

PGA Tour Champions Learning Center.

Vince Cellini

VO>> The PGA Tour Champions schedule reached the Final Four over the weekend. The Final Four regular season events. Scenic Sioux Falls, South Dakota and Minnehaha Country Club, the site of the Sanford International. Another opportunity for legends to make a push toward the playoffs. A World Golf Hall of Fame member did just that. Retief Goosen carded rounds of 65 and 65, and a closing 67 to earn his first victory of 2025 and fourth career on PGA Tour Champions. The Goose, posting a 13 under for a two-shot win in Sioux Falls. With more from the Mount Rushmore State, our John Swantek and John Cook.

John Swantek

VO>> Okay. Thank you Vince. We had some terrific storylines bubbling up all week long in South Dakota, and it came right down to the final hole on Sunday here

OC>> at Minnehaha Country Club. And it was Retief Goosen, ultimately Cooky who prevailed, and it had been a minute since he was in the winner's circle, and he admitted to some nerves on the final day.

John Cook

OC>> It's never easy to finish a golf term. It's not easy to win no matter where you're at. He looked so good this week. He he led the field in greens in regulation. His golf swing looked organized. It looked in sync I mean 49 of 54 greens in regulation and 16 to 18 greens on Sunday. That's how you win tournaments.

John Swantek

OC>> And he held off, Bo Van Pelt

VO>> and Ernie Els, with whom he was in the final group of the day. Some highlights from Sunday. Goosen picked up a birdie here at the eighth.

John Cook

VO>> A little par three up the hill. Left in a great spot. Nice two there for Retief.

John Swantek

VO>> Put that new putter in the bag here this week.

John Swantek

VO>> Tell you what Van Pelt was mightily impressive. And this was pretty special at the 10th.

John Cook

VO>> Toughest hole on the golf course today. Had it on the front part of the green, putting towards the back part of the green, about 70ft that kept him in the golf tournament.

John Swantek

VO>> Serving notice that he was not going to go away lightly.

John Swantek

VO>> Goosen did pick up a birdie here at the 12th to get to -12.

John Cook

VO>> That beautiful roll high line catches that right edge of the hole goes in.

John Swantek

VO>> Par five 16th really was the turning point of the round.

John Cook

VO>> Yeah. Drove it out you know out of position but pressed a second shot up around the green. But left him in the perfect spot. Well to the right. Pretty easy pitch shot. Ran it down there about four feet.

John Swantek

VO>> Yeah. Left himself a short little testy one. But he would handle it to take a one shot lead to the 17th.

John Swantek

VO>> Made par there. Made par at the last as well. And Retief Goosen for the first time in 35 starts since early in 2024, is a champion again on the Champions Tour. He wins by two. Let's hear from our winner.

Retief Goosen

OC>> You know, I played solid, I made a few mistakes here and there, but I. I kept hanging in there and and both started making a lot of putts on me. And VO>> 16 was a bit of a turn around and 17 to bogey obviously coming down the last with a couple of shots lead always makes it a bit easier.

Mark Wilson

VO>> How much were you looking forward to this final round playing with Ernie and Bo who's a rookie out here?

Retief Goosen

VO>> Yeah, I mean Bo has been playing well. And Ernie, you know we've been playing together for I lost count, you know, 43, 44 years. So, it's, nothing unusual for the two of us to play together, but, it's been a great week. I mean, the wind blew us away at us, for sure, but,

OC>> you know, I played this event every year, and I love it coming here.

Vince Cellini

VO>> With the victory, Retief Goosen moves up three spots in the season long Charles Schwab Cup race and into the top ten. The top three remain the same. Els and Harrington, swapping places. FYI Sanford runner-up Bo Van Pelt, moved up 36 places with his best finish on this tour in just his 10th start.

Vince Cellini

VO>> On Thursday before the event, Mark Wilson visited Scheels Apparel and outdoor sports store in Sioux Falls for a special shopping spree. There, he met 14 year old Emmett Zorr.

Mark Wilson

OC>> Hey, guys.

All right

morning

morning

Hey Emmett Mark Wilson. Nice to meet you. Yeah.

Vince Cellini

VO>> The 2025 Sanford Health children's ambassador.

Mark Wilson

OC>> I hear you been playing some golf? Yeah, that's pretty cool. Yeah. Where do you play?

Emmett Zorr

Spring Creek.

Mark Wilson

Ok All right, so what's the best part of your game?

Mark Wilson

OC>> I don't know.

Mark Wilson

All right, well, let's hope it's the tee shot because I know you got hit the opening tee shot tomorrow, right? All right. You've been thinking about that.

Emmett Zorr

Kinda.

Mark Wilson

Okay, well, can you hit the driver? The biggest head? That's probably the best. That's what I usually do, too. If I'm a little nervous.

Mark Wilson

Is that the wrong size?

Vince Cellini

VO>> The two picked out golf gear he wore over the weekend. Well, gathering gifts to bring back to the children's hospital.

Mark Wilson

OC>> This is my first time in a Scheels.

Emmett Zorr

I've been here a lot.

Mark Wilson

Oh, you've been here a lot. Yeah. This is this is crazy. Have you been on this the Ferris wheel?

Mark Wilson

Yeah, yeah. You get to pick out three outfits today. All right, for the golf course, pick a room, and then sweet. All right.

Vince Cellini

VO>> As a child, Emmett was diagnosed with rhabdomyosarcoma, an aggressive form of cancer in his right eye. Treatments and surgeries have not prevented him from being active in sports, including golf. So he dressed the part.

Mark Wilson

OC>> All right. That is an adult small airplanes on that thing. Okay. You like this? All right. There we go. Yeah, that's kind of looks like a Masters shirt. Is that what it is? That's cool. That's good vibes right there. Can you swing in that? Why don't you make a golf swing? Make sure you know you don't want it to be unrestricted there. Looks good.

Mark Wilson

OC>> All right

Nice now supporting the tournament logo I love that it's a good shirt too.

Leave this here and then okay.

All right show me a putting stroke let's see it. Sure. Yeah.

Mark Wilson

OC>> Oh you're doing the claw. Wow. All right, all right where to next love this place.

OC>> Everything he's gone through in life, the courage that he's shown, the perseverance to just to

VO>> to be the ambassador for the hospital this year is so cool. What a great honor. I'm excited for him.

OC.>> You want to grab a few of those or what?

Mark Wilson

OC>> You know what I mean? Like. And then do they like Legos? Yeah. And excited to be a part of his, experience this week at the Sanford International.



Mark Wilson

OC>> Wearing the bin today.

Ernie Els

OC>> Nice to see you my brother. Thank you so much.

Ernie Els

Yeah

Ernie Els

Beautiful.

Ernie Els

OC>> There you go brother. Okay brother. All the best.

John Swantek

VO>> The tournament got underway for the Sanford Children's Hospital. Ambassador Emmett Zorr hitting the ceremonial first tee shot. Emmett dad Chad was wearing caddie bin designed by Emmett. There they are. Which will be one worn by Ernie Els' caddie, Jeff Johnson, all week long here in Sioux Falls.

Vince Cellini

VO>> Coming up on Learning Center, a true legend of the game has designs on a course renovation that could go well beyond golf. Jack is back and Saint Louis is in his sights. We'll explain next.

Vince Cellini

VO>> The great Jack Nicklaus has left an indelible mark on the game as perhaps its finest player. We know the majors and the records, yet Jack continues to build on his legacy off the course, donating design services to help renovate the Normandy Golf Club in Saint Louis. This would not only breathe new life into a 120 plus year old course, but perhaps revitalize one of the city's most neglected neighborhoods, helping to ensure access to the game in the future where it otherwise may not be available.

Jack Nicklaus

VO>> It started with my friendship with Tom O'Toole

OC>> and Tom wanted do a little bit something similar to what Tom Cousins did in the Atlanta at East Lake,

VO>> and he wanted to revive a community in a certain area. Ferguson is a tough area of town here in Saint Louis, and to take it to an old golf course like Normandy, which is just like the 1902

OC>> This dam, hides, everything right now

Jack Nicklaus

OC>> It's a pretty good dropoff.

OC>> And it's an old

VO>> golf course, that had really great bones and great trees on great, great rolling property. It could

OC>> really be a catalyst to revive an area. And so that's what we started out to do,

VO>> Tom's gone and go around around Saint Louis area and raise money to try to, bring people in to help with this project.

Jack Nicklaus

VO>> He asked me if I would I get involved and and help if I could. And I'm delighted I do this, you know, we got the best there is in the business and we're all on 1 1 page. Let's try to try to create something good for the for the, Ferguson community,

OC>> The thing you got to be careful of

Jack Nicklaus

OC>> is that this has to come this way goes that way.

VO>> We just finished doing a little par three, which we had a problem with, with maybe some flooding that could happen in the area.

OC>> So we solved that by raising the bunkers above the green, putting the green inside it into a bowl and everything that's all feeds down into the green.

Jack Nicklaus

The whole green is a bowl coming out this way.

VO>> 150 yard par three down the hill over water.

OC>> It's going to be a fabulous little hole. It'll be a lot of fun to play. Those are the kind of things that that excite me and keep me going.

Jack Nicklaus

VO>> We're not trying to build it we're not trying to do a championship golf course. That's not that's certainly not our goal.

OC>> Our goal is to provide something for the community that will service the community and help revitalize the area.

Vince Cellini

VO>> We look forward to the Golden Bear providing a golden touch in Saint Louis, a city rich in golf tradition. Normandy Golf Club is expected to open in July 2026.

Vince Cellini

Still ahead on Learning Center, a major champion and true gentleman ponders his future on this tour, perhaps setting the scene for his finale.

Paul Broadhurst

VO>> If I

OC>> can't play again after the operation,

VO>> what better place to to end my career than Pebble Beach.

Vince Cellini

VO>> PGA Tour Champions makes it three consecutive weeks of play this weekend. One of the jewels of American golf. Pebble beach, again the site of the Pure Insurance championship golf Mecca for many golf opportunity for the over 50 set, only two events remain following Paradise on the Pacific.

Vince Cellini

Last year, England's Paul Broadhurst began the final round with a five shot lead. With two holes to play this clutch par putt on the famous par three 17th helped Broady maintain a two shot lead heading to the last. There, the Englishman made birdie to finish at 14 under par and win the Pure Insurance Championship for a second time, his seventh career win on PGA Tour Champion.

Vince Cellini

Broadhurst turned 60 last month, a two time major winner on PGA Tour Champions and a past Ryder Cup participant, he has overcome a series of health and injury situations to continue his playing journey. Yet there may be a final chapter looming. Paul discussed his career and how this week's stop could very well be his last competitive event.

Paul Broadhurst

VO>> It's been a real struggle this year.

OC>> You know, I have this problem with my ankle, I've got severe arthritis, and it's got to the stage where it really needs operating on.

VO>> I'm really not looking forward to winter. You know, I'm going to I'm out of action for 6 to 8 months next year, won't play at all in 26.

Paul Broadhurst

VO>> If it's okay, then maybe I'll come back out in 27. But I've got to realize, I'll be approaching 62 then, you know, I've probably had my better days behind me. So, you know, I really wanted to play at Pebble, you know, defending champion. You know, if I can't play again after the operation, what better place to to end my career than, Pebble Beach.

Paul Broadhurst

VO>> I'll miss all the guys. Probably won't miss the traveling. I guess until, I'm finished. I'm not really going to know what I'm going to miss. You know, it's. But, you know, I probably won't miss the grind of the

OC>> day to day practicing and but I'll miss the competition, no question.

Vince Cellini

VO>> Paul Broadhurst has been a wonderful contributor not only to this tour, but to the game itself, including wins on the European Tour. Well, quaffed always well respected as well. We wish Broady all the best.

Vince Cellini

VO>> A very different story for Australian Richard Green. As expected, the lefty did indeed break through with his first win at the Rogers Charity classic. Part of the wave of international winners. You may remember when he's not walking the course. He's moving quickly, enjoying his other passion racing cars. The 54 year old put that on display last year in Monterey at the famous Laguna Seca Raceway where learning Center Road along.

Richard Green

VO>> All right.

Richard Green

OC>> Let's go.

VO>> WeatherTech

OC>> Raceway Laguna Seca. It's, one of my dreams to come here and drive this circuit.

Richard Green

VO>> Seen it on TV a lot

OC>> over the years and and through those years of me learning to to drive a race car and and understand the sport.

VO>> You know, it's like, I guess for the racing fans, like out of the Nurburgring in Germany. You know, Laguna Seca in America is a famous track. You know

OC>> learned to drive at a young age

Richard Green

OC>> You know, on a farm. Because I've grown up and got older and and been able to to drive a car. You know, I just got interested in watching motorsport

VO>> and followed it pretty heavily in Australia. I followed the V8 supercar series in Australia, and just some good quality driving lessons and racing lessons off some pretty famous drivers in Australia.

Richard Green

VO>> Cameron McConville and who's been a porsche racer in Australia and V8 supercar driver.

OC>> Following the sport and getting to know a few of the guys and eventually, evolving into me owning my own race car and doing it myself. I haven't done a whole lot of racing with other cars, but I did race to the Australian Grand Prix and the Australian GT Championship.

Richard Green

OC>> In 2009 and 2010, there was a support category to the Formula One Grand Prix, which was an unbelievable experience to race in front of, you know, 100,000 people watching the formula one.

Richard Green

VO>> And then I've done a bit of production sports car racing



OC>> in Australia the last couple of years before starting on the Champions Tour. And so, you know, we've got a really good, good camaraderie around amongst the guys that are race with and all similar cars and and it's a lot of fun and it's something for me to really escape from golf.

Richard Green

VO>> The way they look, the way they perform. You know, Porsche makes such amazing products. Incredibly reliable car, great engine to go racing with.

OC>> and their factory racing throughout the years, and their experience is second to none.

VO>> And I think that's part of my process over the years of owning getting to own a Porsche. You know, there's a reliability to go racing on a weekend and turn up to the track and unload it and drive it and put it back in the shed at the end of the day

OC>> with a fairly you know nice maintenance schedule

Richard Green

You can enjoy some racing in these cars.

Cort Wagner

VO>> Come in here when there's nobody here is really nice

OC>>and quiet. Normally come in here in the world of battle, as you know, it's like. It's like practicing on an empty golf course. Yeah, right. Right. With nobody around, no crowds and no galleries. Yeah.

Richard Green

VO>> It's like a golf going to a Pebble Beach or a golfer going to Saint

OC>> Andrews to play. It's for me. It's, make it a chance to drive is very exciting.

Cort Wagner

OC>> With the only kind of stuff that's blind is turn six to dip after the bridge. Yeah. And then obviously the corkscrew. This is one of those monumental corners everybody's talked about for the end of time. Yeah, but once you go through it a dozen times, you'll be like, oh, it's just out the corner. Yeah. And I like, okay, I got to figure out how to get

Cort Wagner

with this as quick as possible.

Richard Green

VO>> Yeah. You know, and there's been times at night where I've sat down and studied some in-car footage

OC>> of race cars around the circuit to learn the circuit as much as possible. And, golf's been so busy the last month or so, so it's hard to spend all your time thinking about this. But, you know, I've certainly given it

VO>> a fair bit of mental energy ready for today.

Richard Green

OC>> And it's a lot more undulating than

Cort Wagner

OC>> It's a lot of elevation changes here. Yeah. It's what makes it interesting. It's only a 2.2 mile circuit is pretty short.

Richard Green

VO>> Cort shown me through there.

OC>> And yes, to stand on the track and and then also feel it in the car is certainly going to be an experience, that's for sure.

Cort Wagner

OC>> I think very precise track. Laguna Seca is one of those tracks where a lap really comes together when you use every square inch. Yes. The track, it's a very precise, technical track. Yeah, yeah, it's just one of those tracks that rewards using literally every sort of entry and exit. And.

Richard Green

VO>> You know, we were trying to liken it to

OC>> a golf hole, if you like, and I can really only relate it to, you know, say the seventh hole at Pebble Beach. You know, it's a short little hole and, you know, a certain part of that course you've got to get through and you know, the corkscrew certainly looks like a challenge, but, you know, a lot of fun as well.

Cort Wagner

OC>> If you end up dropping a wheel on the exit, you just keep it straight.

Richard Green

VO>> Yeah. You know, the red mist comes down. It's kind of the same with,

OC>> it's the same with golf, you know, we're, you know, highly competitive and want to win. Obviously, I do golf a whole lot more than I do this, and it gives you a level of belief that you can perform at that level when you're doing it a lot.

Richard Green

OC>> But I don't do this near enough to compete with pro pro drivers. And that's where I've got to remember that, you know, it's been a while since I've been in the car, so I've got to get a feel for it again and, and go from there.

Richard Green

VO>> For a while, what I learned is it sounds a lot slower than it actually feels to me in the car.

Richard Green

VO>> When I watched,

OC>> the footage on a camera, you know, I feel like, you know, there's so much more to.

Richard Green

VO>> To put out.

Richard Green

VO>> It just sounds that way for some reason. But.

Richard Green

VO>> You know, it's it's got to go out there and do what you can doing. And, you know, I was watching my lines and.

Richard Green

VO>> Listening to what Cort had to say about, the opposition of the car on the track to do it better. And what he can hear out of my throttle input and brake, you know, application and and see where I can save time. And I usually out here and racing and it's not like driving on the road where you, you know, you're creeping up on the brake pedal to a stop.

Richard Green

VO>> And this, this situation, you're using the brake to wash off speed, but not too much speed. And then you want to get back on the throttle straight away.

Richard Green

VO>> So it's a matter of feeding it the right

OC>> amount.

Richard Green

VO>> Going up the hill over there into the corkscrew and then coming down in this last little section here, it's just really exhilarating. You know, there's such a elevation change from the top of the hill where. And, you know, the car's behaving in a way. I mean, it rolls over a crest behaves another way. And, you know, the car is so hooked up with grip

Richard Green

VO>> It's amazing.

Richard Green

VO>> You know, they they're such a good car.

OC>> You know, I've loved owning one and, will continue to enjoy it, you know, into the future. But yeah, they're just for it. You know, they

VO>> they grip. Well, they are plenty of power. Handle like on rails. It's amazing. They're just a wonderful experience. Just, to come around out here and feel the corners

OC>> at race speed.

Richard Green

OC>> You know, it's really cool. I've had a great time.

Cort Wagner

OC>> The line was great. I mean, we're here first time out. Yeah.

Cort Wagner

OC>> Fabulous quickstep.

Richard Green

VO>> Just an amazing experience and one I'll you know, never forget for me to come out and do this,

OC>> this is a special, really special day. And thanks to you guys for being a part of it, and, you know, in allowing me to come out here and, you know, live out, live at my hobby and my dream, you know, it's, so I'm very appreciative.

Vince Cellini

VO>> Whether it's golf or racing, the finish line is the finish line for Green. And perhaps this week is another shot at victory number two.

Vince Cellini

VO>> With that, we hit the brakes on this edition of Learning Center. But not to worry. Back up to speed next week with a recap from glorious Pebble Beach Golf Links. I'm Vince Cellini, as always. We thank you for watching.