



**2019 The RSM Classic** (11th of 49 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

St. Simons Island, GA	November 21-24, 2019	Purse: \$6,600,000 (\$1,188,000)
Seaside Course (Host)	Par/Yards: 35-35—70/7,005	FedExCup Points: 500 (winner)
Plantation Course	Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,060	

### Final-Round Notes – Sunday, November 24, 2019

Weather: Sunny. High of 62. Wind W 10-15 mph.

### Final-Round Leaderboard

Tyler Duncan (PL-SS-SS-SS)	67-61-70-65—263 (-19)*		
Webb Simpson (PL-SS-SS-SS)	65-68-63-67—263 (-19)		
Sebastian Munoz (PL-SS-SS-SS)	67-63-66-68—264 (-18)		
Brendon Todd (SS-PL-SS-SS)	66-66-62-72—266 (-16)		
*Won in a playoff with a birdie-3 on the second extra hole (No. 18)			

#### Things to Know

- Tyler Duncan wins first PGA TOUR title with a birdie on the second extra hole of a sudden-death playoff over Webb Simpson
- Duncan moves to No. 11 in the FedExCup standings and earns fully exempt status on the PGA TOUR through the 2021-22 season
- A day after posting 18 pars, Duncan shoots a 5-under 65 including a birdie at the 72<sup>nd</sup> hole to enter a playoff
- Webb Simpson falls in playoff but extends streak of rounds of 68 or better to eight leading up to the 2019 Presidents Cup
- 54-hole leader Brendon Todd falls short in bid to become the first player to win in three consecutive weeks on the PGA TOUR schedule since Tiger Woods in 2006
- With four birdies on Sunday, rookie Scottie Scheffler tops the 2019 RSM Birdies Fore Love competition and earns \$300,000 to donate to a children or family-based charitable organization of his choice

### Tyler Duncan (1<sup>st</sup>/-19/PL-SS-SS-SS) Age: 30 (7/13/1989) Joined TOUR: 2017-18

### Following the week

- #11 FedExCup
- 3 The RSM Classic starts
- 1 Top-10 at The RSM Classic
- 68 PGA TOUR starts
- 1 PGA TOUR win
- 4 Top-10s on PGA TOUR
- 7 PGA TOUR starts in 2019-20
- 1 Win in 2019-20

PGA TOUR Victories (1): 2019 The RSM Classic

- First career victory in 68<sup>th</sup> PGA TOUR start comes at the age of 30 years, four months and 11 days
- With the win, collects 500 FedExCup points and rises to No. 11 in the FedExCup with a total of 541 points
- Birdied three of his last four holes to reach the playoff
- After 18 pars during the third round carded six birdies and a bogey en route to a final-round 65; made a return to the PGA TOUR this season thanks to a 25<sup>th</sup>-place finish on the Korn Ferry Tour priority ranking

- The top-10 finish was his fourth career top-10 on TOUR
- First top-10 at The RSM Classic in third career start after finishing T25 in 2017 and T74 last season
- Previous best finish on TOUR was T5 (twice, 2017 Safeway Open/2019 AT&T Byron Nelson)
- Ranked inside the top 10 in several statistical categories through the week, including driving accuracy (sixth 50/56 fairways) and greens in regulation (T4 60/72)
- Second-round 61 was lowest 18-hole score of the week
- Along with former teammate Adam Schenk, became one of two Purdue University golfers to earn their PGA TOUR cards since 1993 (Rick Dalpos) when they graduated from the Korn Ferry Tour in 2017; will be the best man in Schenk's wedding in a couple of weeks

# Webb Simpson (2<sup>nd</sup>/-19/PL-SS-SS-SS)

- With the playoff loss, Webb Simpson moves to 1-5 all-time in playoffs on TOUR
- Was seeking his sixth PGA TOUR victory and first since the 2018 PLAYERS Championship
- With the runner-up finish, has four top-10s in eight starts at The RSM Classic
- In 30 rounds at The RSM Classic, worst score is a 71 (R3/2013, R4/2016)

# **Miscellaneous Notes**

- The sudden-death playoff finish was the PGA TOUR's fourth playoff in 11 tournaments to begin the 2019-20 season
- 2019 Sanderson Farms Championship winner **Sebastian Muñoz** (3<sup>rd</sup>) finished one shot outside of the playoff at 18under; Muñoz was looking to join Brendon Todd as the only multiple winners this season and the only two players to win twice during the fall portion of the PGA TOUR's schedule in one season since the TOUR moved to the wraparound schedule in 2013-14.
- Third-round leader **Brendon Todd** (4<sup>th</sup>) came up short in his bid to become the first player since Tiger Woods in 2006 to win in three consecutive weeks on the PGA TOUR's schedule after winning twice over the past two weeks at the Bermuda Championship and the Mayakoba Golf Classic; Todd still leads the FedExCup standings with 957 points
- Todd's streak of 12 consecutive rounds of 68 or better came to an end with a 72 on Sunday; the streak is the secondlongest since 1983, trailing only Tiger Woods' 14 rounds of 68 or better from the 2007 Dell Technologies Championship (R2) through the 2008 Farmers Insurance Open (R3)
- With four back-nine birdies, Scottie Scheffler (T5) overtook Lanto Griffin (MC) for the top spot in the Birdies Fore Love competition.
- Making his fourth career PGA TOUR start, **Will Gordon** (T10) earned his first top-10 with a final-round 66 to get into the 2020 Sony Open in Hawaii; the 23-year-old's previous best finish on TOUR was T31 at the 2019 Barracuda Championship
- PGA TOUR rookie Matthew NeSmith posted his best finish on TOUR after four rounds in the 60s at T14
- Sea Island resident and two-time PGA TOUR champion **Patton Kizzire** (T68) had an ace (181 yards, 8-iron) at the par-3 sixth hole on Sunday
- Amateur and current University of Georgia golfer Davis Thompson (T23) earned a top-25 finish in his first TOUR start

# **Bogey-free rounds:**

R1 PL (5): Hank Lebioda (67), Tyler Duncan (67), Nick Taylor (67), Dylan Frittelli (68), Fabian Gomez (68) R1 SS (3): K.H. Lee (64), Scott Harrington (65), Satoshi Kodaira (68)

R2 PL (4): D.J. Trahan (63), Ricky Barnes (63), Rob Oppenheim (69), Michael Thompson (65) R2 SS (11): Tyler Duncan (61), Denny McCarthy (62), Kyle Stanley (64), Tim Herron (64), Ben Martin (65), Ryan Armour (65), Jim Herman (65), Brian Harman (66), Tim Wilkinson (66), Billy Horschel (67), Davis Riley (67)

R3 SS (12): Brendon Todd (62), Webb Simpson (63), Talor Gooch (65), Sebastian Munoz (66), Troy Merritt (66), Ricky Barnes (67), Adam Long (67), Tim Wilkinson (67), Henrik Norlander (67), Luke List (68), Davis Thompson (68), Tyler Duncan (70)

R4 SS (2): Matthew NeSmith (67), Vincent Whaley (70)

Course Statistics - Week				
Toughest Hole	Easiest Hole			
Par-4 18 <sup>th</sup> (4.239)	Par-5 15 <sup>th</sup> (4.376)			

# **Final-Round Scoring Averages**

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
Seaside	35.566	34.947	70.513	68.899

## **Birdies Fore Love**

For the second consecutive season, The RSM Classic featured the on-course competition over the first 11 events of the 2019-20 PGA TOUR Season. The top-three players who accumulated the most birdies (or better) earned \$300,000, \$150,000 and \$50,000, respectively, for children or family-based charitable organizations of each player's choice. In addition, the player with the most birdies or better each week receives \$50,000 for a children or family-based charitable organization of each player's choice. The player with the most birdies this week at The RSM Classic was Kyoung-Hoon Lee. Here are the top-three finishers of the fall:

Player	# of Birdies/Eagles	Earnings
Scottie Scheffler	139	\$300,000
Lanto Griffin	138	\$150,000
Denny McCarthy	135	\$50,000