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OKLAHOMA STATE CLAIMS 2017 COLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Overcomes 10 Shot Final Round Deficit to Win by Three Strokes

ALPHARETTA, GA (October 22, 2017) - No. 3 Oklahoma State fired a 14-under score to finish 27-under and win the Golf Club of Georgia Collegiate Championship overcoming a 10 stroke deficit in the final round to claim the title. Against a field that includes eight ranked teams and four of the top five teams in the country, Oklahoma State led after the first round but had to fight their way back on Sunday from their fifth place position to begin the day.

Texas (-24) took second, while 36-hole leaders No. 9 Wake Forest (-22) ended up third, and host No. 4 Georgia Tech (-18) and No. 5 22 UCLA (-18) shared fifth. Top-ranked Texas A&M, winners of their first three events this season, ended up ninth at 13-under.

Playing at The Golf Club of Georgia (Lakeside Course), Oklahoma State was led by runner-up Matthew Wolff. After holding a share of the first day lead, Wolff closed with a 7-under 65 that left him at 12-under for the tournament. The freshman made a late bid for the individual title with birdies on each of the last two holes but his comeback attempt ultimately ran out of steam as he finished one stroke behind Doug Ghim of Texas.

Wolff, who held a share of the first-round individual lead, combined rounds of 66-71-67.

Oklahoma State was also helped to their second victory of the season by two other top-15 performers: Zach Bauchou (T5; -8) and Viktor Hovland (T12; -5).

In the medalist chase Ghim closed with a 2-under 70 to finish 13 under and a one shot victor over Wolff. The win for Ghim was just the second of the career for the senior who was named the Big 12 Player of the Year last season.

Starting the day one shot off the pace, Ghim rolled in four birdies and two bogeys with the winning birdie coming on the 17th hole. The birdie on the penultimate hole helped Ghim absorb a bogey on the 54th hole and still come out on top.

36-hole individual leader Alex Smalley of Duke fell back a stroke to 11 under to finish third, Will Zalatoris of Wake Forest placed fourth at 10 under, while Bauchou and Brad Dalke of Oklahoma shared fifth at 8-under.

About The Golf Club of Georgia

The Golf Club of Georgia is a private golf club located in Alpharetta, GA, just off the expanding 400 Corridor. The club opened in 1991 and features the Lakeside and Creekside courses, both consistently ranked annually by Golf Digest as two of the Top 20 Courses to Play in Georgia. In 2016, the club unveiled a \$35 million renovation with improvements throughout the entire property, including additions to the 53,000 square foot clubhouse. The Golf Club of Georgia is home to the prestigious Georgia Cup, an annual golf match pitting the reigning United States and British Amateur champions prior to their appearance at the Masters. The club is also home to the Collegiate Championship which annually brings 15 of the nation's top college teams to the club for a three-day, 54-hole tournament that has been called "the Masters of college golf." For more information, visit: www.GolfClubofGeorgia.com.

About the Collegiate Championship

The Collegiate Championship, hosted by Georgia Tech, annually brings 15 of the nation's top college teams to The Golf Club of Georgia for a three-day, 54-hole tournament that has been called "the Masters of college golf." Started in 2006, the USCC offers PGA Tour-type, championship conditions for the nation's finest college players, including a personal caddie for all three rounds. Long pants are required and galleries are able to walk in the fairways behind the players, similar to the Walker Cup. The USCC crowns a Team Champion and Individual Champion and honors them on the perpetual mahogany, gold and crystal USCC Trophy, which sits in The Golf Club of Georgia lobby.

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