



PGA TOUR QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT
Bear Lakes Country Club
Lakes Course (LA), Links Course (LI)
West Palm Beach, Florida
December 2-7, 2009

Second Round Notes – December 3, 2009

The weather for Friday's second round - partly cloudy skies, winds SSW 15-20 mph, high of 83.

The third round will begin at 7:30 Friday morning with play in 10-minute intervals. The field will be re-paired after the second round and the pairings will cover both the third and fourth rounds.

Troy Merritt backed up an opening round 67 at the Links Course with a 3-under 69 at the Lakes Course Thursday and holds the lead after 36 holes. Merritt, 25, stands at 8-under 136 and leads by one stroke over veteran Jay Williamson (69/LI). Brendon de Jonge (68/LA), Jeff Maggert (67/LA), Andrew Mc Lardy (67/LA), Ted Brown (67/LA) and Michael Connell (67/LI) are in at 6-under 138 and tied for third. Merritt enjoyed a successful rookie season on the 2009 Nationwide Tour, winning the Mexico Open and finishing No. 39 on the money list.

Jay Williamson, 42, held a share of the lead at 9-under during the second round Thursday but stumbled with a double-bogey on his next-to-last hole. Williamson has successfully navigated Q-School Finals six of seven times since his first trip in 1994. Williamson made it through last year and wound up with 22 starts on the 2009 PGA TOUR (14 cuts, No. 184 on the money list).

Brendon de Jonge (T3) got off to a quick start at the Lakes Course Thursday, with an eagle and three birdies in a five-hole stretch. De Jonge started his run with an eagle at the par-5, 3rd hole. The former Virginia Tech standout heads a group of players tied for third, two shots back of leader Troy Merritt.

Veteran Jeff Maggert (T3) is making his first appearance at Q-School Finals after spending the past 19 years on the PGA TOUR. Maggert was the Nationwide Tour's inaugural Player of the Year in 1990 and has averaged 26 starts each year on the PGA TOUR since. The Texas resident has earned more than \$16M and made 500 career starts on TOUR, including 28 in 2009 when he made only 11 cuts and finished No. 128 on the money list.

Canada's Barrett Jarosch posted a 7-under 29 on the back nine of the Links Course. Jarosch birdied his final six holes on the back nine before making the turn. He then bogeyd the first hole to end his birdie run. Jarosch finished with a 6-under 66 and is 5-under 139 and tied for 8th place. The 26-year old from Edmonton, Alberta played college golf at the University of Denver. He has never played in a PGA TOUR or Nationwide Tour event. Jarosch has been a member of the Canadian Tour the past three years and has made 21 cuts in 35 starts. He has three top-10 finishes, with his career best a solo fourth at the 2008 Desjardins Montreal Open.

Players who were bogey-free on Thursday:

Jeff Maggert	67/LA
Ted Brown	66/LA
Michael Connell	67/LA
Neal Lancaster	68/LI
J.P. Hayes	67/LI
Tim Herron	70/LA
Chris Baryla	69/LI
David Robinson	69/LI

Barrett Jarosch leads the field with 14 birdies in two days. Jay Williamson, Nathan Tyler and Scott Stallings are next with 11.

Nebraska's Scott Gutschewski made a move up the board Thursday, posting a 5-under 67 at the Links Course. Gutschewski carded a 9-over 81 on the Lakes Course Wednesday. He is currently tied for 99th place at 4-over 148.

Kris Blanks had the low round of the day, a 7-under 65 at the Links Course. Blanks opened with a 77 on Wednesday. He vaulted up from T127 to T18 with his efforts today, which featured two eagles - including an eagle-2 on the par-4, 18th.

Four players who earned their PGA TOUR card for 2010 by graduating (top 25) from the Nationwide Tour are seeking to improve their position this week at Q-School Finals: Chris Baryla (No. 19), Steve Wheatcroft (No. 20), Vance Veazey (No. 23) and Mathias Gronberg (No. 24). Their scores after the first two days are: Veazey (73-74/T86), Wheatcroft (74-69/T30), Gronberg (74-71/T55), Baryla (76-69/T55). These players will not count toward the top 25 and ties who will earn their PGA TOUR card through Q-School, or against the next number nearest 50 to determine fully-exempt Nationwide Tour membership.

Of the 170-man field, Esteban Toledo has the most appearances at final stage since 1990, with 12 starts. Next on the list (and in the field) with 11 starts at Q-School Finals since 1990 are Jeff Brehaut and Vance Veazey.

Just 22 out of 170 players posted sub-par scores during the first round of Q-School, while 80 players posted sub-par scores in round two.

Scoring averages this week:

	Lakes Course	Links Course
Round 1	75.105	74.381
Round 2	72.262	71.581

Final Stage saw 170 players tee it up after over 1300 applications were taken for the TOUR Qualifying Tournament, which included five pre-qualifying sites, 13 first-stage sites and six second-stage sites.

Here's a breakdown of the numbers:

436 players participated at five pre-qualifying sites (224 successful)

908 players participated at 13 first-stage sites (305 successful)

469 players participated at six second-stage sites (132 successful)

170 players playing in Final Stage (including 34 exempt players and four Nationwide Tour Top 25)

Of the 170-man field, 77 players earned their ticket into the six-day event by successfully navigating the first two stages of Q-School. Of those players, four had to additionally go through the pre-qualifying tournament: Mark Anderson (75/LI), Ray Beaufils (79/LI), Sunny Kim (72/LA), Grant Leaver (75/LI).

By the numbers ... The top 25 players and ties at the conclusion of the tournament will receive 2010 PGA TOUR cards, while the next number of players nearest 50 will receive full status on the Nationwide Tour. All remaining players will have conditional status on the Nationwide Tour in 2010.