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Final-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Name	Scores
1	Ryan Brehm*	70-66-64-68—268 (-20)
	Tim Wilkinson	65-67-67-69—268 (-20)
3	Chase Seiffert	67-70-69-63—269 (-19)
	Blayne Barber	69-67-66-67—269 (-19)
	Will Zalatoris	66-68-68-68—269 (-19)

**Won on the first playoff hole*

Ryan Brehm wins LECOM Health Challenge in playoff

Findley Lake, N.Y. — With a birdie on the first playoff hole, Ryan Brehm topped Tim Wilkinson to win the LECOM Health Challenge at 20-under 268 on Sunday. Brehm double-bogeyed the final hole in regulation but rebounded with a birdie on the same hole (par-5 18th) in the playoff to take the title at Peek'n Peak Resort.

Each of the players took a different approach to the hole in the playoff. Brehm, who ranks fifth on Tour in driving distance, went for the green in two and landed it on the fringe. Wilkinson, ranked 141st on Tour in driving distance, laid up to around 140 yards out with his second shot. Despite the difference in strategy, both players had around 10 feet for birdie. After Wilkinson's putt lipped out, Brehm's attempt rolled around the cup before dropping.

"The last time I won I had a tap-in," said Brehm, referencing his 2016 win in Portland. "This was a lot more dramatic. I hit a pretty good putt, but all day I had been leaving my putts short, so I thought it was going to run out of speed again. I still don't know how it went in."

Even after squandering a two-stroke lead on the final hole in regulation, Brehm felt optimistic entering the playoff after an "unlucky lie" resulted in a double bogey. The 33-year-old hit driver off the tee again, despite pulling his previous drive into the trees.

"I knew that I had to play to my strength in the playoff," said Brehm. "My strength is to get one in play with the driver and go for the green. I'm not going to beat Tim Wilkinson in a wedge contest."

The Michigan State alum referenced feeling calm throughout the week, even in contention down the stretch. His sister had a son on Friday, Brehm's first nephew, Brehm dedicated the win to the newest member of his family during the trophy presentation.

"He just came into the world and it's the first time I've been an uncle," said Brehm. "My family has been sending me photos all week. We were waiting around on Friday to see when he would be born. I think it'll be more real when I get to meet him, but I'm excited."

Brehm carded rounds of 64-68 on the weekend, despite the closing double bogey. He ranked second in driving distance and T4 in scrambling through the week. With the win, Brehm locked up his return to the PGA TOUR for the 2019-20 season. He jumped from No. 25 on the Korn Ferry Tour points list to No. 5.

"I'm ecstatic to be out on the PGA TOUR [next year], but my attitude has changed since the last time I was out there," said Brehm. "I'm at peace with trying to play good golf. The Korn Ferry Tour is fantastic,

the caliber of play is excellent, and I love the people that work out here. It's just a small family. So I'm comfortable here and hopefully I'll be comfortable on the PGA TOUR next year."

Wilkinson, the 54-hole leader and 36-hole co-leader, carded his fourth consecutive round in the 60s to reach the playoff. He played his final 40 holes without a bogey and ranked in the top 10 in both driving accuracy (T10) and greens in regulation (T5). Wilkinson jumped to 14th in the Korn Ferry Tour standings with the runner-up finish and is closing in on a return to the PGA TOUR.

Chase Seiffert, Blayne Barber and Will Zalatoris tied for third at 19-under 269.

SUNDAY NOTES:

* Sunday's weather: Partly cloudy with a high of 79. Wind N/NE at 8-16 mph. The third round continued beginning at 8 a.m. after being suspended due to darkness on Saturday night. Final-round tee times ran from 9:59 a.m. to noon.

* Needing a solo 12th-place finish or better to pass the projected threshold to lock up his PGA TOUR card, Chase Seiffert finished with a flurry of birdies (including the final four holes) to tie the course record (63) and finish T3. The 27-year-old Florida State alum is competing in his first full season on the Korn Ferry Tour and becomes the second rookie to lock up his TOUR card this year (Scottie Scheffler).

* Several rookies notched their top career finishes on Tour. Will Zalatoris, a former Wake Forest star, finished T3, topping his previous career high of T9. Byron Meth finished T6 (previous high was T14) and Will Cannon finished T9 (previous high was T18).

* Defending champion Nelson Ledesma carded a final-round 67 to finish T13. Ledesma was seeking to become the first player in the Korn Ferry Tour's 30-year history to successfully defend his title.

* Matthew Campbell of Rome, New York, earned the highest finish by a New York native in the field. The 30-year-old finished T13 (16-under).

* MJ Daffue led finishers by Monday qualifiers. Daffue finished T29 after a final-round 72.

* After making the cut on the number, Thomas Walsh finished T56 in his Korn Ferry Tour debut. Walsh, a University of Virginia alum, earned an exemption into this tournament after winning the 2018 Porter Cup, an amateur event.

* This week's purse was \$600,000, with \$108,000 going to the champion, Ryan Brehm. Brehm also receives 500 Korn Ferry Tour points in the standings.

* Forty-eight Korn Ferry Tour winners competed in the field this week, with a combined 67 victories between them.

*** Peek'n Peak Resort – Upper Course Scoring Average:**

	Front (36)	Back (36)	Total (72)	Cumulative
R1	35.613	34.877	70.490	
R2	35.133	34.340	69.473	69.982
R3	35.543	33.900	69.443	69.802
R4	35.143	34.514	69.657	69.766

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