 – 273 (-15)

*Playoff victory

Scheffler rallies late for playoff win at Evans Scholars Invitational

GLENVIEW, Illinois – Scottie Scheffler rallied from a six-shot deficit to claim his first Web.com Tour title at the Evans Scholars Invitational. The Web.com Tour rookie defeated Marcelo Rozo on the second playoff hole at The Glen Club. Scheffler posted a final-round 9-under 63 to force the playoff and drained a 15-foot birdie putt on the second extra hole to capture his first professional win.

"It feels great. It's been a good season so far and it's nice to get my first professional win out here," Scheffler said. "To get the first professional win is awesome, and it kind of gets the monkey off my back. Hopefully, it'll lead to some bigger things to come this year."

Scheffler, who started the final round six shots behind leader Marcelo Rozo, recorded birdies on his first two holes. He added another birdie on No. 5 and closed his front nine with four consecutive pars. When Scheffler made the turn, the University of Texas alum caught fire, and recorded birdies on Nos. 10 and 11 to start his final nine. After a par on No. 12, Scheffler added birdies on Nos. 13, 14, 15 and 17 and was suddenly at the top of the leaderboard. His bogey-free 9-under 63 matched the low round of the day, and tied the course record in relation to par.

"I hit a great drive on No. 10, I played it really aggressively today," Scheffler said. "I hit a bad iron shot on No. 11 and chipped-in, so that kind of got me rolling. I made an awesome 8-foot putt on No. 15, that was one that really got the momentum going. I hit a great shot into No. 17 and had a tough up-and-down (for birdie) on No. 18 but couldn't convert. I was fortunate that Marcelo made a mistake coming down the stretch."

After playing his front nine at even-par, 54-hole leader Marcelo Rozo rallied on his back nine with birdies on Nos. 10, 11 and 14. Rozo recaptured the solo-lead with a birdie on par-4 15th, but gave the birdie right back after failing to get up-and-down on the par-4 16th. Heading to the 17th tee, he was again tied with Scheffler. Rozo failed to make a birdie on his final two holes and finished at 17-under 271.



On the first playoff hole, both Scheffler and Rozo had lengthy looks at birdie. Scheffler missed his attempt and left the door open for Rozo, who was also unable to convert. The two headed back to the par-5 18th tee box, to try and determine a winner.

On the second extra hole, Rozo's approach shot missed the green and landed in the greenside rough. Scheffler stuck his approach from the fairway to 15-feet, leaving him a good look at birdie. After Rozo missed his putt from off the green, Scheffler had a chance for the win, and he delivered. His birdie attempt rolled in the center of the cup, and the comeback was complete.

"Marcelo got into a little bit of trouble on the second playoff hole," Scheffler said. "I was just trying to get in position and get a look. It's a good thing I made it, because I think he was going to get up-and-down for par."

With the win, Scheffler earns 500 Web.com Tour Points and moves into second in The 25. With the estimated total of 830 points needed to secure a PGA TOUR card, Scheffler has locked up his spot on TOUR next season.

The victory marks the first win by a Web.com Tour rookie in 2019. The comeback was even sweeter for Scheffler considering his string of near misses. In his four previous starts on the Web.com Tour, Scheffler has recorded four top-10s including a playoff loss at the Nashville Golf Open Benefitting the Snedeker Foundation.

"The guys are great out here; you see it every week," Scheffler said. "With how deep the leaderboards are, I'm sure there were a lot of guys who had a chance to win today. You can't take anything for granted out here."

SUNDAY NOTES:

- * Sunday's weather: Scattered showers, cloudy, high of 66, winds N/NE 8-16 mph.
- *Preferred lies were used during Sunday's round.
- * This week's purse is \$550,000, with \$99,000 going to the champion Scottie Scheffler.
- * The cut came at 2-under with 78 players advancing.
- * The final round began at 9:00 a.m. with players teeing off Nos. 1 and 10.

* Scottie Scheffler, Nicolas Echavarria and Blayne Barber each had the low round of the day shooting 9-under 63. The trio tied the 18-hole tournament scoring record in relation to par.

- * Scheffler finished the week third in putts per green in regulation with 102 putts on 60 greens.
- * With the win, Scheffler records his fifth consecutive top-10 on the Web.com Tour.
- * Scheffler is the only rookie on the Web.com Tour to earn a victory so far this season.
- * With his solo-second finish, Marcelo Rozo jumps 112 spots to No. 30 in The 25 standings.
- * Among the seven Monday qualifiers that made the cut, MJ Daffue led the group finishing T27.

* Mark Hubbard (T6, 854 points) has now passed the 830-point threshold that is estimated to secure players a PGA TOUR card.



* Luke Guthrie (T4, -15) earned his best finish of the 2019 season. Guthrie was a standout at the University of Illinois.

* Local favorites Vince India and Nick Hardy finished T19 and T27, respectively.

- * The Glen Club previously hosted the Web.com Tour's Bank of America Open from 2003-2008.
- * Hardest Holes: Par-4s Nos. 7 & 11 (+0.115) 17 birdies, 32 bogeys
- * Easiest Hole: Par-5 No. 14 (-0.692) 6 eagles, 45 birdies, 1 bogey

*The Glen Club Scoring Average:

	Front	Back	Total	Cumulative
R1	37.090	35.654	72.744	
R2	35.204	34.849	70.053	71.399
R3	36.321	35.603	71.923	71.573
R4	34.782	34.026	68.808	70.882

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