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Third-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Name	Scores
1	Conrad Shindler	62-71-70—203 (-13)
2	Lanto Griffin	72-70-62—204 (-12)
	Adam Schenk	72-64-68—204 (-12)

Conrad Shindler maintains one-shot lead over a packed leaderboard at the Nashville Golf Open Benefitting the Snedeker Foundation

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Conrad Shindler maintained his wire-to-wire lead Saturday with a 2-under 70 to post 13-under 203 through three rounds at the Nashville Golf Open Benefitting the Snedeker Foundation as he searches for his second victory on the Web.com Tour in as many months. Lanto Griffin, who tied Shindler's course record from the first round with a 10-under 62 of his own in the third round, and Adam Schenk are just one shot back in second. In all, 18 guys are within four shots of the lead entering the final round.

"Well, we just stuck with our game plan. I think early on I was playing the players and not playing the golf course, which is completely against what I believe in and not where we've had success," Shindler said. "We gave ourselves chances and made some nice putts and managed to shoot a couple under. At the end of the day, that's enough for the lead, but there's 18 holes more to go, and it's going to be a fierce battle tomorrow. The leaderboard is jammed pack, tons of guys up there."

Entering the day with a one-shot lead, Shindler fell behind with a bogey at the first after leaving it in the front bunker. He then left his tee shot in the trees at No. 2, but, again, he was undeterred, recovering with the shot of the day from 173 yards to four feet to make birdie and kick start his round.

"Left one out right and pin was over to the right and hit a high flyer nine iron that hooked probably 25 yards and came down to about four feet and was able to make that," Shindler said. "You could quickly be 2-over through two, but instead you're even through two. We made a bogey at 3 to get us back to 1-over, but that was just a good shot to get the round going."

The 28-year-old is in search of his second victory of the season on the Web.com Tour after winning the Rex Hospital Open in May in a playoff with Chesson Hadley. He could take over No. 1 on the money list from Stephan Jaeger with a victory Sunday.

Griffin's 62 was four shots better than anyone else in the field Saturday and helped him move from the cutline to within one of the lead. After starting on the back nine, Griffin got to 10-under through 16 holes after posting eight birdies and an eagle. The last two holes weren't quite as smooth as he had to hole a 20-footer for par on the eighth after misjudging the grain on his chip and had to produce a delicate flop shot to just a foot at the last to save par and a share of the course record.

“I tried to throw it away at the end, but I really wasn’t nervous all day. It was one of those things where you know where you’re at the whole time,” Griffin said. “I chipped in twice, just had a good run on Nos. 15-18. I’ve been pretty patient the last couple months, and finally I had a round go my way and some good breaks. Pretty fortunate to get it to 10.”

With a victory, Griffin could become the first player since Justin Bolli at the 2004 Chattanooga Classic to go from making the cut on the number (2-under) to the winner’s circle. In 11 starts this season, Griffin’s made just four cuts and is 135th on the Regular Season money list. His season-best finish came two weeks ago at the Air Capital Classic with a T19.

“Well, I’ve been working on [my swing] way too much the first half of the year,” Griffin said. “Then, going into Wichita, it was before the last reshuffle, I knew I needed to play well, and I just went to no swing thoughts and tried looking at the target and hitting it there. I finished 19th there and shot 64 on Sunday. That kind of freed me up because at least I was in the last 10 events.”

Schenk is just one shot back and in search of his second consecutive victory after emerging from a four-man playoff at last week’s Lincoln Land Charity Championship. With a victory, Schenk would become the 11th player in Web.com Tour history to win in back-to-back weeks and the first since Michael Putnam accomplished the feat in 2013. Schenk’s 4-under 68 in the third round was particularly impressive considering he hit just 4 of 13 fairways.

“I would love to win tomorrow. That’d be awesome,” Schenk said. “I think if I just have a good chance on the back nine, that’s the goal every week and that’s what I’ll be focusing on. I just have to drive the ball better because I’m not going to keep getting away with the sprayed tee shots.”

Abraham Ancer (67), Michael Gligic (67), Tom Whitney (67), and Peter Lonard (68) are two shots back of the lead in a tie for fourth at 11-under 205.

Saturday Notes:

* Saturday weather: Partly sunny, High: 91, Winds: W/SW 6-12 mph.

* This week’s purse is \$550,000 with \$99,000 going to the champion.

* Tom Whitney, who finished one shot out of a playoff at last week’s Lincoln Land Charity Championship for a career-best T5 finish, is just two shots back entering the final round. Whitney produced a 5-under 67 Saturday. He is the lone graduate of the Air Force Academy on the Web.com Tour this season.

* Lanto Griffin is leading the field in putts per round with only 69 putts through three rounds. Griffin needed just 20 putts in the third round.

* Nashville native Kent Bulle is tied for the lead in the field this week with 17 birdies through three rounds, but the Middle Tennessee State graduate is in T64 at even-par.

* Former PGA TOUR winner Peter Lonard is in prime position for his first top-10 since 2013 on the Web.com Tour at 11-under 205. Lonard’s 4-under 68 has him two back of the lead in T4 entering the final round.

* Defending champion James Driscoll is 12 shots back of the lead in his bid to repeat.

Scoring Averages at the par-72 Nashville Golf & Athletic Club:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	37.045	35.277	72.323	
R2:	36.359	34.810	71.170	71.746
R3:	36.171	34.257	70.429	71.307

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