## MICHELOB ULTRA MEN'S CITY CHAMPIONSHIP

West Texas A&M golfer Josh Roche captured the Michelob Ultra Men's City Championship Sunday at Ross Rogers Golf Course with a five-foot birdie putt on the first extra hole to defeat Andrew Brewer one-up in 19 holes in this match play event.

Roche, a junior from Christchurch, New Zealand, was three up after nine holes as he shot a four-under 32 - with a chip-in eagle and two birdies. Then he lost his lead after six holes on the back nine as he bogeyed holes 12 and 13, and Brewer birdied twice, taking the lead at the par three 15th with a nifty eight-footer.

The New Zealander evened the match with a birdie at 16, and Brewer took the lead right back at 17 with a four foot birdie at 17. Things really looked bleak for Roche at the par 5 18th as Brewer stuck his drive in the fairway, and Roche's drive landed in the right rough near a tree.

But Roche had enough room to put his blind second shot back in the fairway 130 yards out, but left it on the fringe about 40 feet away. Meanwhile, Brewer's chip from 70 yards landed above the hole about 13 feet away. As he had all day, "my chipping was exceptional," and he was given a conceded par. All Brewer had to do was two putt and win. But his first putt went downhill past the hole from three feet, and he shockingly missed. The point went to Roche and it was off to the extra hole.

"I just have this little thing." Roche said. " If somebody's going to beat me, I'm going to make them put it out.

This was Roche's first time to play a tournament qualifier for the season-ending Tournament of Champions in August.

Roche qualified as the fifth seed Friday morning with a two-over 74, and proceeded to defeat Shane Westbrook 3 & 1, Brady Tredway 3 & 2, and defending champion Kent Neal in the Sunday morning semifinals.

The TOC field now has three qualifiers - defending champion Les Phillips, Street Toyota Senior Champion Kyle Kelting, and Roche.

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