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Final-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Name	Scores
1	Zecheng Dou	67-66-67-70–270(-18)
2	Ben Kohles	73-67-68-64–272(-16)
	Steve LeBrun	76-65-66-65–272(-16)
4	<i>*Four players at T4</i>	(-15)

Zecheng Dou claims second Web.com Tour victory in the Bahamas

GREAT EXUMA, Bahamas – Almost a year and a half after his first Web.com Tour Win, Zecheng “Marty” Dou took home another title in style by draining a 55-foot birdie putt on the 72nd hole to erase any doubt. The putt gave Dou a two-stroke win in the first event of the year at 18-under at The Bahamas Great Exuma Classic at Sandals Emerald Bay.

“It feels great to win the first event,” said Dou. “I’ve won before at the end of the season, which feels similar, but being out here and winning in a different way...In that one (at the KC Golf Classic), I was leading the whole time. In this one, I was leading and then struggled a bit and had to come back from behind at the end”

During a perfect weather day in the final round, Dou tallied five total birdies – including the final three holes – to reach 27 for the tournament (edging Steve LeBrun for the most over the four days).

“I had dinner with Boo Weekley last night and he was telling me about and he was talking about the differences in this course compared to a lot that we play. I really like it out here because you can’t take everything with driver. It’s pretty tight and a little shorter, but the wind picks up really easily. We have to think about it a lot more than other courses.”

Since graduating from the Web.com Tour in 2017, Dou admitted to losing an edge mentally on the PGA TOUR last year.

“Since junior events, I’ve always been at the top of the leaderboard and got a lot of offers from college,” said Dou. “All of this confidence felt like even if I didn’t practice I could still be a good player. From being back on PGA TOUR China and winning the order of merit and getting my card in my first year on the Web.com Tour, I thought I was good. After losing my [PGA TOUR] card I lost myself. I got to the point where I wondered if golf was for me anymore.”

While Dou referenced winning at many levels of golf through the years, this was an emphatic first – to come from behind with three closing birdies and the long putt at the 18th to slam the door on a potential playoff.

“Winning by one or two strokes, in that kind of way, was definitely the first time for me,” said Dou. “[The birdie on 16] Was a gamechanger. I pulled it a little bit and I thought I might have hit it in the hazard and was done for the tournament. After getting there, it looked really good and it brought my confidence



back. It was the most important shot of the day for me. Hitting that fairway and having 59 yards to the pin was huge."

Dou edged Ben Kohles and 40-year-old Steve LeBrun who ended two strokes back at 16-under. Kohles carded the round of the day to get into contention at 8-under 64. A quartet of players finished T4 at 15-under: Willy Wilcox, Rob Oppenheim, Steven Alker and John Oda.

WEDNESDAY NOTES:

- * Wednesday's weather: Mostly sunny, High of 75, Winds NE at 8-14 miles per hour.
- * This week's purse is \$600,000, with \$108,000 going to the champion.
- * The cutline fell at even-par 144, matching last year's cut on the number. Seventy players made the cut. The distance between the leader and the cut (13 strokes) was larger than any distance on the Web.com Tour last year.
- * After battling wind and rain over the last two years, the tournament had ideal playing conditions with relatively low winds and very little rain. In 2017, the tournament's inaugural year, weather conditions led to the highest cut in Web.com Tour history at 11-over.
- * Last year's champion, Sungjae Im, is the most recent player to win in his Web.com Tour debut. Im went on to win Web.com Tour Rookie of the Year in 2018 and became the first player to lead the money list wire-to-wire in the Tour's history.
- * Austin Smotherman (T9), Callum Tarren (T12) and Carl Yuan (T14) led the contingent of players making their debut this week on the Web.com Tour.
- * Over the course of the tournament, the par-4 fifth (499 yards) played as the toughest hole on the course during by scoring average (4.330). The hole tallied 105 bogeys over the week, 29 more than any other hole. The course overall ranked as the third toughest on the Web.com Tour in 2018.
- * The par-5 first hole (532 yards) ranked as the easiest hole over the tournament. The hole played to an average of 4.424 and relinquished 22 eagles and 222 birdies over the week.
- * Sandals Emerald Bay Golf Course is a Greg Norman design on the ocean at Sandals resort. Norman played in the Pro-Am on Saturday and hit a ceremonial tee shot to open the tournament on Sunday.
- * Sandals Emerald Bay Golf Course Scoring Averages:

	Front (36)	Back (36)	Total (72)	Cumulative
R1	36.292	36.570	72.862	
R2	35.626	36.191	71.817	72.337
R3	35.129	35.486	70.614	71.760
R4	35.057	35.314	70.371	71.413

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