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Second-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Name	Scores
1	David Skinns	65-64—129 (-13)
2	Rob Oppenheim	67-63—130 (-12)
	Brandon Harkins	66-64—130 (-12)
4	Brice Garnett	67-64—131 (-11)
	Lanto Griffin	65-66—131 (-11)

England's David Skinns takes 36-hole lead at Digital Ally Open

OVERLAND PARK, Kan. – Englishman David Skinns blitzed the Nicklaus Club at LionsGate with a second-round, 7-under-par 64 and sits 13-under-par 129 after two rounds of the Digital Ally Open, one in front of Rob Oppenheim and Brandon Harkins. In 40 career Web.com Tour starts, the 35-year-old Skinns has never held the 36-hole lead.

Local favorite Brice Garnett and Lanto Griffin are two back, while Drew Weaver, Tom Lovelady and China's Marty Dou are three off the pace.

"I've been working my socks off to try and get there," said Skinns, about being at the top of the leaderboard. "It's nice to be in that position. I haven't really been there a lot out here so it's nice to see some hard work pay off these last couple of days. I like this golf course and I'm excited to get out there tomorrow."

Entering this week, Skinns has played in 15 events and made eight cuts. The University of Tennessee graduate is currently No. 120 on the money list with his best performance, a tie for 17th, coming at the BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by SYNEX Corporation. There are a handful of events left in the Regular Season and Skinns is in danger of losing his card. He must finish inside the top 75 on the money list at the conclusion of the WinCo Foods Portland Open presented by Kraft Heinz to retain his full membership for next season.

"Enough with the excuses and get on with it," said Skinns. "There's no time to be lolli-gagging, you need to get out there and make some money. There is no point shying away from it. I've got to finish strong and that's what I'm going to try and do."

Last year, Skinns competed on Mackenzie Tour – PGA TOUR Canada and recorded three top-25s in 10 starts. In total, he's participated in 29 events on the Mackenzie Tour with his best performance, a solo second, coming at the 2015 Wildfire Invitational presented by PC Financial.

"Even in Canada last year I felt like I played well and didn't get the results I was looking for," said Skinns, who finished the year No. 49 on the Order of Merit. "And then in the Bahamas in those first two I didn't crack the top 25. It's been steady since then but that's all it's been. I'm looking for something a little more exceptional, more than steady."

Skinns has found something in his game the last few weeks. The 11-year-pro has carded seven straight rounds under par going back to the final round of the LECOM Health Challenge. On Saturday, Skinns moved into contention with

an eagle at the par-5 15th hole, where he hit a 5-iron from 225 yards to 8 feet. He then birdied the par-4 18th to take the outright lead heading into Sunday.

"I think I've played better than my results have reflected," he said. "I feel like I should be contending but I just haven't gotten over the hump. It's been frustrating but hopefully I can get myself in a position to where I'm contending for something."

Oppenheim has his family with him this week in Kansas City. The Oppenheims took advantage of Thursday's rainout and visited the aquarium and planned to spend a few hours at the petting zoo Saturday afternoon. Because Oppenheim's wife, Lacey, and daughter, Zoey, don't travel much, the former Tour graduate cherishes every moment of free time he has with them away from the course.

"This has been a great trip," said Oppenheim. "It kind of takes your mind off golf. It's definitely a different week and so far, it's been good. I always enjoy them coming out."

Oppenheim's game has been trending in the right direction this month. The 37-year-old from Salem, Mass. has recorded two top-10s in the last three weeks and moved from No. 61 to No. 26 on the money list. With a strong showing on Sunday, Oppenheim is poised to secure his PGA TOUR card for the 2017-18 season.

"I've been working hard," said Oppenheim. "It's a fine line between missing a cut and contending. PING got me some new woods, driver shaft combination. That's the key for me. When I get the ball in the fairway I can compete and that's what was off when I was struggling."

Saturday Notes:

* Saturday weather: Partly cloudy. High: 95, Low: 78, Winds: S-SW 8-16 mph.

* This week's event is the 18th of 22 regular season events on the 2016 schedule. The top-25 money winners following the season-ending WinCo Foods Portland Open presented by Kraft Heinz at the end of this month will earn PGA TOUR cards for the 2016-17 wraparound season.

* This week's purse is \$650,000, with \$117,500 going to the champion.

* The cut came at 4-under-par with 80 players advancing to the weekend.

* Players just inside the top 25 (21-25) and where they stand:

Rank this Week	Player	Score	Position
21	Lanto Griffin	65-66 (-11)	T4
22	D.H. Lee	65-70 (-6)	T6
23	Jimmy Gunn	71-70 (-1)	CUT
24	Jason Gore		WD
25	Augusto Nunez		DNP

* Players just outside the top 25 (26-30) and where they stand:

Rank this Week	Player	Score	Position
26	Rob Oppenheim	67-63 (-12)	T2
27	Alex Prugh	68-70 (-4)	T58
28	Casey Wittenberg	70-68 (-4)	T58
29	Chris Baker	70-67 (-4)	T58
30	Adam Long	76-67 (+1)	CUT

Bogey Free Rounds:

R1 – Talor Gooch (64), Kyle Thompson (65), Sebastian Cappelen (65), Lanto Griffin (65), Bo Hoag (65), Wes Roach (66), Brice Garnett (67), Luke Guthrie (67), Abraham Ancer (68), Austin Cook (68).

R2 – Rob Oppenheim (63), Justin Hueber (63), Jack Maguire (65), Sebastian Vazquez (65), Scott Harrington (65), Lanto Griffin (66), Kent Bulle (66), Brian Davis (67), Cameron Wilson (68), Austin Cook (68)

Scoring Average for Nicklaus Golf Club at LionsGate for the week:

	Front (35)	Back (36)	Total (71)
Round 1:	34.756	34.378	69.135
Round 2:	35.013	34.682	69.695

* **NEXT WEEK:** The Web.com Tour heads west for the Ellie Mae Classic at TPC Stonebrae where two-time NBA Champion Stephen Curry will compete for the first time on the Web.com Tour, July 31 – August 6.

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