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### **Second-Round Leaderboard**

<b>Pos.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Scores</b>
1	Aaron Wise	62-62—124 (-16)
2	Curtis Thompson	69-61—130 (-10)
	K.H. Lee	65-65—130 (-10)
4	Seth Reeves	64-67—131 (-9)
	John Chin	66-65—131 (-9)

### **Aaron Wise cards second consecutive 62 extends lead to six at Air Capital Classic**

**WICHITA, Kan.** – They say records are made to be broken and that was certainly the case in Wichita on Friday afternoon. Web.com Tour rookie Aaron Wise continued his torrid pace at Crestview Country Club with a flawless 62, his second consecutive round of 8-under-par. Wise set a new Air Capital Classic supporting Wichita's Youth low 36-hole record with his 16-under-par 124 total. He leads Curtis Thompson, who tied the course record with a 9-under 61, and K.H. Lee by six strokes heading into the weekend.

Seven back are Mackenzie Tour – PGA TOUR Canada alum Seth Reeves and John Chin.

Once again, Wise got off to a hot start. He didn't birdie the first three holes like he did on Thursday morning. Instead, he made a routine par on No. 10, his first, and birdied holes 11 through 14. The 20-year-old from Cape Town, South Africa added one more at the 16<sup>th</sup> and carded a 30 on the back nine for the second straight day.

Wise added three more birdies on the front side, including a chip-in for three at the par-4 ninth to closeout his round and card a second straight 62. His back-to-back 8-under-par scores set a new tournament record for lowest consecutive rounds at the Air Capital Classic, previously held by 2008 champion Scott Piercy.

"I had a little bit of an upslope that I knew I had to land it into and pulled it off," said Wise, about the hole out on his final hole. "It came out just the way I thought it would. Even if it missed I thought it would've gone a foot or two by. It was just a good chip and it was just a bonus when it went in."

Wise is coming off two missed cuts in his last two starts and is currently No. 35 on the money list. The former standout at the University of Oregon has only recorded one round under par in his last five. Despite the poor play, Wise didn't get discouraged and spent countless hours working with his teacher, Jeff Smith, at TPC Summerlin in Las Vegas.

"I've been working on a swing change and I've hit some bad shots while I'm working on it," said Wise. "A good result of that is my short game has gotten better because it had to. Now I'm starting to hit the ball better and the short game is good, so it's all coming together and obviously, you can see that in the scores."

Before Thursday's 62, Wise lowest round on Tour this season was a 63 in the third round of the Club Colombia Championship by Servientrega. The swing changes that Wise has been working on have been three years in the making.

“I tend to roll the club in, get a little long and across the line,” Wise explained. “I pull the shaft down and flip at it through impact, which requires a little more timing than I would like and takes away from consistency. Just working on getting that stuff out.”

While Wise could make the correct move at home, he would revert to whatever felt the most comfortable during tournaments including his individual win at the NCAA Men’s Golf Championship and his rookie season on the Mackenzie Tour, where he secured his Tour card by finishing No. 4 on the Order of Merit.

Earlier this season, Wise was one off the lead after 54 holes in Bogota, carded a final-round 73 and finished tied for 12<sup>th</sup>. The next week, the former Australian Masters of Amateurs champion carded one of four rounds under par ended the event tied for 52<sup>nd</sup>. It was on that Sunday at the Panama Claro Championship, after signing for a 2-over 72, that Wise had enough of the inconsistent nature of his game.

“That was really the point where I decided to go all in on it,” said Wise. “Before I said I would do it and then I would get into competition and forget about it and do whatever I wanted and what I thought would work. After Panama, I had a conversation with Jeff and decided to be all in.”

Thompson’s career-low didn’t exactly come out of nowhere. The former Louisiana State Bayou Bengal switched his putting grip after six holes in the first round. After reverting to the claw, a technique he’s been using for the last few years, he’s made 11 birdies and two eagles. Friday’s course record is the second Thompson holds on Tour. In 2015, he carded a bogey-free 9-under-par 62 at Pumpkin Ridge’s Witch Hollow Course in the first round of the WinCo Foods Portland Open presented by Kraft Nabisco.

“You almost lose feeling,” said Thompson, about his lowest round of his career on Tour. “You don’t even know that it’s happening. I was on the course for an hour and I was already on track to shoot 27 on the back nine. You don’t realize it because it flies at you so fast.”

Thompson’s course record, as impressive as it is, was overshadowed by Wise’s performance the first two rounds. Instead of getting discouraged by the large deficit, the Coral Springs, Fla. resident is embracing the challenge of trying to catch Wise this weekend.

“We are all out here to win,” said Thompson, who is currently No. 86 on the money list. “Nobody is out here to second or no less than first. I’m going to chase it and keep playing aggressive. If it bites me, it bites me. That’s just how I play and what I’m going to keep doing.”

### **Friday Notes:**

- \* Friday weather: Scattered showers and thunderstorms. High: 95, Low: 77, Winds: S 12-18 mph with gust up to 25.
- \* This week’s purse is \$625,000, with \$112,500 going to the champion.
- \* The cut came at 2-under-par 138, with 83 players advancing to the weekend.
- \* The tournament course is playing to a par-70 this week. Officials are playing the 6th hole (495 yards) and the 18th hole (487 yards) as par-4s, but both normally are played further back and par-5s for the members.
- \* Wise broke quite a few tournament records on Friday afternoon. Wise holds the new low 36-hole record at 124 (Scott Piercy/2008 – 126).
- \* Wise leads Thompson by six shots for the largest (Emlyn Aubrey/1998 – five strokes).
- \* Wise’s 62-62 start is the lowest back-to-back rounds in Air Capital Classic history (Scott Piercy/2008 – 63/63).
- \* Wise tied the second lowest 36-hole total in Tour history:

Martin Piller, Hillcrest CC (par 71), first and second rounds, Boise, Idaho, 2015 Albertsons Boise Open (61-63—124 18-under-par)

Kevin Chappell, The Georgian Bay Club (par 71), Raven GC at Lora Bay (par 72), first and second rounds, Ontario, Canada, 2010 Ford Wayne Gretzky Classic (19-under)

\* Wise earned Web.com Tour status by finishing No. 4 on the Mackenzie Tour Order of Merit last season. In seven starts, he recorded five top-10s including one victory, at the Syncrude Oil Country Championship presented by AECON.

\* In 2016, as an amateur, Wise captured victory at the Australian Master of the Amateurs in January, then the NCAA Men's Individual title, also helping the Oregon Ducks to their first ever team championship by going 3-0 in match play. He became the first player since Kevin Chappell (UCLA) in 2008 to win both the Individual and Team NCAA Championships.

\* Curtis Thompson tied the course record at Crestview CC with his 9-under-par 61 on Friday afternoon (Ollie Schniederjans – 2016, Gavin Coles – 2006). Both Coles and Schniederjans went on to win after setting the course record.

\* Thompson's lowest rounds on Tour:

2017 Air Capital Classic – 61 (-9)

2015 WinCo Foods Portland Open – 62 (-9)

2015 Price Cutter Charity Championship – 63 (-9)

\* Thompson has played in 61 events on the Web.com Tour. His best finish came at the 2016 Panama Claro Championship (T3). In 11 starts this season, Thompson has made 5 cuts and recorded one top-10 (T9 – Chitimacha Louisiana Open).

\* In 2016, Thompson carded a first-round 7-under-par 63 en route to a T19 showing in his second appearance at the Air Capital Classic.

\* 2014 Air Capital Classic champion Sebastian Cappelen carded a second round 6-under 64, his lowest round in 14 trips around Crestview CC. As a Monday qualifier in 2014, Cappelen posted 66-65-65-66—262 18-under-par to win by one shot over Matt Weibring in his Web.com Tour debut.

\* Andrew Landry entered the week a little over \$35,000 behind Stephan Jaeger on the money list. Landry is 8-under-par heading into the weekend and needs a two-way tie for third or better to overtake Jaeger for the top spot.

\* Willy Wilcox was disqualified during the round for using a range finder with the slope on.

#### **Bogey Free Rounds:**

R1 – Seth Reeves (64), John Merrick (65), Justin Hueber (65), K.H. Lee (65), Austin Cook (67), Jim Knous (67), Rafael Campos (68).

R2 – Sebastian Cappelen (64), Peter Lonard (64), Andres Gonzales (64), John Chin (65), Josh Teater (66), Armando Favela (66), Matt Atkins (66), Bryan Bigley (66), Brady Schnell (66), Chris Baker (67), Guillermo Pereira (68), Miguel Angel Carballo (68),

#### **Scoring Average for Crestview CC for the week:**

	Front (35)	Back (35)	Total (70)
Round 1:	35.265	34.471	69.735
Round 2:	34.804	33.980	68.784

\* **NEXT WEEK:** The Web.com Tour heads north to Springfield, Ill. for the second annual Lincoln Land Charity Championship contested at Panther Creek Country Club July 22-25.

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