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Third-Round Leaderboard

| Pos. | Name | Scores |
|-------------|--------------|--------------------|
| 1 | Aaron Wise | 62-62-67—191 (-19) |
| 2 | Beau Hossler | 67-66-64—197 (-13) |
| 3 | Jin Park | 67-67-64—198 (-12) |

Aaron Wise maintains six-shot lead after 54 holes of Air Capital Classic

WICHITA, Kan. – Aaron Wise maintained his six-stroke advantage at the Air Capital Classic supporting Wichita's Youth with a third-round 3-under-par 67. Wise, who earned his Web.com Tour through Mackenzie Tour – PGA TOUR Canada last season, heads into the final round 19-under-par 191.

Monday qualifier Beau Hossler moved up the leaderboard with a 7-under-par 64 on Saturday and is alone in second at 13-under-par.

Jin Park also carded a third-round 64 and is at 12-under-par heading into Sunday.

The trio will play together in the final grouping on Sunday as players will go off both the first and 10th hole in threesomes.

Saturday's round wasn't as easy as the first 36 holes. Wise faced adversity at different times throughout the round. After birdies at the second and third holes, the 20-year-old from Cape Town, South Africa bogeyed the fourth and ninth to go out in 1-under 35.

"No. 9 has been a tough tee shot for me all week," said Wise. "I don't think I've hit the fairway once this week. I hit a 3-wood today and it didn't work. I feel like it's a driver but I just haven't hit the fairway and from there I was just out of position."

Wise made back-to-back bogeys for the first time this week when he hit it long on the par-4 10th and was unable to get it up and down from the back bunker. His once monumental lead had dwindled due to a surge by Hossler, who was 7-under-par on his round before a bogey at 13 halted his momentum.

"Obviously, that was not where I wanted to be through 10 holes," said Wise, about his start on Saturday. "I was able to collect myself coming in and get to 3-under on the day."

Wise continued to feast on the back nine on Saturday afternoon, carding a 33-coming in. For the week, the former National Champion at the University of Oregon is 12-under-par on the second nine, which should bode well for the final round if someone can challenge him.

"You can't go as low on the front," said Wise, who is 7-under-par on the first nine. "On the back, 17 and 18 are the two tough holes. I just feel like there are more birdie opportunities and I've been taking advantage of that."

With such a gap between Wise and the competition, a player could play it safe and make the field try and catch him. Wise doesn't intend on doing that and plans to adhere to the strategy that put him out front.

“Just not thinking about it,” said Wise, when asked how to play with such a large lead. “Setting new goals and keep pushing yourself. It’s easy to sit there and try and make pars and that doesn’t work well when people try to do that.”

Hossler began the third round nine shots behind Wise but quickly moved up the leaderboard with a flurry of birdies. Dropped shots at 13 and 17 halted the former Texas Longhorn’s run, but he is still within striking distance of Wise. Four players in the past 27 years of the Air Capital Classic have come from six strokes back to win the tournament.

“More than likely I’m going to have to shoot a similar round tomorrow to have a chance,” said Hossler. “If he shoots 65, it’s going to be tough to catch him.”

Hossler doesn’t currently have status on any Tour, which could change with a good performance on Sunday. The 22-year-old from Mission Viejo, Calif. has a chance to earn Special Temporary Membership on Sunday with a two-way tie for third or higher.

“I’m trying not to think about that,” said Hossler, what a high finish would mean for him. “I’m playing every round like it’s my last one.”

Saturday Notes:

* Saturday weather: Scattered showers and thunderstorms. High: 100, Low: 79, Winds: S 12-15 mph.

* This week’s purse is \$625,000, with \$112,500 going to the champion.

* 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 lead Thompson by six shots after the second round for the largest 36-hole lead (Emlyn Aubrey/1998 – five strokes).

* Wise’s 62-62 start was the lowest back-to-back rounds in Air Capital Classic history (Scott Piercy/2008 – 63/63). He also 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)

* The last wire-to-wire winner on the Web.com Tour (no ties): Stephan Jaeger, 2016 Ellie Mae Classic (7/31/16)

* 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.

* Beau Hossler carded a 69 in the Monday qualifier at Auburn Hills Golf Club to gain entry into the field. Earlier this year, he played in the Panama Claro Championship and finished T30, earning \$3,895. Hossler is currently not a member and must earn the equivalent of No. 100 on the money list last season (Andrew Yun – \$43,161) to earn Special Temporary membership. A two-way tie for third or better on Sunday would allow Hossler to play the remainder of the Tour schedule.

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

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).

R3 – Robert Allenby (65), Andrew Yun (67), Adam Schenk (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 |
| Round 3: | 35.110 | 33.841 | 68.951 |

* **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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