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## **Former Illini star Charlie Danielson earns exemption into Lincoln Land Charity Championship**

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. – Just two weeks after competing in the U.S. Open at Oakmont Country Club, former University of Illinois golfer Charlie Danielson received the Web.com exemption into the Web.com Tour's inaugural Lincoln Land Charity Championship, set to be contested at Panther Creek Country Club next week.

Danielson, who finished his career last month as one of the most decorated players in Illini golf history, will be making his first Web.com Tour start in the event, which kicks off on Thursday, July 14.

"We are thrilled to have Charlie in the field at this year's Lincoln Land Charity Championship," said tournament director Alex McCarty. "The fans in this state are passionate about Illini golf, and Charlie's list of achievements in Champaign make him a wonderful addition to the field."

Danielson wrapped up his four-year career at Illinois this year with first-team All-America honors, becoming the first player in the program's storied history to be named an All-American for four seasons.

The 2016 Big Ten Player of the Year was a finalist for the prestigious Ben Hogan and Jack Nicklaus Awards, and represented the United States in the Arnold Palmer Cup last month in England.

Danielson competed as an amateur at the PGA TOUR's Northern Trust Open in February, where an opening-round 67 left him T5 through 18 holes before eventually finishing T72 for the week.

In June, Danielson ventured to famed Oakmont Country Club to compete in the U.S. Open for his first major championship, where he missed the cut.

The 22-year-old made his professional debut last week at the PGA TOUR's Barracuda Championship in Reno, Nev. where a +19 point total in the event's Modified Stableford scoring format allowed for a career-best T44 finish.

Danielson will be joined by Illini golf coach Mike Small in the field at Panther Creek, after the program's longtime leader received a sponsor's exemption last month.

The 50-year-old Small is competing in this week's DICK'S Sporting Goods Open on PGA TOUR Champions.

"Charlie is going to have a long and successful career," said Small. "He wants to be great, and he works harder than anybody I've ever had. This is a great progression for him this week at the Lincoln Land Charity Championship, to continue to learn and build his body of work up. He's going to be great."

Danielson and Small will be joined in the field by former Illinois standout Brian Campbell, who is currently eighth on the Web.com Tour money list with two runner-up finishes and over \$170,000 in earnings this year. Danielson and Campbell were teammates from 2012 through 2014.

For additional information on the Lincoln Land Charity Championship or Panther Creek Country Club, visit [www.lincolnlandcharitychampionship.com](http://www.lincolnlandcharitychampionship.com).

### **About the Lincoln Land Charity Championship and Panther Creek Country Club**

The Lincoln Land Charity Championship is in its first year on the Web.com Tour. The Championship will consist of 156-player field, competing for a purse of \$550,000 at Panther Creek Country Club in Springfield, Illinois. Proceeds from all ticket sales generated by the tournament will benefit local charities. World Golf Hall of Fame Member Hale Irwin designed Panther Creek's 7,244-yard course in 1992. The course has hosted several notable tournaments including the LPGA's State Farm Classic from 2007-2011 and this year was the host site of the NCAA Division II Super Regionals and the Great Lakes Valley Conference Golf Championship.

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