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Final-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Name	Scores
1	Robby Shelton	67-65-66-71—269 (-15)
2	Mark Anderson	67-66-69-68—270 (-14)
3	Tim Wilkinson	66-67-68-70—271 (-13)
	Xinjun Zhang	68-65-68-70—271 (-13)
	Mark Hubbard	65-65-70-71—271 (-13)

Robby Shelton claims second victory at Knoxville Open

KNOXVILLE, Tennessee – For the second time in three weeks, Robby Shelton came out on top in the state of Tennessee, as the 23-year-old posted an even-par 71 to claim the Knoxville Open title with a 15-under total.

Shelton, born and raised in Alabama, donned an orange winner's jacket to celebrate his victory at Fox Den Country Club. The win came 14 days after his first Web.com Tour win at the Nashville Golf Open Benefitting the Snedeker Foundation.

"Bear Bryant is probably turning over in his grave right now," said Shelton, a former All-American at the University of Alabama. "Coach [Jay] Seawell is probably looking at me and laughing. He's probably happy that I'm the winner, but to be wearing this, I didn't think I ever would honestly."

With the win, Shelton becomes the first player to win twice in a 14-day span since Michael Putnam in the summer of 2013. As the first multi-event winner of the season, Shelton can now turn his focus towards the "Battlefield Promotion" for the remainder of the season. When a player wins three times on the Web.com Tour in a season, they earn immediate promotion to the PGA TOUR for the remainder of the season. The last player to accomplish the feat was Wesley Bryan in 2016. The achievement has only occurred 11 times in the Web.com Tour's history.

"I did know about the three-win promotion" said Shelton. "I'm not going to stop playing and hopefully I can get one more. That would definitely get me to the PGA TOUR sooner than waiting until October."

Shelton got off to a rocky start, earning pars on his first three holes before back-to-back bogeys on the fourth and fifth holes. But perhaps reminiscing on a similar cold start in Nashville, Shelton birdied Nos. 7, 11 and 12 to retake the lead down the stretch and outlast Mark Anderson by one stroke. With the win, Shelton jumps Xinjun Zhang for the top spot on the Web.com Tour points list.

"I think that's when I play my best, honestly," said Shelton. "I won a lot in college coming from behind and that's just where I've been putting myself after the first couple of holes lately. The putter's been a little shaky early and all day today actually. I hung in there and I knew with the wind, the scores weren't going to be too low today."

Even after winning two weeks ago, Shelton had extra motivation this week in Knoxville. He had yet to win a professional tournament in front of his parents (despite winning in Nashville and last year on the



Mackenzie Tour – PGA TOUR Canada). His parents were able to follow him all weekend after being unable to do so for much of the season; his mom was diagnosed with a tumor in January and recently underwent chemo and radiation.

“For her to walk all 18 holes today is a huge step,” said Shelton. “She’s been struggling the past couple of months but having her here was definitely the highlight of my week.”

Anderson, who was also seeking his second win of the year, birdied the 18th hole to reach a 14-under 270, then watched as several players posted bogeys down the stretch. In the end, Anderson finished one stroke outside of a playoff, but the solo runner-up finish was enough to secure him his PGA TOUR card for the 2019-20 season.

Tim Wilkinson, Xinjun Zhang and Mark Hubbard rounded out the top five at 13-under 271.

SUNDAY NOTES:

* Sunday’s weather: Mostly Sunny. High of 87. Winds S/SW at 12-16 miles per hour, with gusts up to 25 miles per hour.

* Robby Shelton earned \$99,000 with the victory, along with 500 points in the Web.com Tour points system. Shelton moved from No. 2 to No. 1 in the points standings, overtaking Xinjun Zhang who held the top spot for three consecutive weeks entering the event.

* Shelton recorded his second Web.com Tour title 14 days after his maiden victory at the Nashville Golf Open. This is the shortest span between wins by a player on the Web.com Tour since Michael Putnam won back-to-back at the 2013 Mexico Championship presented by Banamex and the 2013 Mid-Atlantic Championship (span of 7 days).

* With the victory, Shelton has finished inside the top five in four of his last five starts (P2/Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail Championship, T4/Dormie Network Classic at Briggs Ranch, Win/Nashville Golf Open, Cut/KC Golf Classic, Win/Knoxville Open).

* Shelton has now converted two of his four 54-hole leads/co-leads on the Web.com Tour into victory, both of which came in the state of Tennessee (2019 Nashville Golf Open Benefitting the Snedeker Foundation, 2019 Knoxville Open).

* Shelton’s cumulative stats: 43/56 fairways hit (T24), 55/72 greens in regulation (T7), 112 putts (T16).

* Mark Anderson finished solo second at 14-under 270 to lock up his TOUR card for the 2019-20 season. Through seven starts this season, Anderson owns two top-10 finishes and two additional top-25s, highlighted by a win at the Country Club de Bogota Championship.

* Zhang closed out his round with bogeys on Nos. 17-18 and carded a final-round 1-under 70 to finish T3.

* Knoxville resident and native Wes Roach carded the low round of the day, posting a bogey-free 6-under 65. In the final round, Roach got up-and-down 7 of 7 times and only needed 24 putts to complete his round.

* Entering its 30th year, the Knoxville Open is one of four original tournaments from 1990 that are still on the Web.com Tour schedule. The Wichita Open Supporting Wichita’s Youth, the Price Cutter Charity



Championship presented by Dr Pepper and the Albertsons Boise Open presented by Kraft Nabisco round out the original tournaments from 1990.

* The par-4 4th hole (436 yards) played as the toughest hole on the course on Sunday with a scoring average of 4.274.

* The par-5 10th hole (561 yards) ranked as the easiest hole on Sunday. The hole played to an average of 4.548 and yielded one eagle and 37 birdies.

* Fox Den Country Club Scoring Averages:

	Front (35)	Back (36)	Total (71)	Cumulative
R1	35.192	35.628	70.821	
R2	34.458	34.889	69.346	70.083
R3	35.137	35.096	70.233	70.133
R4	35.370	35.918	71.288	70.422

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