

## 60th Porter Cup July 18<sup>th</sup> – 21st, 2018

### Walsh Cruises to Victory in 60th Porter Cup



Thomas Walsh Wins 60th Porter Cup

By Mark Gaughan

Thomas Walsh came into the Porter Cup on a hot streak and stayed hot virtually the whole week in winning the 60<sup>th</sup> annual event at Niagara Falls Country Club.

Walsh came off a big junior season for the University of Virginia in which he won the Atlantic Coast Conference Championship. He took the Porter Cup lead late in the second round and led almost the entire rest of the way. He led by as many as six shots in the final round and won by three with an 11-under total of 269.

Georgia Tech's Tyler Strafaci tied for second along with Australia's Blake Windred and Auburn's Ben Schlottman.

"It's incredible; I've been working towards it all summer, and a teammate of mine won it three years ago," Walsh said, referring to 2015 champion Denny McCarthy. "So it's cool to have my name on the list with him and represent my school."

Walsh said the march to victory over the final 18 holes wasn't as easy as he made it look.

"It was the hardest middle battle I've had probably ever," Walsh said. "I was fighting with myself to not think ahead, not get lugged in with the fans. It was really cool having them out there but I was trying to keep calm and play my own game and not worry about what my playing partners were doing and keep it as simple as possible. My caddy was a huge part of keeping me calm because he was joking around with me the whole back nine which was huge, because I was starting to lose it. I was a little too nervous."

Walsh was the only player in the field to post four rounds in the 60s, firing 69-65-67-68. He was honored to join the distinguished list of champions on the cup.

"Just to see that list and add my name on there, that's something I'll never forget and cherish forever," Walsh said.

Strafaci who went onto win the 2020 U.S. Amateur Championship at Bandon Dunes Resort in Oregon. In 2020, Schlottman traded in his professional golf tour status for a career in the U.S. Marine Corps.

## 2018 PORTER CUP RESULTS

1 - Thomas Walsh, High Point, NC	69 65 67 68 269 -11
T2 Blake Windred, Cardiff South, AU	67 71 69 65 272 -8
T2 Tyler Strafacci, Davie, FL	70 67 69 66 272 -8
T2 Ben Schlottman, Advance, NC	65 72 69 66 272 -8
5 Eoin Leonard, Dalkey, Ireland	70 68 69 67 274 -6
T6 Scott Harvey, Kernersville, NC	72 66 71 66 275 -5
T6 Kevin O'Connell, Cary, NC	72 69 66 68 275 -5
T6 Austin Hitt, Longwood, FL	68 68 71 68 275 -5
T6 Shae Wools-Cobb, Maroochydore, AU	70 65 69 71 275 -5
T10 Ben Reichert, East Amherst, NY	65 76 68 67 276 -4
T10 Charlie Dann, Aroona, AU	68 69 71 68 276 -4
T12 Henry Shimp, Charlotte, NC	72 68 69 68 277 -3
T12 Matt Parziale, Brockton, MA	70 66 72 69 277 -3
T12 Will Thomson, Pittsford, NY	68 70 69 70 277 -3
T15 Qi Wen Wong, Singapore	76 63 73 67 279 -1
T15 Matthew Naumec, Wilbraham, MA	71 72 68 68 279 -1
T15 Justin Warren, Picton, AU	72 68 69 70 279 -1
T15 Michael Mattiace, Jacksonville, FL	68 68 73 70 279 -1
T19 Daniel Wetterich, Cincinnati, OH	68 69 74 69 280 E
T19 Peter Knade, Easton, MD	70 69 70 71 280 E
T21 Josh Whalen, Napanee, ON	72 70 74 65 281 1
T21 Ryoto Furuya, Tokyo	70 70 74 67 281 1
T21 Daulet Tuleubayev, Kazakhstan	69 71 72 69 281 1
T24 Ryan Knop, Pleasanton, CA	75 71 68 68 282 2
T24 Austin Fox, Colson, CA	71 71 72 68 282 2
T24 LJ Go, Philippines	76 68 68 70 282 2
T27 Geuntae Kim, Johnson City, TN	77 72 69 65 283 3
T27 James Nicholas, Scarsdale, NY	76 71 66 70 283 3
T27 Ashwin Arasu, San Diego, CA	69 70 74 70 283 3
T27 Marcos Montenegro, Buenos Aires	69 69 75 70 283 3
T31 Matthew Cheung, Hong Kong	72 74 70 68 284 4
T31 Shiso Go, Japan	75 70 71 68 284 4
T31 Wyatt Larkin, Morganton, GA	74 67 74 69 284 4
T34 Martin Contini, Buenos Aires	76 68 73 68 285 5
T34 Tianlang Guan, China	73 75 67 70 285 5
T34 Josh Gilkison, Springboro, OH	71 73 69 72 285 5
T37 Matthew Wetterich, Cincinnati, OH	74 74 70 68 286 6
T37 Garrett Rank, Elmira, ON	73 73 72 68 286 6
T37 Wes Artac, Leander, TX	70 72 74 70 286 6
T37 Daniel Gurtner, Guatemala	73 71 71 71 286 6
T37 Michael Stamberger, Brielle, NJ	73 71 70 72 286 6
T37 Luke Schniederjans, Alpharetta, GA	70 71 72 73 286 6
T43 Jamie Mist, Hayling Island, England	77 72 68 70 287 7
T43 Roland Massimino, Lumberville, PA	72 71 74 70 287 7
T43 Sam Meek, Peterborough, ON	74 66 77 70 287 7
T43 Ben Albin, Santa Fe, NM	76 73 67 71 287 7

47 Kyle Flexsenhar, Bloomington, IL	73 72 72 71 288 8
48 Jesus Montenegro, Buenos Aires	72 71 74 72 289 9
T49 Brandon Wu, Scarsdale, NY	77 72 73 68 290 10
T49 Christopher Yeom, Flushing, NY	71 76 72 71 290 10
T49 Blair Bursey, Gander, Canada	73 71 72 74 290 10
T52 Chase Komaromi, Delaware, ON	77 75 74 65 291 11
T52 Alec Bard, New Hartford, NY	72 72 75 72 291 11
T52 John Felitto, Mountainside, NJ	71 72 76 72 291 11
T52 Alex Ross, Atlanta, GA	75 74 68 74 291 11
T56 James Blackwell, Grand Island, NY	76 72 73 71 292 12
T56 Arthur Griffin, Lake Placid, NY	72 76 71 73 292 12
T56 Justin Tereshko, Greensboro, NC	72 72 74 74 292 12
T59 Chris Vandette, Beaconsfield, QC	77 71 73 72 293 13
T59 John Pak, Scotch Plains, NJ	73 75 73 72 293 13
T59 Grant Godfrey, Delaware, OH	76 70 73 74 293 13
62 Ben Fernandez, Southlake, TX	75 78 73 68 294 14
T63 Blake Dyer, St. Petersburg, FL	74 79 73 69 295 15
T63 Cole Bradley, West Lafayette, IN	74 74 74 73 295 15
T63 Michael Christifulli, Paradise Valley, AZ	69 74 79 73 295 15
T63 Trevor Hulbert, Orlando, FL	71 77 73 74 295 15
T63 Jacob Lehman, Guelph, ON	72 73 73 77 295 15
T68 David Hanes, Elma, NY	78 73 72 73 296 16
T68 Max Sear, Unionville, ON	71 73 77 75 296 16
T68 Kevin Borowicz, Grand Island, NY	71 74 74 77 296 16
T71 Nicolas Quintero, Colombia	78 74 75 70 297 17
T71 Austin Sipe, Dayton, OH	77 74 72 74 297 17
T73 Gregory Foo, Singapore	76 71 78 73 298 18
T73 Thomas Code, Dorchester, ON	79 75 67 77 298 18
T75 Evan Gaesser, Kendall, NY	74 78 76 71 299 19
T75 Marc Holzhauer, Clarence Center, NY	78 78 69 74 299 19
T77 David Gies II, Charlotte, NC	81 72 72 75 300 20
T77 Caleb Proveaux, Lexington, SC	75 71 76 78 300 20
T79 Mackenzie Carter, Cobourg, Ont., CA	80 76 72 73 301 21
T79 Anton Krecic, Columbia Station, OH	77 73 76 75 301 21
T79 Cole Hughes, Indiana, PA	67 78 81 75 301 21
82 Billy Hanes, Elma, NY	69 76 83 76 304 24
83 Eric Cowles, Stuart, FL	77 77 76 75 305 25
84 Andrew Poturalski, Williamsville, NY	80 73 79 74 306 26
85 Kyle MacDonald, Burlington, ON	72 76 77 82 307 27
86 Colin Dubnik, Rochester, NY	78 74 80 77 309 29
87 Mike Blasey, Potomac, MD	77 76 78 83 314 34
88 Patrick Sheerer, Gibsonia, PA	83 91 88 93 355 75

