

Wilcox Earns First Pro Win

**The Savannah Lakes Village Classic
Monticello Golf Club
April 29-May 2, 2010**

McCormick, SC (May 2, 2010)... Former Clayton State golfer Will Wilcox of Birmingham, AL carded a one-under par 71 Sunday in the final round of The Savannah Lakes Village Classic to collect his first professional win.

The twenty-three year old Wilcox began the final round with a three stroke lead and moved it to four strokes after opening with a three-under 33 on the front side to get to nineteen under par. However, Wilcox learned it is a little more difficult when you are the one trying to hold off the late chargers on Sunday as he made bogies on three of his first four holes on the back nine to drop back into a tie at 16-under par with Sunday charger Patrick Nagle of Fishers, Indiana.

Coming into the short par four 17th hole Wilcox knew he needed something good to go his way since he had the proverbial wheels falling off his momentum train.

“I knew I hadn’t done anything at all on the back nine and I knew it was time for something good to happen to me,” said Wilcox. “It seems like something has to go your way at least once in every round and I found mine on 17.”

After finding the middle of the fairway with his drive, Wilcox landed a short iron to within five feet of the flag. A confident putt followed by a fist pump had him on the verge of his first professional win with only one hole to play.

“When I found out it was (Patrick) Nagle that had tied me at 16-under I knew I wanted to make that putt to beat him since he was the one that beat me in a playoff a week ago for a spot in the Valdosta Nationwide event, said Wilcox”

On the par 4, 475 yard finishing hole Wilcox once again found the fairway with a booming drive but unfortunately his approach shot landed just past the hole and rolled off the back of the green for what looked like disaster. After calmly chipping his ball to twelve feet the 2009 Alabama Amateur champion drained the putt for par and the \$40,000 first place check.

“I have been playing well the past few weeks and I extremely excited to win here,” said an energized Wilcox after the round. “I had heard this was one of the best tournaments of the year and to win this early here was unbelievable, words can’t describe what I am feeling right now.”

For the week, Wilcox fired rounds of 65-70-67-71 for a four day total of seventeen-under par 271 and a one stroke victory over Nagle. Nagle closed the final round with a five-under par 67 to finish all alone at 16-under par 272 and a second place check worth \$19,923.

Former Alabama golfers Chip Deason (Lexington, SC) and Michael Thompson (Birmingham, AL) and former Auburn golfer Michael Daniels (Auburn, AL) finished tied for third at fifteen-under par 273. Daniels fired the low round of the day with 66 while Deason and Thompson fired 67 and 69 respectively.

Local pro Vince Hatfield (Greenwood) finished the Savannah Lakes Village Classic on high note Sunday firing a three-under par 69 for a four day total of nine-under par 279. For the week, Hatfield finished T-30 and took home \$2,024.

With his victory Sunday, Wilcox moves into first place on the season long money list with \$54,379 in earnings but more importantly he moves into first place in the Race For The Fort Smith Nationwide Exemption. The Race For The Fort Smith Exemption will be given to the NGA Hooters Tour member that accumulates the most money in the Hampton, GA, McCormick, SC, Edwardsville, IL and Georgetown, KY events. With two events complete Wilcox has earned \$41,522 and leads second place golfer Matt Harmon by more than \$4,500.

The NGA Hooters Tour will take a week off before returning to action May 10-16, 2010 for the Sunset Hills NGA Classic presented by the City of Edwardsville and Lumierre Place Casino and Hotel in Edwardsville, Illinois.

HOOTS: The NGA Hooters Tour would first like to thank all of the Savannah Lakes Village residents that housed players this week. Without your help housing "your boys" we would have been left with long drives to the course each day. We would also like to thank the Savannah Lakes Village Classic Tournament Committee (Barb Shelley, Ken Bastow, John Stoddard, Kathie Essex, Sam Krotzer, August Luedecke, Susie Hartz, Lynne Smith and Mike Paine) for helping make this one of the best tournaments run on any Tour much less the NGA Hooters Tour. A special thanks goes to out to Superintendant James Hunt and his staff for having the course in perfect condition for this week's tournament.

2010 Savannah Lakes Village Classic *\$250,000 Purse*
Savannah Lakes Village & Golf Clubs Pro Tees
McCormick, SC
Apr 26 - May 2, 2010
Final Scores
Par 72, 7032 yards

Player Leader Board

Course: Savannah Lakes Village & Golf Clubs: Pro Tees Par 72 - 7032 yards

Position		Player <u>First Last</u>	Home Town <u>City, State</u>	Scoring			<u>all rounds</u>				<u>Total Score</u>	Earnings
<u>current</u>	<u>start</u>			<u>to</u>	<u>thru</u>	<u>today</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>		
				par								
1	1	Will Wilcox	Pell City, AL	-17	F	-1	6 5	6 8	6 7	7 1	271	\$40,000.00
2	T9	Patrick Nagle	Pacifica, CA	-16	F	-5	7 1	6 6	6 8	6 7	272	\$19,923.00
T3	T17	Michael Daniels	Auburn, AL	-15	F	-6	6 9	7 1	6 7	6 6	273	\$11,457.00
T3	T13	Chip Deason	Lexington, SC	-15	F	-5	6 7	6 9	7 0	6 7	273	\$11,457.00
T3	T3	Michael Thompson	Birmingham, AL	-15	F	-3	6 5	6 8	7 1	6 9	273	\$11,457.00
T6	T26	Nick Rousey	Pensacola, FL	-14	F	-6	6 9	6 8	7 1	6 6	274	\$7,590.00
T6	T3	Billy Hurley III	Annapolis, MD	-14	F	-2	6 6	7 0	6 8	7 0	274	\$7,590.00
T6	T3	Eddie Brescher	Ponchatoula, LA	-14	F	-2	6 7	7 0	6 7	7 0	274	\$7,590.00
T9	T26	Andrew Ruthkoski	Muskegon, MI	-13	F	-5	6 9	7 0	6 9	6 7	275	\$5,097.00
T9	T17	Michael Welch	Quincy, MA	-13	F	-4	6 7	6 9	7 1	6 8	275	\$5,097.00
T9	T9	Blaine Peffley	Lebanon, PA	-13	F	-2	6 6	6 8	7 1	7 0	275	\$5,097.00
T9	2	Matthew Harmon	Grand Rapids, MI	-13	F	E	6 7	6 8	6 8	7 2	275	\$5,097.00
T13	T35	Daniel Wax	Pacific Palisades, CA	-12	F	-5	7 5	6 6	6 8	6 7	276	\$3,378.00
T13	T26	Andy Pope	Glen Ellyn, IL	-12	F	-4	6 7	7 0	7 1	6 8	276	\$3,378.00
T13	T26	Russell Knox	Jacksonville Beach, FL	-12	F	-4	6 6	7 1	7 1	6 8	276	\$3,378.00
T13	T17	Manuel Villegas	Medellin, Columbia	-12	F	-3	6 9	6 8	7 0	6 9	276	\$3,378.00
T13	T17	Todd Bailey	Spanish Fort, AL	-12	F	-3	6 8	7 0	6 9	6 9	276	\$3,378.00
T13	T13	John Ellis	San Jose, CA	-12	F	-2	7 1	6 5	7 0	7 0	276	\$3,378.00
T19	T26	Kyle Ellis	Senatobia, MS	-11	F	-3	6 8	6 6	7 4	6 9	277	\$2,515.00
T19	T42	Will Claxton	Swainsboro, GA	-11	F	-5	7 2	6 7	7 1	6 7	277	\$2,515.00

T19	T26	Travis Hampshire	Zephyrhills, FL	-11	F	-3	6 5	7 1	7 2	6 9	277	\$2,515.00
T19	T26	Santiago Rivas	Cali, Colombia	-11	F	-3	7 3	6 6	6 9	6 9	277	\$2,515.00
T19	T17	Michael Lavery	Mission Viejo, CA	-11	F	-2	7 4	6 7	6 6	7 0	277	\$2,515.00
T19	T17	Chris Devlin	Ireland	-11	F	-2	6 8	6 8	7 1	7 0	277	\$2,515.00
T19	T9	Shawn Stefani	Baytown, TX	-11	F	E	6 7	7 0	6 8	7 2	277	\$2,515.00
T19	T3	Grant Leaver	Centerville, TN	-11	F	+1	6 8	6 4	7 2	7 3	277	\$2,515.00
T27	T35	Ted Potter	Silver Springs, FL	-10	F	-3	6 6	6 9	7 4	6 9	278	\$2,157.00
T27	T42	Michael O Neal	Jacksonville, FL	-10	F	-4	7 2	7 0	6 8	6 8	278	\$2,157.00
T27	T3	Daniel McCarthy	Syracuse, NY	-10	F	+2	7 2	6 7	6 5	7 4	278	\$2,157.00
T30	T42	Vince Hatfield	Greenwood, SC	-9	F	-3	7 5	6 5	7 0	6 9	279	\$2,024.00
T30	T26	Jeff Corr	Longwood, FL	-9	F	-1	6 9	7 1	6 8	7 1	279	\$2,024.00
T30	T26	Andrew Parr	, ON	-9	F	-1	6 8	7 2	6 8	7 1	279	\$2,024.00
T33	T35	Brian Carroll	Crystal Lake , IL	-8	F	-1	7 1	6 6	7 2	7 1	280	\$1,817.00
T33	T35	Lee Williams	Alexander City , AL	-8	F	-1	7 0	7 2	6 7	7 1	280	\$1,817.00
T33	T49	Travis Bertoni	Paso Robles, CA	-8	F	-3	7 2	6 8	7 1	6 9	280	\$1,817.00
T33	T49	Zack Sucher	Mobile, AL	-8	F	-3	6 6	7 0	7 5	6 9	280	\$1,817.00
T33	T49	Hernan Piri Borja	Coral Springs, FL	-8	F	-3	7 3	6 9	6 9	6 9	280	\$1,817.00
T33	T63	Chris Erwin	Brentwood, TN	-8	F	-5	6 7	7 4	7 2	6 7	280	\$1,817.00
T33	T9	Patton Kizzire	Tuscaloosa, AL	-8	F	+3	7 1	6 7	6 7	7 5	280	\$1,817.00
T33	T3	Jeff Dennis	Ponte Vedra Beach, FL	-8	F	+4	6 9	6 7	6 8	7 6	280	\$1,817.00
T41	T35	Casey Crain	La Combe, LA	-7	F	E	7 1	6 9	6 9	7 2	281	\$1,643.00
T41	T58	Chris Barron	Joelton, TN	-7	F	-3	7 1	6 8	7 3	6 9	281	\$1,643.00
T41	T13	Robert Streb	Edmond, OK	-7	F	+3	7 1	6 4	7 1	7 5	281	\$1,643.00
T44	T35	Dan Olsen	Ponte Vedra Beach, FL	-6	F	+1	6 8	7 2	6 9	7 3	282	\$1,553.00
T44	T49	Jay Woodson	Richmond, VA	-6	F	-1	7 2	7 0	6 9	7 1	282	\$1,553.00
T44	T58	Berry Henson	LaQuinta, CA	-6	F	-2	7 2	6 8	7 2	7 0	282	\$1,553.00
T44	T49	Will Strickler	Gainesville, FL	-6	F	-1	7 1	7 1	6 9	7 1	282	\$1,553.00
T44	T13	Kyle Moore	Lake Worth, FL	-6	F	+4	6 8	6 5	7 3	7 6	282	\$1,553.00

T49	T42	Nathan Stamey	Bluffton, SC	-5	F	+1	7 0	6 7	7 3	7 3	283	\$1,493.00
T49	T49	Matthew Anderson	Minneapolis, MN	-5	F	E	6 7	7 3	7 1	7 2	283	\$1,493.00
T49	T49	Jimmy Brandt	Montgomery, AL	-5	F	E	6 8	7 3	7 0	7 2	283	\$1,493.00
T49	T17	Jon Oswalt	Auburn, AL	-5	F	+4	7 0	6 8	6 9	7 6	283	\$1,493.00
T49	T17	Rhein Gibson	Edmond, OK	-5	F	+4	6 6	7 4	6 7	7 6	283	\$1,493.00
T49	T63	Matthew Rosenfeld	Plano, TX	-5	F	-2	7 5	6 7	7 1	7 0	283	\$1,493.00
T49	T67	Jeff Street	Charlotte, NC	-5	F	-3	7 1	6 9	7 4	6 9	283	\$1,493.00
T49	T67	Oscar Alvarez	Medellin, Colombia	-5	F	-3	7 2	6 9	7 3	6 9	283	\$1,493.00
T49	T67	Jeffrey Hill	Ocala, FL	-5	F	-3	7 3	6 9	7 2	6 9	283	\$1,493.00
T58	T42	Jon Mansfield	Clearwater, FL	-4	F	+2	7 1	6 9	7 0	7 4	284	\$1,293.00
T58	T35	Andrew S. Medley	Athens, AL	-4	F	+3	6 7	7 1	7 1	7 5	284	\$1,293.00
T58	T42	Jerry Price	Louisville, KY	-4	F	+2	7 2	7 0	6 8	7 4	284	\$1,293.00
T58	T49	Mark Whisenant	Douglasville, GA	-4	F	+1	7 4	6 7	7 0	7 3	284	\$1,293.00
T58	T63	Brennan Webb	Land O Lakes, FL	-4	F	-1	7 2	6 9	7 2	7 1	284	\$1,293.00
T63	T42	Ted Smith	Orlando, FL	-3	F	+3	7 4	6 3	7 3	7 5	285	\$1,039.00
T63	T17	David May	Auburn, NY	-3	F	+6	6 8	6 8	7 1	7 8	285	\$1,039.00
T63	T58	Mark Harrell	Hazelhurst, GA	-3	F	+1	7 2	7 0	7 0	7 3	285	\$1,039.00
T63	T58	Danny Ellis	Heathrow, FL	-3	F	+1	6 9	6 9	7 4	7 3	285	\$1,039.00
T63	T63	David Skinns	Lincoln, England	-3	F	E	7 1	6 9	7 3	7 2	285	\$1,039.00
T63	T67	Tyler Leon	Dallas, TX	-3	F	-1	7 0	7 0	7 4	7 1	285	\$1,039.00
T63	T71	Charlie Waddell	Wilmette, IL	-3	F	-2	7 0	7 2	7 3	7 0	285	\$1,039.00
70	T58	Bruno Buccolo	Oklahoma City, OK	-2	F	+2	7 2	7 0	7 0	7 4	286	\$1,030.00
71	T49	Yoshio Yamamoto	Clarksville, TN	E	F	+5	6 7	7 2	7 2	7 7	288	\$600.00
72	T71	Blake Sattler	New Philadelphia, OH	+1	F	+2	6 7	7 3	7 5	7 4	289	\$600.00
73	77	Trent Leon	Dallas, TX	+2	F	-5	6 8	7 4	8 1	6 7	290	\$600.00
74	76	Chuckie Hyde III	Richmond, IN	+3	F	-2	7 0	7 0	8 1	7 0	291	\$600.00
75	75	Colby Beckstrom	Trophy Club, TX	+4	F	+1	7 1	7 0	7 8	7 3	292	\$600.00
76	73	Kevin Hall	Cincinnati, OH	+5	F	+4	7 2	6 7	7 8	7 6	293	\$600.00

77	74	Jordan Massey	Panama City Beach, FL	+6	F	+4	7 0	7 2	7 6	7 6	294	\$600.00
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