



Rory celebrates after winning the WGC HSBC Champions

Shanghai, China - World No.2 Rory McIlroy defeated Xander Schauffele in a

playoff to win the WGC HSBC Champions in Shanghai. After both McIlroy and

Schauffele finished regulation at 19 under par, the Ulsterman won on the first extra hole at the Sheshan International Golf Club. Schauffele, the defending champion birdied the 72nd hole to send the championship to a playoff, but could only make par in the playoff. McIlroy, who was forced to lay up, sank a birdie putt to claim his 27th career title and 3rd WGC win. The victory marks his fourth of 2019 and the first since his triumph at East Lake.

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Tour's Race to Dubai. McIlroy reflected on his day, "It's a tough closing stretch even though there are holes you think you should birdie. There are dangers waiting around every corner."

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Tour Championship.

Louie Oosthuizen finished solo third at 17 under par.

Scores:

<https://www.pgatour.com/competition/2020/wgc-hsbc-champions/leaderboard.html>

