



Final Round Recap

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Boys 15-18

Drake Harvey had a number of near-misses on birdie putts as his final nine holes of the Scott Robertson Memorial golf tournament started to dwindle on Sunday at Roanoke Country Club.

“I had a 10-footer on 13, barely missed it, a good two-putt on 14 and then I hit it to like 20 feet on 15,” Harvey said as he reeled off his chances. “... Then I barely missed my chip on 16. Then I was like 20 feet out on 17. And I wouldn’t say it lipped out on 18 with that chip, but

it was about as close as you could get.”

Noah Maclauchlan had similar close calls as well. One birdie could have put him in position to win.

“I had a real good look on 17,” he said. “And then I guess you could call 18 a good chance.”

When those didn’t fall, it meant Harvey, the top-ranked junior player in the 2026 field, and Maclauchlan, trying to be the third Virginian to claim the title in the last seven years, were tied atop the leaderboard and facing a playoff.

It only lasted two holes, but the gallery was thoroughly entertained before Harvey tapped in for the tournament-deciding par.

Harvey, the BYU signee who spent all but the last couple of holes chasing various leaders, finally broke his birdie drought by sinking a 15-footer on the first playoff hole. As the ball dropped into the cup, he responded with a spirited “Let’s go!”

“When the putt finally hits the bottom of the hole, you’ve got to have some sort of reaction,” Harvey said. “So before the playoff, I was trying to think about what I wanted to say if I made a putt. And thankfully, I made it.”

Maclauchlan was facing an 8-footer to force a second playoff hole. His line was good, and when the ball went down, he responded with a shout of his own.

“Obviously seeing Drake make his putt, I knew mine had to go in or it was over,” he said. “And yeah, I let myself celebrate a little bit there.”

When play returned to Dogwood No. 1, Harvey teed off first and landed in the middle of the fairway. Maclauchlan, who had gotten a par the first three times he played the hole, saw his drive stray off into the water.

“When you go first, you have the chance to put the pressure on (the other player),” said Maclauchlan, who will be playing at Liberty University next year. “When you go second, you know you have to match the pressure and step up with a good shot. ... I was trying to match his shot, and I went in the water.”

Winning the SRM will likely move Harvey further up in the national junior rankings. He said going into the weekend that his last major goal before ending his junior career is to become the highest-ranked junior ever to come out of Nevada, and this victory will help that cause.

“It’s great to come out of here with a win,” he said. “I’ve got a couple of more tournaments coming up, and then it’s off to BYU.”

Harvey and Maclauchlan finished one shot ahead of Ty Willoughby of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, and Harvey’s younger brother, Heath, who shot a 70 and saw a 20-foot putt that would have put him in the playoff as well just miss to the left.

“It really couldn’t have gone better for him unless he had finished second,” Drake said of his brother. “But top 3 is really good for him.

“Going into this final round, I would have bet the house that one of us was going to win.”

A total of 10 players in the 14-18 division finished under par this weekend, and 14 had rounds of 70 or better in the final round.



Girls 15-18

Courtney Grace still has plenty of her teen-age years left to enjoy.

And at 14, the Birmingham, Alabama, resident can already call herself a Scott Robertson Memorial champion.

Playing up in the 15-18 division, the rising sophomore put three birdies up on the board in her first 10 holes and went on to win the junior tournament at Roanoke Country Club by three shots on Sunday.

There was no youthful approach taken by this youngster, who took a two-shot leading into the final day and played her last 36 holes at 9 under par.

“I think I’ve always been one of the younger ones against older players, so I always kind of find myself in an older crowd,” said Grace, who shot the low round of the weekend, a 64, on Saturday to jump into the lead. “But just seeing how I stacked up today and just how steady I was, it was a big confidence boost.”

Grace’s move to the senior division came a year after she finished in second in the 14-under group – nine shots behind 2025 winner Ira Joshi of Pinehurst, North Carolina. Joshi was also in this year’s 15-18 field. She finished tied for 31st this year.

A number of older girls stayed on Grace’s heels on Sunday, including Lord Botetourt High School rising senior Alisa Davidova and Grace Carter, who at No. 12 was the highest-ranked junior entered in the tournament

Carter had her best round of the weekend, shooting 68, but ended up fifth.

Davidova overcame a rough start – losing four shots in her first three holes, but rallied on the latter part of the Dogwood nine with four birdies to work her way back into contention. Her eagle on Crabapple No. 3 cut Grace’s lead to two shots, but that was as close as she could get.

“In past experiences I have had a hard time letting go of things like that,” said Davidova, who finished in the top 10 for the second straight year. “But when I do (let it go), I’ve noticed that I usually can make a nice comeback like that. ... So I knew if I let it go, I could make it happen – especially with how much golf we had left.”

Davidova also knew that it would be tough to reel in Grace if the leader did not make too many mistakes. That turned out to be the case.

“My plan was just to keep it really consistent, just try to make pars and take advantage of birdie chances when I could,” Grace said. “I just tried to take a lot of deep breath, not get too ahead of myself and just play solid golf.

“... I just tried to stay in my lane to stay in my lane, focus on what I could (control) and not worry about anyone else.”

Kylie Chung of Cumming, Georgia finished tied for second with Davidova by shooting the best round of her weekend – a 68. Also in the top five was first-round leader Alexandra Phungf, who was fourth at minus-2.

Grace said she hopes to have the chance to attempt to defend her title next spring.

“All the volunteers and staff here are amazing, so I would love to come back next year,” she said. “This course is just so fun to play.”

“Winning here feels amazing – just with such a great field. It’s an amazing feeling to win.”

That could mean another showdown between her and Davidova, who said she hopes to tee it up for one more SRM before moving on to the University of Missouri.

“This tournament is awesome. I know so many good players who have been out here. So it’s just awesome being able to compete with these players on my home course. There’s a huge history here.

“People that win usually end up going professional, and I just think that it’s awesome to get to play in this kind of environment.”



Boys 14 & Under

When Hudson Hurt needed a momentum-changing hole this weekend at the 2026 Scott Robertson Memorial, he managed to get one.

In Saturday's second round, an ace on Roanoke Country Club's Redbud No. 7 helped him move into a share of the lead. On Sunday, an eagle on Redbud No. 5 helped him clinch the boys 14-under division title.

Hurt shot a 3-under-par 68 – the best round of the day in his division – and claimed the championship. His three-day total of minus-7 was 13 strokes better than at last year's SRM, when he finished tied for sixth place.

"I've played three years here, and I've definitely gained a lot of experience," Hurt said. "I feel like I struck the ball well and I was very happy with how I played."

And his day could have been even a little better if the ball had rolled a little differently on the fifth hole of Redbud. His second shot on the par 5 landed about 6 inches from hole – leaving him just out of reach of a double eagle.

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"Yeah, it was close," he said.

Hurt was the only boy in the 14-under division to card three rounds in the 60s and he said he is looking forward to seeing if he can improve on his performance when he makes his debut in the senior division.

"I like the way this tournament is run," he said. "Everybody is super nice out here. The golf course is tricky and the greens are fast, but it's fun to play."

Two other boys in the division finished their weekends under par – Trebor Melendez of Vineland, New Jersey, finished at 3-under after a final-round 71. Second-round co-leader Noah Hollinger of Huntersville, North Carolina, ended up at minus-2 after a 73.



Girls 14 & Under

Autumn Solesbee had a simple approach to how she planned to preserve her two-shot lead going into Sunday's finale at the Scott Robertson Memorial golf tournament.

"I just wanted to do the same thing I did yesterday," she said. "I stayed committed to every shot and trusted my process."

The plan worked, as the rising eighth grader from Stanley, North Carolina, shot an even-par 71 and won the 14-under girls division by three shots over Myra Tomer of Newtown, Pennsylvania."

Solesbee showed that she could respond to adversity time and time again over the weekend. After shooting a first-round 81, she came back on Saturday to shoot a 1-under-par 70 – one of just two rounds below par to be carded in the field.

Rounding out the top 5 was Elisha Yim of Clarksville, Maryland in third and one shot behind Tomer. Roanoke's Savreen Kaur was fourth after a final round of 78, and Blacksburg's Isabella Gang ended up in fifth.

Solesbee said following her experience this weekend, she hopes to return in 2027.

"It was a great experience," she said. "I hope to do it again. ... It was just a really great tournament."