

## Sanford International

Minnehaha Country Club | Sioux Falls, South Dakota | September 20-22, 2019

### Final-Round Notes

Sunday, September 22, 2019

**Course Setup:** Par 70 / 6,645 yards (R3 average: 69.831, Cumulative: 70.684)

**Weather:** Mostly sunny with a high in the upper 60s. Wind from the NW at 6-12 mph.

**Summary:** Playing in the fifth-to-last group, **Rocco Mediate** birdied the last two holes and won with a 9-under total when Ken Duke double bogeyed the 18th hole. Mediate started the day three shots off the lead and tied for ninth, and the win was his first since the 2016 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship, a span of 71 starts without a victory.

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	Player	To Par	Scores	Money	Schwab Cup
1.	Rocco Mediate	-9	69-68-64 – 201	\$270,000	23rd
T2.	Bob Estes	-7	70-66-67 – 203	\$132,000	26th
T2.	Colin Montgomerie	-7	70-66-67 – 203	\$132,000	14th
T2.	Ken Duke	-7	69-65-69 – 203	\$132,000	34th
T5.	Jay Haas	-6	73-65-66 – 204	\$79,200	33rd
T5.	Steve Flesch	-6	71-65-68 – 204	\$79,200	18th

#### Quick Links:

- [Leaderboard](#)
- [PGATOURmedia.com](http://PGATOURmedia.com) (transcripts and other resources available for download)

#### Rocco Mediate, 69-68-64 – 201 (-9)

- Mediate birdied No. 14 to earn his first share of the lead with Ken Duke at 7-under. Mediate birdied No. 17 to even the score at 8-under, and he took the clubhouse lead when he made a 15-foot birdie putt on No. 18.
- It is Mediate's fourth win on PGA TOUR Champions and first since he won wire-to-wire at the 2016 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship. He broke a winless streak of 71 starts that spanned 3 years, 3 months, 24 days.
- It's his lowest round since he opened with a 62 at the 2016 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship.
- Mediate's 64 matches his lowest final-round score on PGA TOUR Champions. He also closed with a 64 when he won the 2013 Shaw Charity Classic.
- Mediate finished the week with just four bogeys, the fewest in the field. Over his last 40 holes, he made just one bogey and was 10-under.
- Mediate has three top-10s this season and improved to No. 23 in the Charles Schwab Cup.

#### Ken Duke, 69-65-69 – 203 (-7)

- Duke birdied the par-5 16th and was tied with Rocco Mediate, who was in the clubhouse at 9-under. On No. 18, Duke missed the fairway off the tee, and then missed the green. His pitch from a bad lie ran through the green, and he missed his par putt from the fringe. He closed with a double bogey to finish in a three-way tie for second.
- Duke lost \$26,400 by finishing in a three-way tie for second (\$132,000) instead of solo-second (\$158,400).

- Sunday was the first time Duke started the final round as a leader/co-leader in a PGA TOUR-sanctioned event. This week was Duke's 488th start (159 Korn Ferry, 313 PGA TOUR, 16 PGA TOUR Champions).
- Duke turned 50 on January 29, 2019, and this week was his 16th start of his rookie season. He has top-20 finishes in his last eight starts and this was his fourth top-10 of the season.
- Duke is one of 10 players that has earned more than \$1 million on both the Korn Ferry Tour and PGA TOUR. This year on PGA TOUR Champions, he has won \$551,099 and improved to No. 34 in the Charles Schwab Cup.

#### Other Notes

- Four players carded three rounds in the 60s this week: **Rocco Mediate** (1st/-9), **Ken Duke** (T2/-7), **Paul Broadhurst** (T7/-5) and **Wes Short, Jr.** (T16/-4).
- The best final-round score was 6-under 64, shot by two players: **Rocco Mediate** (1st/-9) and **Michael Allen**, who improved from T44 to T18.
- **Bob Estes** birdied five of his last seven holes to post a final-round 67 and finish T2 at 7-under. It was his fourth top-10 of the season and he moved to No. 26 in the Charles Schwab Cup.
- **Colin Montgomerie** was briefly tied for the lead after he birdied No. 9. He birdied Nos. 12 and 15 to get to 7-under, but he parred the last three holes to finish T2 at 7-under. It was his best finish since finishing second at the 2018 Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai and he's now No. 14 in the Charles Schwab Cup.
- **Paul Goydos** led the field with 15 birdies. He made six birdies and six bogeys in his final-round 70 and finished T7 at 5-under.
- **Tom Byrum**, who was born in Onida, South Dakota, closed with a bogey-free 67 and finished T7 at 5-under. It's his third straight top-10, marking the first time he's done that since July/August 1997 on the PGA TOUR. That year, he went on to finish a career-best 42nd on the money list.
- In his 1,000th career start (300 PGA TOUR Champions, 700 PGA TOUR), **Jeff Sluman** shot a final-round 72 and finished T25.
- Charles Schwab Cup leader **Scott McCarron** eagled Nos. 4 and 12 en route to a final-round 67 and a T7 finish. It was the seventh time he has made two eagles in a round on PGA TOUR Champions.
- **Jerry Kelly** also finished T7 and he remains \$492,083 behind McCarron in the Charles Schwab Cup standings.