

## Elliott and Harvick continue feud

## Larson rallies to storm into 3rd round of NASCAR's playoffs

## Mickelson wins again on Champions; Im runs the table in Las Vegas victory

Ko gets wire-to-wire win at Founders and ties Annika record

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Oct. 11, (AP) — Phil Mickelson won for the third time in four career PGA Tour Champions starts, closing with a 4-under 68 on Sunday for a two-shot victory in the Constellation Furyk & Friends.

The 51-year-old Mickelson won for the first time since his out-of-nowhere triumph at the PGA Championship at Kiawah Island in May for his sixth career major title. He has struggled on the PGA Tour since then, and this was his first Champions event since February.

Miguel Angel Jimenez battled with Mickelson throughout the day at breezy Timuquana Country Club and pulled even with birdies on the par-5 13th where Mickelson three-putted for par - and the par-3 14th. But Mickelson converted a two-putt birdie on the par-5 15th to move ahead for good.

Jimenez shot a 68, nearly holing a long birdie putt on the par-4 18th that would have forced Mickelson to make his 10-foot birdie for the win. Mickelson holed it anyway for the two-shot margin.

## GOLF

Mickelson finished the first-year event at 15-under 201. Last year, he opened his senior career with consecutive victories in Missouri and Virginia.

Mickelson said he plans to play at least two more tournaments on the 50-and-over tour this fall - in Richmond, where he's the defending champion, and at the Charles Schwab Cup Championship in Phoenix.

In Las Vegas, Sungjae Im turned a shootout into a one-man show in Las Vegas, running the tables with seven birdies in eight holes around the turn for a 9-under 62 and a four-shot victory in the Shriners Children's Open.



Sungjae Im watches his drive during the Shriners Children's Open golf tournament on Oct. 10 at TPC Summerlin in Las Vegas. (AP)

## Super Kings through to IPL final

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates, Oct. 11, (AP) — Chennai Super Kings advanced to its ninth Indian Premier League final with two balls to spare on Sunday, beating Delhi Capitals by four wickets in the playoffs.

Chasing Delhi's 172-5, Mahendra Singh Dhoni (18 not out) led three-time champion Chennai to 173-6 in a dramatic last over when the skipper smashed three boundaries off Tom Curran (3-29).

Delhi, last year's runner-up, had posted a decent score with Prithvi Shaw hitting a brisk 60 off 34 balls and captain Rishabh Pant making 51 not out off 35.

Delhi will get another opportunity on Wednesday to qualify for Friday's final. It takes on the winner of Monday's match between Royal Challengers Bangalore and Kolkata Knight Riders.

Ruturaj Gaikwad (70) and Robin Uthappa (63) seemed to have put Chennai's chase on the right course

## CRICKET

with a dominating 110-run second-wicket stand before Delhi bounced back and claimed three wickets in the space of eight deliveries. Shreyas Iyer played a part in all three dismissals as he took smart catches to dismiss Uthappa and Shardul Thakur in Curran's over, and then ran out Ambati Rayudu

with a brilliant throw from the deep at the non-striker's end.

Uthappa provided an ideal platform in the batting powerplay when he hit Avesh Khan for two sixes and two fours in the sixth over before Curran's twin strikes in the 14th over gave Delhi some hope.

Gaikwad, who is only the second batter to score over 600 runs this season, hit five fours and two sixes but Axar Patel took a brilliant low catch in the deep which left Chennai needing 24 off the last 11 balls.

However, Pant took a chance with Curran in the last over instead of experienced Kagiso Rabada but Dhoni smacked the Englishman for three fours to finish off the game.

on the sixth hole, the third-toughest on the course, to tie for the lead, and the 23-year-old South Korean was just getting started.

He closed out the front nine with a simple up-and-down short of the green on the par-5 ninth to take the lead, then ran off four more birdies, the best of that lot on No. 10 when he went from a fairway bunker to 25 feet and made the putt.

No one else could keep up. His strongest challenger, Matthew Wolff, rolled in an 18-foot birdie on the ninth to keep pace. He had two misses off the tee that cost him.

Wolff had to pitch out to the fairway from high grass right of the 10th, leading to his first bogey. And he was deep in the bunker on the par-5 13th and barely got it out into a nasty lie, advanced that only about 90 yards and took bogey that felt much worse.

Wolff recovered with two birdies for a 68 - his 12th round in the 60s in as many tries at the TPC Summerlin - and was runner-up.

Rory Sabbatini, the Olympic silver medalist from Slovakia, shot 28 on the front nine and was briefly tied for the lead. He could only manage even par

with a brilliant throw from the deep at the non-striker's end.

Im had the best closing round by a winner in Las Vegas since Smylie Kaufman shot 61 in 2016. He won for the second time on the PGA Tour following his Honda Classic title in 2020, two weeks before the pandemic shut down golf. Im finished at 24-under 260, matching the tournament record held by Webb Simpson in 2013 and Ryan Moore in 2012.

In West Caldwell, N.J., Jin Young Ko finished off a wire-to-wire victory in the Cognizant Founders Cup with her 14th consecutive round in the 60s that matched a 16-year record held by Annika Sorenstam.

Even in a steady rain at Mountain Ridge, the 26-year-old South Korean star made it look easy. She closed with a 5-under 66 for a four-shot victory over Caroline Masson of Germany. Ko finished at 18-under 266.

It was her 14th consecutive round in the 60s dating to a 69 in the final round of the Evian Championship. That ties the mark Sorenstam set in the middle of her 10-win season in 2005.

CHARLOTTE, N.C., Oct. 11, (AP) — Kyle Larson rallied from early electrical issues to win for the seventh time this season and storm into the third round of NASCAR's playoffs.

Larson's victory on The Roval at Charlotte Motor Speedway ended a topsy-turvy day for Hendrick Motorsports. Larson and reigning Cup champion Chase Elliott moved into the round of eight, but Alex Bowman and William Byron were eliminated and Elliott was nearly sabotaged by a vengeful Kevin Harvick.

Harvick laid in wait to deliver his payback on Elliott for Elliott costing him a win at Bristol three weeks ago. The retaliation came about halfway through the race when Harvick sent Elliott into the wall - a wreck that put Elliott on the verge of elimination.

But his No. 9 team got Elliott back into contention - even with his bumper flapping in the wind off the back of his Chevrolet - and he drove through the field and into position to ruin another day for Harvick.

## CAR RACING

Elliott and his crew had said over their public team radio that Elliott should wreck Harvick if he got close to him again on Sunday and as they hurtled into the first turn with 10 laps remaining, perhaps Harvick began to worry.

He botched the entry, almost as if he was looking in his rearview mirror, and drove directly into the wall in a hard hit that crumpled the entire front end of his Ford. The crowd roared its approval as Elliott cruised through the crash scene and Harvick's title run came to its earliest end since the elimination format began in 2014.

Harvick had advanced to the third round the past seven years and all the way to the title race five times. He didn't exactly say he wrecked Elliott as payback for Bristol but didn't deny it, either. "Sometimes real life teaches you good lessons," Harvick said.

On the day he made his 750th career start, he finished 33rd and was eliminated along with Christopher Bell, Byron and Bowman.

When asked if the two are now even, Harvick simply walked away.

Elliott subtly masked his pleasure. "As far as Kevin goes, I just want to wish them a merry off-season and a happy Christmas," Elliott said.

Is it over as far as Elliott is concerned?

"For us, we're just eyes forward and happy to be moving on," Elliott said. "That's the big picture. We'll keep fighting."

Larson, meanwhile, plunged to 36th



Kyle Larson celebrates in Victory Lane after winning a NASCAR Cup Series auto racing race at Charlotte Motor Speedway, on Oct. 10, in Concord, N.C. (AP)

when he began to lose power in his Chevrolet and had to make multiple pit stops to address the electrical issues. A lengthy change of his alternator belt saved his race and staved off his own startling flirtation with an early playoff exit.

Instead, Larson became the first driver in NASCAR history to win three road course races in a season. He passed Denny Hamlin for the lead with eight laps remaining and is the first driver since Casey Kahne in 2006 to win both the Coca-Cola 600 in May and Charlotte's fall race in the same season.

His victory ended Elliott's streak of two consecutive wins on the hybrid road course/oval that Charlotte officials designed in 2018 to add an interesting new circuit to the playoffs. The venue didn't disappoint on Sunday as drivers jockeyed over 109 laps trying to avoid playoff elimination.

Tyler Reddick and Chris Buescher, two drivers not in the playoffs, finished second and third. Kyle Busch and Hamlin were fourth and fifth and Matt DiBenedetto finished sixth.

The next six positions went to playoff drivers - Joey Logano in seventh, followed by Bell, Ryan Blaney, Bowman, Byron and Elliott.

Ty Dillon will return to full-time competition next season as the driver for GMS Racing in its inaugural Cup season.

Dillon has run four Cup races this year with Gaunt Brothers Racing and 11 Xfinity Series races with three different teams. He lost his ride at the end of 2020 and has been trying to claw his way back into a seat, and GMS Racing said Dillon was the only driver the team seriously looked at for the job.

## Anderson 'breaks' NHRA Pro Stock victory record

ENNIS, Texas, Oct. 11, (AP) — Greg Anderson broke the Pro Stock victory record with his 98th win in the Texas NHRA Fall Nationals at Texas Motorplex.

The 60-year-old Anderson won when Chris McGaha red-lighted in the final.

"I saw (McGaha's red light) on the scoreboard and I had a difficult time getting to the finish line from third gear on down," Anderson said. "I think I took my arm off the shifter and pumped my fist a couple of times in between gears. I shouldn't even be looking at (the scoreboard) but for some stupid reason I looked at the scoreboard and I saw mine was on. That was a hell of

a relief."

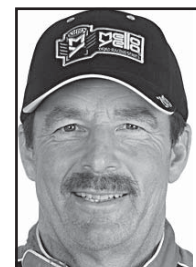
Anderson, the four-time season champion and current points leader, broke a tie with Warren Johnson for the class record. Anderson once worked as Johnson's crew chief.

"It's been a big build-up and I've had such a fantastic race car all year, it was

## DRAG RACING

almost impossible for it not to happen, but at the same time there's so many great drivers that can whip you," Anderson said. "There's no guarantees it would happen, so I knew now was the time. I certainly expected myself to step up and get it done. I'm honored to be part of this and thank goodness we got it done."

Anderson qualified first in his HendrickCars.com Chevrolet Camaro en route to his sixth victory at the track.



Anderson



Jin Young Ko of Korea with the trophy after winning the Cognizant Founders Cup, on Oct. 10, in West Caldwell, N.J. (AP)

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